

# News Release

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## **Youthville receives \$7,500 from Bank of America to support its Trauma Recovery Center**

*(Wichita, Kan., Aug. 3, 2009)* – Youthville recently received a gift of \$7,500 from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to support its Trauma Recovery Center (TRC), a new facility that serves children and their families who struggle with the effects of traumatic experiences such as abuse, neglect and exposure to violence. The donation will supplement funding for treatment given to children who have been the most seriously affected by traumatic events but whose services are not fully covered by Medicaid or insurance.

“We are very grateful to have the support of such a great company like Bank of America,” said LeAnne Miller, Youthville Chief Advancement Officer. “This gift will help the TRC fulfill its mission of helping youth heal by helping the entire family,”

Since its opening in April, the TRC has focused on foster children awaiting adoption in order to increase the number of children adopted, reduce the amount of time children are in foster care and decrease failed adoptions. In the following years, the TRC will focus upon expanding services to families who have adopted and are experiencing severe difficulties with their adopted child. TRC staff will provide treatment and support to strengthen adoptive families and prevent disruption. The TRC will then concentrate on expanding services to treat children and families in the community who have been affected by trauma.

Each year, the Bank of America Corporation and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation donate more than \$200 million to deserving organizations.

“We believe, very simply, that it is the actions of individuals working together that build strong communities,” said Kenneth D. Lewis, National Bank of America CEO and President. “Business has an obligation to support those actions in the communities it serves.”

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency's more than 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,400 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org)

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