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Bill DeMeulle Named Child Abuse Prevention Center *Champion of Children* Honoree for 2018

Award To Be Presented at 20th Annual Bright Futures Celebration

Anaheim, CA. (February 21, 2018) The Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center has



named Bill DeMeulle the Champion of Children Honoree for 2018. The Champion of Children Award recognizes those who impact and change the lives of children, families, and the community in Orange County.

Bill DeMeulle has been an extraordinary contributor and community leader for Orange County and the Child Abuse Prevention Center for almost 40 years. He was the Founder and President of DIAI Insurance Brokerage, Inc., and became involved with the Newport Harbor Exchange Club in 1981. He also served on the on the Board of Directors of the Child Abuse Prevention Center, eventually leading as Board President. He was an instrumental leader for the Prevention Center during a crucial time in their growth from a small volunteer-run organization to a stand-alone non-profit agency. The Child Abuse Prevention Center is grateful for Bill's generous spirit, tireless contributions, and the faith he placed in a young and upcoming organization that would end up helping so many children in the community.

"Bill has played an integral role in the Child Abuse Prevention Center's 35 year history. He's been present at every critical point – securing donated office space, working weekends to transport equipment, supporting fundraisers, and providing his insurance industry expertise. Bill is a true champion of Orange County's children," says Scott Trotter, Executive Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Bill will be honored at the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center's 20th Annual Bright Futures Celebration at the Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach on March 10th, where attendees will enjoy a night of dining, dancing, auctions, and entertainment. The Bright Futures

Celebration is the Child Abuse Prevention Center's largest fundraising event, with proceeds supporting the 12 programs of the Prevention Center to provide services for at-risk families with the goal of breaking the generational cycle of abuse. This year's Bright Futures Celebration theme is *An Evening in Emerald City*; information and tickets are available at www.BrightFutures4Kids.org.

About The Child Abuse Prevention Center

The Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAPC) is Orange County's leading not-for-profit organization focused exclusively on the prevention of child abuse. The early intervention programs of the Prevention Center have a well-documented record of working to prevent child abuse before it occurs by strengthening family bonds and increasing parent education and support. The Child Abuse Prevention Center is committed to quality direct services for at-risk children and their families, and has served over 340,000 individuals since its inception in 1983.

For more information please visit: www.BrightFutures4Kids.org

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