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Children's Home Society of Idaho Names Executive Director

Boise, IDAHO — May 11, 2009. The Children's Home Society (CHS) of Idaho is pleased to announce W. Stewart Wilder has been named Executive Director of the organization. Wilder, who was a board member from 2006 to 2008, took the role as Interim CEO on November 1, 2008 and, as a result of his efforts, has been named Executive Director.

"Stewart is the perfect person to lead our organization through this period of growth. He has a strong business and volunteer background coupled with a passion to assist children and families in need. As a parent of a child with autism, Stewart's commitment and belief in CHS is profound. We are pleased Stewart has decided to stay with CHS as our new leader," said Chuck Winder, President of the Board of Directors.

As a native of Cleveland, OH, Wilder spent 18 years in the integrated U.S. and Canadian mining industry prior to moving back to Idaho in 2002 with his wife, Debbie, a native of Boise and Stanley, and their two children. "The Treasure Valley is home for us and I am excited to lead an organization with an unparalleled history of serving this community's children. From our roots as an orphanage to today as a counseling center, foster care program, and APA accredited training institute, we carry out an unprecedented mission on a daily basis. We have great people, doing great things, for generations to come," said Wilder.

About the Children's Home Society

The Children's Home Society of Idaho was established in 1908 to oversee the state's orphanage. Today, CHS operates three programs, the Warm Springs Counseling Center, Warm Springs Training Institute, and The Bridge. Through these entities, CHS provides outpatient behavioral health services, training for mental health professionals, and innovative approaches to improving foster care. The mission of CHS is to provide behavioral health programs and related services to children and the families who care for them, regardless of ability to pay.

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