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**PROVIDENCE HEALTH PLAN 19TH ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION RAISES
OVER \$28,710 TO BENEFIT MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

PORTLAND, OR – May 11, 2009 – The Providence Health Plan Annual Charity Auction held April 1, 2009 raised \$28,710, making it one of the most successful fundraising events to date. Providence Health Plan matched the funds dollar for dollar and selected Morrison Child and Family Services' Hand in Hand program as one of the two beneficiaries of the event. Hand in Hand works with children ages 3-12 who have been exposed to physical abuse, sexual abuse, or other trauma, and provides a range of programs, including a therapeutic garden for children working through issues of abuse.

Morrison Child and Family Services is the leading provider of children's mental health services in Multnomah County. A private, non-profit organization headquartered in Portland since 1947, Morrison employs proven, evidence-based practices to support children who have suffered from family abuse, substance abuse, neglect, and other traumas, resulting in mental and emotional issues. For more information about Morrison Child and Family Services, call 503-258-4200 or visit www.morrisonkids.org.

As a not-for-profit health care organization, Providence Health Plans embraces its responsibility to serve the needs of people in the community. The Annual Charity Auction is an employee-driven fundraising event for charities in Oregon. This year's auction theme "Nourish, Heal, Grow" reinforced its commitment to the underserved children and families in our community. Funds raised were divided between Morrison Child and Family Services: Hand in Hand Program and FOOD for Lane County.

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