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**Annie Malone's Crisis Prevention Program Expands to Serve At-Risk Youth,  
Long Term Residential Care Discontinued**

St. Louis, MO (August 1, 2011) - After 123 years of service, Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center will no longer offer Long Term Residential Care to children, effective October 1, 2011. However, Annie Malone will continue to provide Crisis Nursery/Teen Respite, Emergency Placement, Transitional Living Program and Therapeutic Educational Services.

“With the difficult economic times, parenting has become even more challenging. As a result, child abuse, neglect and homelessness, among children and youth, have increased and the need for Respite services has become even greater in our community. We believe by discontinuing the Long Term Residential Care and focusing on Emergency Placement and Short Term Crisis Intervention, we will have a greater impact on reducing incidents of child maltreatment in the St. Louis Metropolitan area,” stated Angela L. Starks, Chief Executive Officer of Annie Malone.

With the expansion of the Crisis and Respite Program, the service capacity will increase to a total of 24 beds for children and youth.

Annie Malone takes pride in their commitment to the safety of children in the community. We look forward to continuing to faithfully serve our constituents and consistently striving to improve the quality of life for children, families, elderly and the community, by providing social services, educational programs, advocacy and entrepreneurship.

Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center is an independent, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit United Way member agency.

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**About Annie Malone:**

Annie Malone is a safe place for children and youth in crisis and aging out of foster care, from birth through 21. The center also provides therapeutic academic services for grades K thru 12<sup>th</sup> and parenting education classes for individuals in jeopardy of losing custody of their children. Annie Malone operates 24-hours a day, 365 days a year at a centrally located site in the City of St. Louis. Annie Malone has been a home away from home to thousands of children and families seeking emergency placement and crisis intervention. For additional information, call 314-531-0120 or visit [www.anniemalone.com](http://www.anniemalone.com). For crisis or emergency placement, please call 314-361-2222.