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OAKLAND PROBATE JUDGE EUGENE ARTHUR MOORE
HONORED AS "FRIEND OF CHILDREN"

Oakland County, MI (March 9, 2006) – Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene Arthur Moore will be honored as the recipient of the 2006 "Friend of Children" award by the Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan. Annually, this award recognizes professionals in all walks of life who have championed children's issues. This year's award, presented at the Joy Along the Way dinner on Saturday, March 11, in Frankenmuth, Michigan, will be given to Judge Moore to acknowledge his 39 years of work on behalf of children in Oakland County.

In accepting the award, Judge Moore states: "I accept the award on behalf of the hundreds of employees and volunteers who, through the Lutheran Child & Family Service agency of Michigan, make a better life for the children of our state."

Founded in 1899, Lutheran Child & Family Service is a child welfare agency that works to provide assistance for struggling families in Michigan through counseling, residential centers, foster care, and adoption services. As the largest adoption agency in the state, Lutheran Child & Family Service works each year with 15,000 children and families in 19 locations to provide services necessary to enhance the lives of those at risk or in need.

Their agency recognizes Judge Moore as someone who provides positive influence for children. They are particularly impressed with how he handled the Nathaniel Abraham case. Judge Moore believes kids are salvageable and gets personally involved to help correct their situation. He is described as the epitome of excellence of the Oakland County Bench where decisions are made with commitment and sensitivity to give children who are in some way disadvantaged a chance at life.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Judge Moore was elected to the Probate Bench in 1966 where he has served the citizens of Oakland County with selfless dedication over the last 39 years. In his earlier role as Chief of the Probate Court, Judge Moore was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the family division of the Circuit Court, which began in 1998. He taught Juvenile Law at the Detroit College of Law for 25 years and has written many articles on juvenile delinquency and child neglect.

Judge Moore has held a leadership role in the juvenile justice system both nationally and at the state level. He served as past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Michigan Probate Judges Association.

He is currently a member of the Governor's Task Force on Children; the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Starr Commonwealth; and Crossroads for Youth. He is the recipient of many awards including the Gerald G. Hicks – Child Welfare Leadership award and the NCJFCJ – Meritorious Service to the Juvenile Courts of America by a Judge award.

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An electronic photograph of Judge Eugene Arthur Moore is available. For a copy, please contact Marcia Travis at travism@co.oakland.mi.us