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## **THE CHILDREN'S HOME** **WINS PRESTIGIOUS FORBES ENTERPRISE AWARD**

**MOUNT HOLLY, NJ** – The Children's Home (TCH) has been awarded the Forbes Enterprise Award for Small Business. TCH is one of only 70 small businesses to receive the award from the thousands of entries accepted through July 31, 2006. Sponsored by Verizon, the Forbes Enterprise Award is open to all small businesses and recognizes outstanding businesses that demonstrate visionary practices and achievements.

Candidates competed in 25 categories and were judged on various criteria, including: customer service, employee relations, community service, marketing and new product/service offerings or other efforts that lead to a business's growth. The Forbes Enterprise Award, according to State Chamber President, Joan Verplanck, "will be the most esteemed and sought-after small business award in the United States." Winners will be featured in Forbes magazine and an exclusive, invitation only televised awards ceremony will take place February 5, 2007 at New York's Lincoln Center (visit [www.forbesawards.com](http://www.forbesawards.com) for more information).

Founded in 1864, The Children's Home is a private, nonprofit organization and a leader in providing multi-faceted services to emotionally disturbed, abused, and neglected boys and girl's ages 10-17 from throughout New Jersey. Its mission is to help children and their families by providing professional therapeutic and supportive services which will enable them to achieve their full potential.

Through its three programs, TCH provides counseling and therapy, educational services, recreational activities, healthcare and nutritional needs, independent living and vocational skills, and family counseling. The Residential Treatment Center serves over 50 children. The Mary A. Dobbins School offers an academic program within a highly therapeutic environment for children experiencing learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and emotional disturbances. Mercer House Shelter is a short term, residential facility serving adjudicated youth from Mercer County (Mercer House is owned by Mercer County and operated by the Children's Home).

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