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THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS HONORS THE *LAW & ORDER* BRANDED SERIES AT ANNUAL DINNER GALA

BRENDA HAMPTON, CREATOR OF *THE SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER*, RECEIVES FRANCIS M. WHEAT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

LOS ANGELES January 26, 2010 — The Alliance for Children's Rights, the only free legal services organization in Los Angeles devoted solely to protecting the rights of abused and impoverished children, will present the National Champion for Children Award to the *Law & Order* family of shows for their ongoing treatment of social issues in America. The Francis M. Wheat Community Service Award will be presented to **Brenda Hampton**, creator/writer/executive producer of *7th Heaven* and *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*.

The Dinner Gala will be held at **The Beverly Hilton Hotel on February 10th, 2010**. Honorary Co-Chairs are **Jeff Gaspin**, Chairman, NBC Universal Television Entertainment and **Marc Graboff**, Chairman, NBC Entertainment & Universal Media Studios, and Dinner Chair is Cliff Gilbert-Lurie. Creator **Dick Wolf** will receive the award on behalf of three *Law & Order* series', along with executive producers, **Neal Baer, Rene Balcer, Walon Green** and **Peter Jankowski**. Special guests, including *Law & Order's* **Sam Waterston, Angie Harmon** and **Molly Ringwald** from *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, will enhance the evening.

"We are thrilled to pay tribute to the Law & Order brand and the importance these shows have played in examining critical children's issues," says Dinner Chair Cliff Gilbert-Lurie. *"A special thank you to Dick and Noelle Wolf for a decade of commitment to The Alliance."*

The producers, writers, casts and crews of *Law & Order, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, Law & Order: Criminal Intent* will receive this prestigious honor for their unparalleled exploration of critical social issues, especially children's rights and protection. **Brenda Hampton** will receive the Community Service award for using her shows to tackle challenging themes relating to family, at-risk youth and foster care. She is also the adoptive mother of three children.

Each year, The Alliance for Children's Rights holds a red carpet fundraising dinner to honor the recipient of its National Champion for Children Award that is among L.A.'s best-attended and highest-grossing dinner galas. Along with the presentation of the awards, the evening includes a message from The Alliance for Children's Rights, a video of client stories, live testimonies from families helped by The Alliance, and celebrity entertainment. In previous years, the program has featured such celebrity guests as **Sandra Bullock, Ted Danson, Kiefer Sutherland, Jay Leno, Matthew Perry, Lily Tomlin, Bernie Mac, Rob Lowe, Geena Davis, Drew Carey, and Ice-T**.



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The Alliance for Children's Rights provides free legal services and advocacy to protect the rights of impoverished and abused children and youth so that they have safe, stable homes, health care and the education they need to thrive. Since its founding in 1992, The Alliance has helped connect nearly 80,000 children and youth to a safer, brighter future.

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