

News Release

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Cox Communications helps Youthville share powerful traveling *Walk A Mile* art exhibit with audiences

(Wichita, Kan., Feb. 17, 2009) – On Thursday, February 19 at 2 pm, Larry Dexter, Vice President of Engineering for Cox Kansas/Arkansas will present a \$25,000 check to Youthville's President and CEO, Shelley Duncan at its corporate location, 4505 E. 47th St. South. This gift will allow thousands of people in cities across Kansas to experience the stories of children in the child welfare system by viewing the *Walk A Mile* art exhibition.

Walk A Mile serves disadvantaged youth at Youthville's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility In Newton, Kansas through means of artistic expression by providing a unique opportunity for others to "*Walk A Mile*" In Their Shoes. This exhibit allows youth to tell their story of life in the "system" by having each child transform an old shoe into a piece of art. By showcasing these works across Kansas, it will help the agency provide a better understanding of the disadvantaged youth's experiences and encourage viewers to get involved. To date, *Walk A Mile* has collected 43 shoes that help express personal and collective truths that these children have endured.

"Cox is proud to support Youthville. Our focus on youth, technology and education goes well with Youthville's mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood," said Larry Dexter, Vice President of Engineering for Cox Kansas/Arkansas. "The *Walk a Mile* exhibit is something everyone should see. It is a profound way to give children a creative outlet and gives individuals a glimpse into the situations some children today face."

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) are for children ages 7 to 18 years who need time away to address issues and remove barriers from becoming a family again. This 24-hour, highly structured treatment is for youth whose behaviors threaten the safety of themselves or others. Youthville has two campuses one in Dodge City and the other in Newton. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through creative forms of expression. Only 8 percent of the children in foster care reside in PRTFs.

"We truly appreciate this wonderful gift from Cox," said Shelley Duncan Youthville's President and CEO. "This gift will provide the agency with the opportunity to share the *Walk a Mile* exhibit with thousands of people across Kansas."

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, counseling and psychiatric residential treatment. The agency's vision is to provide the best sources of help to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected with its mission of **Giving Children Back Their Childhood**. Over 3,000 children are cared for annually by Youthville. To learn more about Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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