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**CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF OREGON FOUNDATION AWARDS \$22,000 TO
MORRISON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR PARENTING SUPPORT
PROGRAMS**

PORTLAND, OR – June 15, 2009 – The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon honored Morrison Child and Family Services by awarding a continuation grant of \$22,000 to maintain Parents Anonymous® family support and child abuse prevention services. This program provides weekly Parent Support Groups using the proven Parents Anonymous® model where parents build and strengthen their parenting skills to cope with stress, develop healthy support networks and improve their understanding and competence regarding child development.

Ruth Taylor, Program Director for Parents Anonymous®, says, "The power of this program is in the peer relationships; in the non-judgmental setting of the group, parents have the courage to recognize that asking for help is a sign of strength. Parents also learn how to develop advocacy and leadership skills to help create healthy and safe environments for their children and all families in their community."

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.

The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation seeks to ensure healthy children are being raised by knowledgeable, supportive adults in caring communities by funding effective, primary prevention programs in local communities throughout the state of Oregon.

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