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## **CHILD CRISIS CENTER & CRISIS NURSERY, INC. BOARDS ANNOUNCE INTENT TO MERGE**

PHOENIX, AZ (October 16, 2014) The Boards of Child Crisis Center and Crisis Nursery, Inc. announced their formal notification of "Intent to Merge". These two strong non-profits specializing in child abuse prevention and family support, share similar programs and missions with a long history of collaboration.

With 71 years of combined experience, the merged entity will leverage the strengths of both organizations to create a new agency that is committed to improve outcomes, increase operational efficiencies, and provide a stronger voice for vulnerable children and families throughout the Valley.

"With the pending retirement of our two long tenured Executives, our Boards came together twelve months ago to explore what might make sense in the broader landscape of our community and the changes in non-profit service delivery. Through negotiations we recognized the depths of our similarities and believe that a combined, new organization will have an even greater impact on the lives of the children and families it is our missions to serve," explains R. Lee Fraley, Crisis Nursery, and Board President.

With the proposed merger, Marsha Porter, Crisis Nursery Inc's Executive Director for the past 20 years will retire at the end of 2014. Christine Scarpatti, 34-year founding CEO of Child Crisis Center will remain as CEO throughout the integration phase as a search for a new CEO of the merged organization gets underway.

"The support of our community has played a vital role in the amazing and life-changing work that both organizations do. We are confident that these investments will continue and will grow as the new organization builds on our respective successes" states Ron Williams, Board President, and Child Crisis Center.

Both organizations will continue to provide uninterrupted services in all current locations throughout the integration process.

For more information on programs, services and merger goals, please visit [ChildCrisis.org](http://ChildCrisis.org) or [CrisisNurseryPHX.org](http://CrisisNurseryPHX.org).