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Kids Who Care Musical Theatre Announces Largest Ever Resident Company

88 Youth from Metroplex Make Up Kids Who Care's 2007-2008 Touring Company

FORT WORTH, TX – September 5, 2007 – Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, today announced that it has selected its 2007-2008 Resident Company, made up of 86 youth performers and 2 student sound engineers. It is the largest touring group in Kids Who Care's almost 20-year history.

The Kids Who Care Resident Company is an audition company of children, ranging in age from six to 18. The kids and teens in the 2007-2008 Resident Company come from all over Fort Worth and its surrounding areas, including Aledo, Arlington, Azle, Benbrook, Burleson, Crowley, Granbury, Grapevine, Haslet, Hurst, Keller, Saginaw, Watauga, Weatherford and White Settlement.

Kids Who Care's Resident Company trains year-round with a professional theatre staff and performs locally, nationally and internationally, September through May. Past performance venues include Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, both Disney's, The Kennedy Center and at 30,000 feet for the Make A Wish Foundation, as well as many regional stages in Texas.

Each year, the youth Resident Company also travels in March for a spring tour that includes performances, community outreach, cultural exchange and arts education. Past tours have included New York City, Los Angeles, Italy, Germany, Washington D.C., Chicago, Orlando and Nashville. This year, a two-city tour is planned to Washington D.C. and Israel.

"It is incredible to have a Resident Company of this size working together as artists year round," said Deborah Jung, founding and executive director of Kids Who Care. "Each child comes to us with a unique set of gifts, and our job is to create a place for them to grow. I can't wait to see what they teach us! As a company, Kids Who Care is more than theatre. We produce great kids who are making a difference in the world."

This year's Resident Company will tour *Earth and Soul: The Green Revolution*, an original musical production that reveals why the youngest people of the planet hold the secret to saving our earth. In this inspiring, hilarious musical, five children are catapulted to the center of the earth where they embark on an unlikely journey of discovery.

About Kids Who Care

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. The organization began in 1987 under the direction of Deborah Jung, moved to The Scott

Theatre in Fort Worth's Cultural District in 1989 and has evolved into the non-profit Kids Who Care corporation it is today. Kids Who Care offers professional musical theatre classes, summer musical theatre camps, international cultural exchanges, a touring Resident Company, public performances and more. The Resident Company has performed Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, at both Disney's, at The Kennedy Center, at 30,000 feet 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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