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PRESS RELEASE

**Adoptive Parents and Foster Caregivers Honored by
Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will host the Third Annual Angel Heart Caregiver Celebration: "Heart To Heart...A Family For Life." The luncheon will be held at the lovely Pacific Palms Resort located at One Industry Hills Parkway, City of Industry on **Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** In honor of Foster Care Month, one thousand foster and relative caregivers will be feted for their selflessness and caring for the children who have been placed in their loving arms.

Recognition awards for Outstanding Licensed Foster Parent, Relative Caregiver, Adoptive Parent and Specialized Caregiver will be presented at the event. Each guest will be presented with a Swarovski crystal engraved Angel Heart picture frame.

John Hill, Chief of Staff for Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and a former foster child, will be the keynote speaker. Master of Ceremonies will be radio personality Eric "Rico" Reed. Also invited is the Department of Children and Family Services Medical Director/Interim Chief Deputy Director Dr. Charles Sophy. Entertainment will be provided by the Los Angeles Preparatory and Performing Arts Center. Aris S. Banico, an accomplished pianist and DCFS employee will also entertain throughout the event.

For further information, contact Charisse Pilar (323) 881-1466 or Phillis Dumas (213) 639-4510 of DCFS.

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