



Florence Crittenton

Where Hope Comes to Life

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## **Florence Crittenton asks public for HOPE Award nominations**

*Non-profit to accept nominees through September 1, 2011*

PHOENIX (June 29, 2011) – For the first time, Florence Crittenton, the Valley’s oldest social service agency, is asking for nominations from the public for its prestigious HOPE Award. Each year during its annual Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon fundraiser, the agency honors an individual who provides a Head start, Opportunity, Positive future and Education – or HOPE – for children. By opening the HOPE Award nomination process, the community can recognize a deserving individual’s outstanding efforts on behalf of children. Past recipients include Gerda Weissmann Klein, Gene D’Adamo of The Arizona Republic, the Honorable Janet Napolitano, the Duke of York, Wayne Gretzky and Jack Nicklaus.

To nominate an individual for the 2012 HOPE Award, please visit [www.flocrit.org](http://www.flocrit.org) to download the nomination form. All forms must be completed and received no later than September 1, 2011. A selection committee will review all the nomination forms and select the 2012 HOPE Award recipient, who will be honored at Florence Crittenton’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon on March 1, 2012, at the Arizona Biltmore. **For more information, please visit [www.flocrit.org](http://www.flocrit.org) or contact Debbie Weisz, special events manager at 602.288.4575.**

### **About Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon**

Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, Florence Crittenton’s Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon is the agency’s signature event. Funds raised from the event support the organization’s core programs such as Transitional Living, Therapeutic Group Home and Community-Based Services. Previous keynote speakers include Bill Walton, Henry “Hank” Aaron, Lynda Carter and Jane Seymour. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaming Up For Kids Luncheon will be held March 1, 2012, at the Arizona Biltmore.

### **About Florence Crittenton**

For more than 115 years, Florence Crittenton has helped at-risk girls and young women ages 10-21 discover their strength and self-worth by providing them the support and resources they need to reach their full potential as successful and independent members of our community. Many of the young women Florence Crittenton services are struggling to overcome challenges caused by poverty, abuse, neglect, crime, homelessness and violence. Each year, the agency provides shelter, education, counseling and social support to nearly 2,000 girls and their families.

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