



PROFILES IN COMPASSION

PROFILE #1 The Founding Board – Children's Place Association

In the late 1980s a small group of concerned individuals came together in response to an urgent issue – children affected by HIV/AIDS. At the time, infants and young children were often neglected, abandoned or left parentless because of their own or their parents' HIV infection. The founders' goal was to create a nurturing place where these children could receive the care they needed.

Due to the tenacity of these committed volunteers, Children's Place Association opened its doors in 1991 as the Midwest's first pediatric residential center for HIV/AIDS-affected children. Located in Chicago's Humboldt Park community, this 10-bed group home has provided 24-hour nursing care and support services for hundreds of children.

The organization these founders created has grown over the past 25 years to include additional services, such as foster care and adoption, early education, supportive housing for families and international programming. And its mission has broadened to embrace children who face other health issues, including cancer and epilepsy.

But the vision that inspired our founders remains at the heart of Children's Place Association today – to help children in greatest need. As we begin our 25th anniversary year, we salute our Founding Board for their compassion and determination. You are truly Champions for Chicago's most vulnerable children!



Founding Board at the 1990 construction kickoff for the original Children's Place building (from left): front row, Henrietta Bertelsman, Amy Puccinelli, Liz LeTourneau-Lee; back row, Cathy Krieger (CEO), Robert T. Bale, Jack Lee (in memoriam), Langdon D. Neal, Jack Strand, Ram Yogev. Not pictured: Joseph Hickey.