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11th Annual "All-in" for Kids Celebrity Poker Tournament and Fundraiser for L.A. Foster Kids

WHAT: The Alliance for Children's Rights and Commerce Casino present the 11th Annual "All-In" for Kids Celebrity Poker Tournament. All proceeds will benefit the Alliance's work on behalf of abused and neglected children and foster youth in Los Angeles

WHO: This event brings out a star-studded roster of celebrity participants, including: **James L. Brooks**, Emmy and Academy award winning writer and director; **Tony Denison** of "Major Crimes" and "The Closer"; **Brad Garrett** of "Everybody Loves Raymond"; **Willie Garson** of "White Collar" and "Sex and the City"; **Kenny Johnson** of "Prime Suspect" and "Sons of Anarchy"; actress and World Poker Tour board member, **Mimi Rogers** and **J.K. Simmons** of "Major Crimes" and "Spider-Man" films. Committee members, include: **Hank Azaria**, **Shelli Azoff**, **Annie Duke**, **Kenny Johnson** and **Nicole Sullivan**.

The guaranteed prize pool is \$15,000 for top finishers. In addition to City National Bank, event sponsors include Ana Marie Stern, Vin di Bona Productions, Greenburg Glusker and Ken Hertz of Goldring, Hertz & Lichtenstein. Player registration is \$300 with unlimited \$100 buy-ins. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, visit kids-alliance.org.

Los Angeles, CA (October 14, 2014) – The Stuart Foundation [along with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and Anthony & Jeanne Pritzker Family Foundation] has made a significant contribution to support a cross-sector, multi-agency effort that will improve education and employment outcomes for transition-age foster youth in Los Angeles. The L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC), led by the Alliance for Children's Rights, will leverage the many resources and efforts currently existing and maximize opportunities to brighten the futures for young people aging out of foster care over the next three years.

The Stuart Foundation is an avid supporter of initiatives that bolster education outcomes for vulnerable children in California. As a philanthropic partner and matching funder of the OYC, the Stuart Foundation is poised to help ensure more than one thousand 16 – 24 year old in South and East Los Angeles are served along three pathways to success:

1. High school graduation and GED attainment
2. Postsecondary enrollment and credential completion
3. Workforce readiness and gainful employment

[Quote from Stuart Foundation]

The Alliance is one of 21 organizations across the country to receive an “Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund” grant from the Aspen Institute to lead a collaborative effort to address the needs of our nation’s most vulnerable youth. In announcing the grants, Aspen Chair and Former White House Domestic Policy Council Director, Melody C. Barnes, said: “Imagine a community where K-12 and higher education leaders, foster care programs and the justice system, philanthropy and the private sector all came together to build successful pathways for our forgotten youth.”

The Alliance will serve as the backbone, or coordinating entity, for the OYC. OYC partners, include: Government Agencies, Advocacy and Community-Based Organizations, Workforce Centers, School Districts, Higher Education, Philanthropists and Advisors. For a list of partners, visit kids-alliance.org/OYC.

“Los Angeles foster youth are in crisis with only 40% graduating from high school and more than half ending up homeless, incarcerated or facing lifelong dependency on public assistance,” said Janis Spire, CEO of the Alliance for Children’s Rights. “Aspen and the Stuart Foundation’s investments will allow our L.A. community of partners to break down silos and coordinate systems to bolster secondary, post-secondary and employment advancement for the most vulnerable young people in our community.”

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For more information, visit kids-alliance.org/OYC.

The **Alliance for Children’s Rights** protects the rights of impoverished, abused and neglected children and youth. By providing free legal services and advocacy, the Alliance ensures children have safe, stable homes, healthcare and the education they need to thrive. Since 1992, the Alliance has served 125,000 children ages 0-24, and favorably impacted thousands of children statewide through policy efforts. For more information, visit www.kids-alliance.org.

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