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Kids Who Care's Deborah Jung Receives Legacy of Women Award

Founder and Executive Director of International Musical Theatre Company Recognized for Creating Future Leaders

FORT WORTH, TX - October 15, 2008 - Deborah Jung, founder and executive director of Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas, was recently selected to receive the 2008 Legacy of Women Award in the Arts Category at the 16th Annual Legacy of Women Awards.

Outstanding women in five categories were honored earlier this month by SafeHave, an organization dedicated to the service and support of domestic violence victims.

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief recommended Deborah for the award because of her dedication to shaping futures. "As these children develop as artists, they are also becoming strong leaders and responsible citizens," he said. "In this way, Deborah Jung helps create not only accomplished artists, but also future leaders of our city."

Deborah has touched the lives of more than 200,000 children and raised more than \$800,000 in Hope Scholarships throughout the 20 years of Kids Who Care's history. Deborah creates quality, affordable, live entertainment for the Dallas/Fort Worth community. She also seeks Kids Who Care audiences who do not always have opportunities to attend theatre, including the Fort Worth Butler Housing Community and the Boys and Girls Clubs in Fort Worth and Chicago.

"Deborah has dedicated her professional life to not only producing great, professional theatre but also producing great kids, which is the mission of Kids Who Care," said Paige Pate, who nominated her for the award. "Deborah's contributions are seen not only in the professional theatre pieces she produces, but in the hearts and minds of children who grow up in the midst of her program."

About Kids Who Care

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Kids Who Care is a non-profit international theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas that seeks to produce confident, caring and creative kids through leadership training,

musical theatre education and performance. Kids Who Care offers musical theatre classes, summer musical theatre camps, international cultural exchanges, a touring Resident Company, public performances and more. The Kids Who Care Resident Company has performed Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, at both Disney's, at The Kennedy Center, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, at 30,000 feet aboard an airplane for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and at many other locations across the U.S. and overseas. The core values of the organization include: excellence in artistic development, artistic integrity of kids, leadership roles for kids, financial and cultural diversity and ensemble production. For more information, please visit www.kidswhocare.org

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