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CBS to Feature How Two Washington DC Brothers Found a Home...

Nationally televised show "A Home for the Holidays" will air December 21, 2007

WASHINGTON D.C. – The 9th Annual **A Home for The Holidays**, an entertainment special to be broadcast Friday, December 21 (8:00-9:00 PM, EST) on CBS network, will feature two brothers adopted through the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) at The Family Court of the District of Columbia, seven years ago. The nationally televised special will include moving performances by Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow, popular vocalist James Blunt, Pop and R&B star Fergie, sister pop singers Karmina, Grammy Award-winning country superstar Reba McEntire. Comedian George Lopez and Rene Russo (Yours, Mine and OursTM) are among the celebrities presenting inspirational stories about adoption.

At age ages 5 and 3, Brother's Moye' Jordan Salter and Nigel Keith Salter were two boys receiving therapeutic services in 2000 through the Child and Family Services Agency in Washington DC when Gloria and Shane Salter learned about them. Already having adopted two boys from CFSA several years earlier that were transitioning to adulthood, the Salter's found room in their hearts with a determination to make Christmas 2000 for the brothers, a new beginning on a road to hope, happiness and healing from abuse and neglect.

Seven years later, the boys live together with their adopted parents and five siblings in Washington, DC, exceeding expectations of many who predicted less than favorable outcomes for them. Shane Salter, a resident of ward 4 in the District of Columbia has since started CASA for Children of DC, to ensure every abused and neglected child in the city has hope and happiness restored through the healing arms of caring adults. As a former foster child himself, Shane recognizes the importance of a caring adult in a child's life. That's why, as an integral part of the child welfare system, CASA for Children of DC recruits volunteers from the community who are sworn in as officers of the DC Family Court. Each CASA volunteer, advocates for a single child, typically a victim of abuse and neglect. The ultimate goal of CASA is to ensure children are in safe nurturing homes. Statistics show that when a CASA enters a child's life, the time spent in foster care dramatically shortens.

Through widespread support from Mayor Fenty's Administration and other generous contributors, this grass-roots movement lead by 120+ community volunteers ensures that each child in the city's neglect system with the benefit of a CASA is never forgotten. CASAs advocate for the best interest of their children to make certain that the system works for them. Often, these volunteers are the only caring adult in a child's life.

CASA for Children of DC was created in 2002 to ensure that when the children in our nation's capital experience abuse and neglect, they can count on caring adults in our community to lead them to safety. CASA volunteers are ordinary citizens with a desire to become trained advocates for children. They are appointed by Judges as officers of the court and represent the best interest of each child. As a result, many of our children are now living in homes where they are thriving.

To learn more about CASA and how to donate or volunteer, visit the website

<http://casadc.org> or call (202) 887-0007.

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