

*As part of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Children's Place Association has been profiling 25 Individuals and Groups whose involvement has been instrumental to the growth and success of this organization. Every other week during 2016 we have spotlighted a Profile in Compassion through social media and on our website.*



## **Profile in Compassion #24**

### **The Scotellaro-Kent Family**

When she's making rounds at Children's Place Association's Residential Center, checking on the progress of medically complex kids, our nurses and staff call her "Doctor Margi." But at home she's just known as "Mom."

A mother of five children – four of whom are adopted – Margaret Scotellaro, MD, has served as our consulting Medical Director for more than six years.

She and her husband, Paul Kent, MD, decided to become foster parents shortly after they were married and living in Nevada. They ended up adopting the two children they fostered there.

After relocating back to Chicago, Margi became pregnant and they added a third child to the family. They eventually adopted two more kids, an HIV-exposed baby from Children's Place and a toddler with Downs Syndrome.

"Foster parenting is a wonderful way to grow a family," Margi says. "It's the best thing we ever did."

Both Margi and Paul are on staff at Rush University Medical Center. She is a pediatrician and he's a pediatric oncologist.

"Children's Place is so fortunate to have a talented physician like Doctor Scotellaro connected with our organization," says CEO Cathy Krieger. "And Margi and Paul are emblematic of the caring, committed people who created Children's Place and who continue to make it a beacon of hope for vulnerable kids."