



**Kids Who Care to Present Dance Workshop and Performance at Butler Housing
Community's Amaka Center**

***Workshop and Performance February 17 Open to the Public
and Provided in Partnership with the Downtown Fort Worth YMCA***

Fort Worth, TX - February 11, 2008 - Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, will provide a dance workshop and performance of *Earth & Soul: A Musical Revolution* on February 17 at the Butler Housing Community's Amaka YMCA Day Care Center in Fort Worth at 1501 Stephenson. The dance workshop will be held from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and is open to children in grades 1-12. The performance will be from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. The workshop and performance are free and open to the public.

"We are delighted to continue our partnership with the YMCA as we connect musical theatre to children across our community," said Deborah Jung, founder and executive director of Kids Who Care. "We want to build relationships with kids and their communities, and it is our hope that when we create a workshop and performance that we connect not only as actors to audience, but find kids who want to come work with us year-round. We know the arts create great kids, and we constantly seek to find those kids who want this experience. That is the larger objective when we go to Amaka this week. And of course, we want to have a fabulous time dancing the afternoon away!"

The Amaka YMCA Day Care Center is a collaboration between the Fort Worth Housing Authority and the Amon Carter Jr. Downtown YMCA. The Amaka center derives its name from Nigerian and means, 'children are wonderful, children are loved.'

Kids Who Care's *Earth and Soul: A Musical Revolution* is an original musical that reveals why the youngest people of the planet hold the secret to saving the earth. In this fun, inspiring musical, five children are led to the center of the earth, where they encounter inner-earth dwellers – Music Makers, Mole People and Warriors – who warn of dangers to the earth's environment, dream of sunlight and butterflies and challenge the five kids to step forward to save the planet. The Kids Who Care Resident Company performs locally, nationally and internationally, September through May each year. Past performance locations have included New York City, Los Angeles, Italy, Germany, Washington, D.C., Orlando and Nashville, as well as many regional venues.

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 with a pilot in the summer of 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 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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