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## **Children's Home Society names the 2009 Open the Door Award Winner**

**Richmond, VA** – Sally Irizarry Hirsch of Henrico County has won the Open the Door Award, presented by Children's Home Society of Virginia during the agency's annual meeting on May 7.

The Open the Door Award was established by Children's Home Society (CHS) in 2006 to honor the person who opens new doors to donors. Hirsch has creatively promoted and enhanced the agency's mission of finding permanent homes for all children by working with new community partners.

Hirsch, 38, has been a member of the Community Resource Board at CHS for a year, leading the board's Special Events Committee. Inspired by foster care stories, Hirsch has designed several fundraising events for CHS, including a piano recital, and has helped coordinate the annual fundraiser, "Raise the Roof." Hirsch has also led efforts for the archiving of agency records at the Library of Virginia.



Originally from Puerto Rico, Hirsch holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in business administration from Loyola University. She and her husband, Bill Hirsch, of W. Hirsch Oriental Rugs, have three sons. Hirsch is a member of Network of Enterprising Women (NEW) and International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA).

Established in 1900, Richmond-based Children's Home Society finds permanent homes for all children and provides related services to birth families, adoptive families and adoptees.