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***Children's Museum Honors Dr. David A. Crenshaw and
Newburgh Armory Unity Center with "2015 Great Friend to Kids Award"***

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY- Mid-Hudson Children's Museum has selected renowned child psychologist Dr. David A. Crenshaw and the Newburgh Armory Unity Center as recipients of its 2015 Great Friend To Kids Award. Awards will be presented on Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at a special brunch to be held at the Children's Museum's waterfront pavilion in Poughkeepsie.

"The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is extremely pleased to recognizing Dr. Crenshaw and the Newburgh Armory Unity Center for their respective work empowering children and families," states Lara Litchfield-Kimber, executive director of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum. "Both work hard to support children, their healthy development, and their families."

Dr. David A. Crenshaw is a renowned child psychologist who is best known for his pioneering work in the area of play therapy and the use of facility dogs in trauma-informed child therapy. As a play therapist, Dr. Crenshaw helps children to express what is troubling them and to resolve their own problems even when they do not have the verbal language to express their thoughts and feelings. Dr. Crenshaw is currently the Clinical Director of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. He was previously the clinical director at the Astor Home for Children and is a former board member for Astor Services for Children and Families. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of 15 books on child therapy, child trauma, and resilience and is Visiting Adjunct Assistant Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University.

As a neighborhood-based community center, **The Newburgh Armory Unity Center (NAUC)** is promoting civic unity among people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds, and in the process, is helping to transform the City of Newburgh. NAUC offers free educational, athletic and cultural programs for children K-6th grade, plus programs for families, including English as a Second Language, GED preparation, computer usage, and preparation for citizenship.

Tickets to the awards brunch are \$65 per person and may be purchased online at www.mhcm.org or by calling (845) 471-0589. Proceeds for the event support the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum's early literacy programs. This event is being sponsored in part by Central Hudson and Mass Mutual Financial Group of Albany.

The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is the ideal destination for families with young children. With exhibits that focus on school readiness, science, literacy, nature and art, the museum provides an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills, to engage in purposeful play, and to develop interpersonal connections. The museum is located in the heart of the historic Hudson Riverfront in Poughkeepsie, just steps away from the Poughkeepsie Metro-North train station, the Walkway Over The Hudson fabulous restaurants and a revitalized city waterfront park. The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is open in the summer Monday through

Saturday from 9:30am to 5:00pm and Sundays from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Children under 1 year are free.

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