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**Annie Malone Honors Mary L. Montgomery
as Board Member of the Year**

St. Louis, MO – Among a list of honored guests at Annie Malone’s 8th Annual Soiree, Mary L. Montgomery was presented the Board Member of the Year Award. The Award is given to a board member demonstrating remarkable service during the year.

The Soiree, held in conjunction with Annie Malone’s annual May Day Celebration, is an awards banquet that honors those who have given significant service to children and families. Montgomery served as the Soiree’s co-chair for two consecutive years. She was totally unaware of her honor on the evening of the event.

Montgomery has spent over 40 years as a health care professional in the St. Louis community. She has been an active volunteer and has diligently served as a board member of Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center since 1997. Montgomery currently serves as Secretary of the Board.

“Mary has such a pleasant disposition. She is meticulous in the work she is asked to do and is committed to helping our Agency improve the quality of life for children and families in St. Louis,” said Debra Denham, Board Chair.

A personal interest in giving back to the community drew Montgomery to Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center. “I was impressed with how Annie Malone worked with entire families,” Montgomery said. “As a board member I am there to see that children are taught to be productive citizens of society, respectful of themselves and others, and self-disciplined. The staff is very nurturing and sincere. They take on a task, no matter how difficult and complete it.”

Montgomery began her career as a staff nurse in adult psychiatry at Jewish Hospital. From there, Montgomery continued working in the psychiatry field, spending most of her career at Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center. She currently works part-time as a RN Case Manager at Hopewell Center, a comprehensive community health center working with the mentally disabled.

Although her education is extensive including bachelor and master degrees from Webster University, Montgomery attributes her rewarding health career to the foundation laid for

her while attending Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing. “I was able to take off from there. I was never afraid,” she said.

In addition to the volunteer time Montgomery gives to Annie Malone, she volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, March of Dimes, American Diabetes Association, American Red Cross, her church-First Baptist Church of Chesterfield and her sorority – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc - of which she is an active member.

Montgomery has received numerous awards throughout the community for her service to children and families. She is married to Phillip P. Montgomery. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center serves more than 1,000 children & families through its Family Focus and Reunification program, Residential Treatment, Emerson Academy Therapeutic School, Day Care, Respite Care, and Annie M. Fine Cuisine Catering.

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