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May Day Celebration Explodes This Weekend

St. Louis, MO – The weekend St. Louis has been anticipating is finally here – May Day Celebration Weekend, hosted by Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center. The weekend events begin Friday, May 18 with a Soiree and conclude Sunday, May 20 with the Annual May Day Parade and McDonald’s May Day Blues Festival.

The Soiree, to take place on Friday, May 18th at the beautiful Chase Park Plaza Hotel, promises to be an elegant evening to honor individuals who have given significant service to children. Jackie Joyner Kersee has been invited to receive the Making A Difference Award. County Executive Charlie Dooley has been selected as an advocate as well as a number of representatives from local banks, community organizations and city governments.

The Gospel Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 19 at Antioch Baptist Church in the historic Ville neighborhood. There will be an eclectic mix of gospel music represented during the evening. Special guests will include Elder Greg Haynes-The Happy Guitarist, Enezer Moore, Zella Jackson Price, Mary Beth Gentry, Austin Layne, Dello Thedford, local mime groups and many more.

The Annual May Day Parade, Sunday, May 20, will travel along Market Street between Jefferson and Broadway in downtown St. Louis. Grand marshals for the parade will be Lewis Reed, president of the Board of Alderman and Alderwoman Kacie Starr Triplett of the 6th Ward. Over 130 units will march down Market Street. Immediately following the Parade, the McDonald’s May Day Blues Fest with Denise Thimes, Anita Jackson, Tony Simmons, DeAndre Perryman-of American Idol fame, and others will conclude the Celebration. The May Day events will celebrate the theme, ‘We are Family’.

Richard King, CEO, said, “This is the Agency’s largest fundraiser each year and we are looking forward to a wonderful time.”

The proceeds from all May Day events benefit the programs and services of Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center. For more information on May Day events and for volunteering opportunities, please contact Annie Malone at (314) 531-0120 or visit the website at www.anniemalone.com.

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