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Crystal Stairs Advocacy Program, *Community Voices*, Distributes Over 500 New Backpacks and School Supplies to Children at 4th Annual LA County Stand for Children Day

Los Angeles – August 2017 – Crystal Stairs, Inc. and its advocacy program, **Community Voices**, hosted families, child care providers, community members, *Parent Voices* and legislators including Congresswoman Karen Bass, Senators Holly J. Mitchell, Steven Bradford and Ricardo Lara, Assemblymembers Blanca Rubio and Mike A. Gipson, as well as Clippers mascot Chuck the Condor at its **4th Annual Los Angeles County Stand for Children Day (LACSFCD)**.

Sponsored by *First 5 LA*, **LACSFCD** gave parents, providers and legislators, in LA County, an opportunity to collectively raise awareness about the importance of investing in early care, education and the millions of families in California who rely on a range of child care resources and programs to work and attend school. This year, attendees enjoyed a panel discussion with Senators Bradford and Lara and Assemblymembers Rubio and Gipson on the current child care landscape and strengthening civic engagement with local elected officials, and a community resource fair. Special thanks to the *Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Niagara®*, *Bisnar Chase Law Firm*, *Kaiser Permanente*, Crystal Stairs Board of Directors and staff. Because of their contributions to the event, no child left without a new backpack, full of school supplies.

For more information on **LACSFCD** and the **Community Voices Program**, please contact Crystal Stairs at (323) 421-2698 or via email at externalaffairs@crystalstairs.org.

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About Crystal Stairs

Crystal Stairs, Inc. is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit child care and development organization founded in 1980 with a mission to improve the lives of families through child care services, research and advocacy. Guided by its mission and values, Crystal Stairs is dedicated to promoting programs that strengthen and assist families towards reaching self-sufficiency and providing enriched lives for their children.