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Presbyterian Children's Services Welcomes Rich Maxwell as New Heartland Presbytery Regional Development Director

(Kansas City, MO) March 28, 2007 — Presbyterian Children's Services announces the appointment of Rich Maxwell as the Regional Development Director for the Heartland Presbytery. Maxwell fills the vacancy left by Joyce Schmidt Esteban. He recently served as Director of Marketing and Business Development for Heartland Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center in Parkville, Missouri, where he was responsible for strategies and programs to increase support and use of the conference facilities.

"We are excited to have Rich on board in Heartland and Northern & Southern Kansas Presbyteries," said Jim Thurman, President. "We are looking forward to his work in sharing the story of Presbyterian Children's Services with donors and churches throughout the area."

The Regional Development Director has the primary responsibilities of building a service program to benefit Kansas City area children and families, while also raising funds to continue the support of: Farmington Children's Home in Farmington, Regional Girls' Shelter in Springfield, Stubbins Youth and Family Center in Moberly and other children's services throughout the region.

"The support from the people of Kansas City has been tremendous, said Rich Maxwell. "It is good to feel you are making a difference in the lives of these children."

Based on the teachings of Christ, Presbyterian Children's Services provides compassionate and therapeutic social, psychological and educational services to children and families of all faiths. For people who would like to know more about the work of Presbyterian Children's Services, an informative lecture entitled "*Child Abuse – What Happens to the Kids?*" will be held in Kansas City on April 29, 2007 at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th Street from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The featured speaker will be Dionne Carter, an attorney who lived as a child at Farmington Children's Home.

If your civic group or church organization would like to know more, contact Rich Maxwell by phone at 913-523-4789 or e-mail him at richardmaxwell@care4kids.org.

About Presbyterian Children's Services

Presbyterian Children's Services cares for abused children and counsels their families through therapeutic programs of diagnostic evaluation, emergency shelter, foster care, group home and residential care services (including family-focused residential services), independent living services, educational support services, residential treatment services (including intensive residential services for adolescents) and community outreach programs.