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Member Highlights: Children & Families First, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Children's Village

Members merge, receive grant for new program, and land in top five ranking August 5, 2008

Children's Village Ranked Top Five for Fundraising

Alliance member the Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., was named a Top Five Nonprofit Agency for Fundraising Efficiency in the November/December 2007 issue of *Contribute*, a magazine about modern philanthropy. Charities were evaluated based on their return to the organization for every dollar spent on fundraising.

Children's Village is also part of the *Contribute 200*, a listing of the top 200 agencies within the New York tri-state area for financial best practices and agency sustainability.

Children's Village leadership say the organization is proud to also meet all 20 of the "Standards of Charity Accountability" set by the Better Business Bureau. The 20 standards evaluate charities' financial accountability, governance and oversight, effectiveness measures, and fundraising and informational materials.

***MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
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Member Staff Receive Best Practice Awards

Alliance member state association the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies in New York recently presented 18 Child Welfare Best Practice Awards and \$1,000 prizes. Recipients included staff from Alliance member organizations: Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry (Ferdinand Fontanez, MST senior bilingual therapist; Jenisette Perez, independent living way coordinator), Green Chimneys Children's Services in Brewster (Jenna Geyer, case-worker/case planner), and Abbott House in Irvington (Winston Long, coordinator of staff development; Yellitza Naranjo, homefinder; Rena Savary, child care supervisor; Debbie Hoberman (posthumously), director of Bronx Family Services).