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THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND WINS AWARD FROM PAUL NEWMAN'S PHILANTHROPY ORGANIZATION

***CHF CITED AS TOP NON-PROFIT BY
COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY
FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH GLAXOSMITHKLINE, METLIFE FOUNDATION,
SCHERING-PLOUGH AND BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB***

New York, NY (February 23, 2004) – The Children's Health Fund (CHF), a leading provider of health care to poor and homeless children, today won the first-ever award given to a non-profit organization by the **Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy (CECP).**

The Directors Award, which was handed out today by **CECP co-chairman Paul Newman,** cited **The Children's Health Fund** for excellence by a non-profit organization in building effective partnerships in communities with corporations.

CHF was one of three winners announced at CECP's Annual Members Meeting and *Excellence in Corporate Philanthropy Awards* luncheon, co-hosted by The McGraw-Hill Companies. **Pfizer Inc.** and **Hasbro, Inc.** received awards focused on outstanding executive commitment and innovation in corporate philanthropy. Prior winners include Merck (2000), IBM and Timberland (2001) and Target Corporation and Whole Foods Market (2002).

"We deeply appreciate the award and thank GlaxoSmithKline for nominating The Children's Health Fund. This is recognition not only for the work that we

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do in delivering health care to disadvantaged children across the country, but also for the work of our dedicated partners who have created the CHF's Corporate Council for America's Children, headed by Wyeth's Robert Essner," said CHF President, Dr. Irwin Redlener, who received the award. "In fact these relationships have allowed us to jump-start innovative programs and resolve unmet need in children's health, including asthma, obesity and other critical challenges."

CHF has major partnerships with several corporations, including:

- **GlaxoSmithKline**, supporter of CHF's "Referral Management Initiative," which ensures that children get to their medical appointments with specialists.
- **MetLife Foundation**, supporter of CHF's "Healthy B.A.S.I.C.S.," which teaches children basic health and hygiene rules.
- **Bristol-Myers Squibb**, supporter of CHF's "Starting Right," which addresses the increase of Type 2 diabetes in children.
- **Schering-Plough**, supporter of CHF's "Childhood Asthma Initiative."
- **Wyeth**, leader of CHF's corporate council and supporter of "The Children's Health Agenda."

The Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy is the only national forum of business CEOs and Chairpersons with an agenda exclusively focused on corporate philanthropy. Membership includes over 130 CEOs and chairpersons, who represent the most important and influential companies, which account for about 50% of reported corporate giving. For more information on the Committee visit www.corphilanthropy.org.

The Children's Health Fund works to provide medical care to the nation's most medically underserved population – homeless and disadvantaged children. Founded 16 years ago by pediatrician Dr. Irwin Redlener and singer Paul Simon, CHF's national network of 17 pediatric programs has treated more than 300,000 children. More information can be found at The Children's Health Fund website at www.childrenshealthfund.org.

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