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## **Crystal Stairs, Inc. Takes Hundreds of Parents and Children to Sacramento**

**LOS ANGELES – May 13** – On Wednesday, May 6, the Community Voices Advocacy Project, a program led by Crystal Stairs, Inc., joined more than 600 parents and child care advocates, from across the State, on the steps of the state capitol in Sacramento to raise their voices for child care during the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand for Children Day. The purpose of this yearly gathering is to raise awareness about the importance of funding for child care and its impact on the millions of families in California who rely on this service to go to work and school.

This year's theme was breaking down the "Wall of Poverty." Those in attendance marched alongside and rallied with Senators Hannah Beth Jackson, Mark Leno, Holly J. Mitchell and Assembly Members Patty Lopez, Shirley Weber and Tony Thurmond who expressed their support for continued quality child care services and increased child care funding.

Community Voices works with a cadre of parents and child care providers throughout Los Angeles County, training them to become advocates for children through workshops and advocacy activities designed to identify ways to improve access to quality child care services. On June 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the organization will host the second annual Los Angeles County Stand for Children Day at Exposition Park. Hundreds of parent and provider advocates, including confirmed elected officials and community leaders, from across Los Angeles County, will gather to share the message, "Child Care Keeps California Working," and raise awareness about the importance of funding for child care and its impact on the millions of families in Southern California and our local community.

To register for the second annual Los Angeles County Stand for Children Day, contact Jessica Guerra at (323) 421-2602 or [jguerra@crystalstairs.org](mailto:jguerra@crystalstairs.org).

**About Crystal Stairs:** Crystal Stairs is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit child care and development organization whose mission is to improve the lives of families through child care services, research and advocacy. Guided by our mission and values, our purpose is to promote empowerment and self-sufficiency, helping families ascend the metaphoric staircase of life. For more information on Crystal Stairs, please visit [www.crystalstairs.org](http://www.crystalstairs.org)

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