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## ChildPromise Hosts Annual Gala on November 9, 2017

The mission of ChildPromise, Inc. is to change the current statistic that only 1% of children in the foster care system will go onto higher education/credentialization to match the overall 30% of higher education achievement for all Americans.

**Allentown, PA** – For many years, ChildPromise Inc. has been supporting and encouraging current and former foster children to pursue higher education or a trade. Today, with the support of donors, volunteers and community partners, ChildPromise, Inc. is making a difference by raising funds for higher education scholarships and credentialing opportunities for foster youth.

Baptist Children's Services closed its residential facilities in 2014 and has changed its name and focus. Baptist Children's Services has relaunched as ChildPromise, Inc.

"There has never been a more important time to support our young people. We are excited to be hosting our 2017 Gala at the Green Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania on November 9th. Today's young people are living faster, more stressful lives and decisions made today can be a turning point for their lives tomorrow," said Dr. Nathaniel J. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of ChildPromise, Inc.

The 2017 Gala will honor two long-time advocates for foster children – Kenneth and Irene Campbell -- and Governor Tom Wolf. Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, formerly of the New York Knicks, NBA All-Star and Philadelphia native, will serve as the keynote speaker. Campbell Walker Fields, a former contestant on America's Got Talent and an adopted young man, will provide musical entertainment.

Gala event chairs are: Victor Salicetti, AmericaVen and Jude Arijaje, Minuteman Press, Philadelphia.

For more information, visit www.childpromise.org/2017gala.