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**Art
& Soul**
Charity Auction

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9th Annual Art & Soul Auction to Feature Billboard Jazz Artist Marcus Johnson Support Children In Need, Purchase Art By Local Artists and Hear Smooth Sounds of Jazz!

WASHINGTON, DC (May 18, 2011) – *Where will you be on June 3, 2011 if not at the Art & Soul Auction?* This event is where art, music and a great cause all come together. Join NCCF at the Silver Spring Civic Center at 6:00pm for its 9th Annual Art & Soul Charity Auction, which will benefit its clients and programs.

“This year we’re proud to feature Silver Spring’s great musician, Marcus Johnson,” states Dr. Sheryl Brissett Chapman, Executive Director of NCCF. “His music will enhance our program and include a special performance with 15-year-old Andre Taylor, a student at Northwood High School.”

Marcus Johnson, president of The FLO Foundation and founder of MJ Music Camp, is focused on supporting children across the metropolitan community. “I am a proud multi-year supporter of NCCF, and in fact their new facility houses the Marcus Johnson Music Room. I wanted to make a serious commitment to using my talents and resources to support children coming up behind me to ensure their futures are as bright,” states Johnson.

For more information about attending and/or sponsoring the 9th Annual Art & Soul Auction, please contact Heidi Webb at 301-365-4480, extension 114.

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The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF®) is a private, nonprofit agency committed to serving vulnerable children, youth, and families in the national capital area for nearly a century. A nationally accredited organization, NCCF’s 13 programs address the diverse human needs of more than 3,300 individuals each year. Visit NCCF online at www.nccf-cares.org.

MJ Music Camp @ NCCF is a program of The Marcus Johnson Project, a newly formed nonprofit with a mission to encourage the performing arts talent of young adults as sustained participation in music increases personal development, and academic achievement. MJ Music Camp brings together a diverse and talented student body with one reason only...to enjoy and share the love of creating, writing, singing and playing music. Visit: www.camp4music.org.