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Advocating for Kids: Nancy Roberts-Brown Receives Top Children's Alliance Award

Director of Catalyst for Kids named award recipient of Voices for Children award

Seattle – May 6, 2010 – We are pleased to announce that Nancy Roberts-Brown, the Director of Catalyst for Kids, an initiative of Children's Home Society of Washington, was recently named a recipient of the Voices for Children Award by the Children's Alliance – a Seattle based children's advocacy organization. Nancy is being recognized for her work in supporting local racial disproportionality coalitions in King County and across the state as well as coordinating the first ever summit on racial disproportionality, as well as for her leadership in parent advocacy and engagement.

" [Nancy's] work has been instrumental in the effort to address racial inequities in Washington's child welfare system," stated Paola Maranan, the Executive Director of Children's Alliance, in an email to Nancy. "We also know how hard [she] works to bring the voices of families to the table."

Nancy will be honored at the annual Voices for Children Award luncheon on May 20 at Fisher Pavilion, which will feature keynote speaker Ron Sims, the former King County Executive and current Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

About Catalyst for Kids

Catalyst for Kids is a coalition of child welfare professionals, consumers, advocates, and decision-makers who are partnering for systems changes that foster justice and improve outcomes for all children and families in the child welfare system. Catalyst's work contributes to and leverages statewide efforts to achieve reduced length of stay in foster care, increased rates of reunification, reduced re-entry into foster care, and outcome equity among all races and ethnicities. For more information, visit www.catalystforkids.org.

About Children's Home Society of Washington

Children's Home Society of Washington's (CHSW) mission is to develop healthy children, create strong families, build engaged communities, and speak and advocate for children. CHSW is Washington's largest statewide non-profit children's organization, serving over 39,000 children and their families through early learning, adoption, out-of-home care, family support, child and family counseling, and advocacy programs. For more information, visit www.childrenshomesociety.org.

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