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### **LOCAL NONPROFIT SETS UP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO HONOR LEGACY OF DR. ANN K. LEVY**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL (January 16, 2015)** The Children's Forum, A Tallahassee-based nonprofit organization that provides professional development pathways for the early learning and afterschool workforce through education and compensation initiatives, has established the **Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund**. The scholarship honors the legacy of Dr. Levy by supporting early childhood teachers in their quest for higher education.

Dr. Levy was a staunch advocate for ensuring that prekindergarten teachers had opportunities for ongoing education. As a former Children's Forum board member, Dr. Levy recognized the important link between teacher competence and child success in school and in life. She led efforts to implement one of the best prekindergarten programs in Florida and served on several early learning councils and boards, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Her career also included roles as a teacher, adjunct professor at Florida State University, staff director to the Florida House of Representatives Education Committee, and project director for the Florida Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy.

"This scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to the incredible work of a gracious and special early childhood advocate," stated Dr. Phyllis Kalifeh, President & CEO of the Children's Forum. "We are humbled to honor her in this manner and look forward to awarding the

scholarship to deserving individuals who embody the spirit and passion for young children that Ann emulated."

To make a contribution to the Ann K. Levy Scholarship Fund, visit <http://www.thechildrensforum.com/AnnLevyFund.php>.

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### **About the Children's Forum**

The Children's Forum is a statewide, nonprofit organization with an uncompromising vision to make Florida a state where children grow and thrive in quality environments and where families have access to information, resources, and options to assist them in their parenting roles. Through a broad array of programs, services, research and advocacy, the Forum is committed to achieving our vision and expanding opportunities for success.