



Every child deserves a home.

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Children's Home Society honors First Lady Anne Holton

Richmond – Children's Home Society of Virginia (CHS) honored First Lady Anne Holton with its Human Spirit Award on Nov. 5 during the agency's annual meeting. The award is given annually to a person or organization that has embraced and advanced the CHS mission of finding permanent homes for all children.

"Her commitment to children and youth parallels with our 110-year commitment of serving children in need of a loving, permanent home," said Nadine Marsh-Carter, president and CEO of Children's Home Society.

Holton served for many years as a legal aid lawyer representing low-income families and then as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in the City of Richmond. Through her work on the bench, Holton became involved in foster care and adoption, and has worked to improve outcomes for Virginia's neglected and abused children.



Anne Holton with CHS Board Chair Anne Warlick (left) and Chair Elect Jennifer Hanrahan.

In January 2007 as the First Lady of Virginia, she launched her signature initiative, "For Keeps: Families for all Virginia Teens." Through this initiative, Holton is focusing on helping Virginia find and strengthen permanent families particularly for older children in foster care or at risk of entering foster care.

"The need is great, but there is no reason we can't find homes for all of Virginia's children," Holton said.

Chartered in 1900, Children's Home Society of Virginia is a private, nonprofit adoption agency finding permanent homes for all children and providing related services to birth families, adoptive families and adoptees. The agency is located at 4200 Fitzhugh Ave. in Richmond. For details, visit www.chsva.org or call (804) 353-0191.