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News Release and Photo Opportunity

Columbus Office Celebrates Five Years of Regional Impact

Public Invited to Open House Celebration on October 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 28, 2009, Columbus, Indiana: Five years ago, White's Residential and Family Services determined that a need for foster care, independent living, home-based, and adoption services existed in Bartholomew County. White's opened a regional office based in Columbus, Indiana in 2004 to meet these needs. **On October 28**, in honor of five years serving Bartholomew County, White's Columbus office will hold **an open house celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Members of the public are welcome to attend this free event.

A brief program with remarks from Greg Edie, Columbus Regional Manager, will take place at 11:30 a.m. followed by light refreshments. It is expected that members of the youth and families served by the office over the years will be in attendance and available for interviews, as well as local officials and county workers.

Five Years of Impact

In its five years in the region, the Columbus office has served more than 100 families through its foster care program, as well as providing independent living and home-based services to many others. Of the children served, 24 percent were adopted by White's foster parents. White's Columbus Office works with more than 22 different counties in the region, helping hurting and troubled children and their families make a change for good.

Members of the media are welcome to attend the event. For more information, please call Bill Gray, Marketing Director, at 260-563-1158, extension 1351, or via cell at 260-223-4464.

ABOUT WHITE'S:

White's Residential & Family Services, located in Wabash, Indiana and at eight other offices around the state, serves more than 3,400 at-risk children and families annually—those who without assistance and guidance would fall through the cracks of society. The largest non-profit provider of such services in the state of Indiana, White's is a Christ-centered organization committed to enriching the lives of children and families through emotional healing, personal development and spiritual growth. Through residential, foster care, emergency shelter care, home-based, transitional living, and adoption services, White's seeks to create a change for good in the lives of children and families who need it most.

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Committed to the emotional healing, personal development and spiritual growth of children and families.