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**Mid-Hudson Children's Museum Honors Hudson River Housing, Inc.
with "2018 Great Friend to Kids Award"**

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY- Mid-Hudson Children's Museum has selected Hudson River Housing Inc., as the recipient of its 2018 Great Friend to Kids Award. The award will be presented on Thursday, July 19 during the Museum's "Taste of the Market" event to be held from 6:00pm – 9:00pm in its waterfront pavilion in Poughkeepsie.

The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum's annual Great Friend to Kids Award recognizes individuals and organizations living in and around the Hudson Valley who are transforming the lives of children and families through their work in community-building, health and wellness and education.

"Hudson River Housing is being recognized for its work in providing innovative housing solutions and support services to local families, and for its success in leading community revitalization efforts in the City of Poughkeepsie," states Lara Litchfield-Kimber, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum. "We know that children learn and do best when their families have safe and reliable places to call home, and within a community that loves and supports them."

Hudson River Housing, Inc., provides a continuum of services for individuals and families that creates pathways out of homelessness through empowerment, education, and advocacy. Recognizing that housing is a basic human right – one that should be available to all, regardless of income, family makeup, physical or mental health issues, or any other defining factors – Hudson River Housing works to develop and preserve affordable housing and to create opportunities for people and places to thrive.

"We are so thrilled that Hudson River Housing is being recognized with this year's 'Great Friend to Kids Award' for our work with children and families!," exclaims Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing, Inc. "We are deeply committed to improving lives and stabilizing communities and we do this by creating opportunities for people and places to reach their full potential. Working with our community's youth is truly a gift and we are honored to play our part in making a positive difference in their lives."

The public is invited to celebrate Hudson River Housing, Inc., at the “Taste of the Market” event on Thursday, July 19. Tickets to this event are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/Tasteofthemarket>.

Named Hudson Valley’s “2018 Top Place to Take the Kids” and “2017 Best Museum” the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum is the ideal destination for families with young children. With exhibits that focus on early literacy, art, STEM, and the local community, the museum provides an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills and engage in purposeful play. The museum is located in the heart of the historic waterfront in Poughkeepsie, just steps away from the Poughkeepsie Metro-North train station, fabulous restaurants, and two city parks. The Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Admission is \$9.00 per person. Children under 1 year are free. Visit mhcm.org or call (845) 471-0589 for more information.

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