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CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF ITS 2008 HUMAN SPIRIT AWARD

Nov. 6 -- Children's Home Society of Virginia has honored the descendants of the John Langbourne Williams family with its Human Spirit Award.

The award is given annually to a person, association or organization that has embraced and advanced Children's Home Society's mission of finding permanent homes for all children.

"If not for the commitment of the Williams family, Children's Home Society would not be where it is today," said Nadine Marsh-Carter, the non-profit agency's president and CEO. "They have helped us transform the lives of thousands of children in Virginia through their generosity, support and leadership."

John Langbourne Williams was a founding member of the agency's Board of Directors in 1900. The family's devotion to the agency has spanned 100 years and five generations since then, with family members serving in a number of capacities, including on the Board of Directors. John L. Williams (John Langbourne Williams' great grandson) currently serves as a member of the Memorial Fund Board of Directors after having served on the agency board for 19 years. His daughter, Kemper Williams Thornton, is a member of the agency's staff.

The award was given during the agency's annual meeting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Grove Avenue.

