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Helps Change the Story this Holiday Season

Philadelphia, PA (December 2, 2010) – This December, hundreds of abused and neglected children throughout the Philadelphia region will have a reason to celebrate as the *Support Center for Child Advocates* holds its 2010 Holiday Toy Drive. For the past 17 years, local businesses, law firms and individuals have donated new toys to the children served by *Child Advocates*. Last year, more than 3,000 toys were delivered to 1,000 boys and girls.

Child Advocates strives every day to improve the lives of abused and neglected kids through free legal and social services. The holiday season may be difficult for these youngsters, as some children are separated from families, others from their siblings. All are struggling to heal from abuse. *Child Advocates* hopes to brighten their holidays through the simple gift of a toy.

“Many of our kids struggle during the holidays, as the season may be tainted by abuse or fear. A toy shows kids that someone cares for them, that they’re OK. When we deliver toys, we bring a sense of hope and warmth to children’s lives. It’s an extraordinary gift,” says Frank P. Cervone, Executive Director, *Support Center for Child Advocates*.

Through the help of volunteers, **Child Advocates** collects, assigns and distributes toys to each and every child served throughout the year as well as their families. The Holiday Toy Drive requires months of preparation that come to a head early Saturday morning on December 18th, when 19th and Cherry Streets are shut down and volunteers from throughout the city pick up hundreds of bags of toys for children.

Robb Fox, managing partner of Manko Gold Katcher & Fox, LLP, is pleased that the firm continues to participate in Child Advocates' Holiday Toy Drive. He said, "Our firm believes in the valued work of Child Advocates, and it is our pleasure to support them each year through their Holiday Toy Drive. In fact, it's one of our firm's annual traditions."

Since 1977, **Child Advocates** has trained 3,000 Volunteer Attorneys to contribute pro bono services for more than 5,000 children. Last year, **Child Advocates** served a record 864 kids and trained 334 Volunteer Attorneys.

For more information about the 2010 Holiday Toy Drive and the **Support Center for Child Advocates**, please visit www.advokid.org.

The **Support Center for Child Advocates** is the nation's oldest and largest pro bono program dedicated exclusively to serving abused and neglected children. **Child Advocates** provide free legal and social service advocacy to secure permanent and nurturing homes for children in crisis.

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