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## **Kids' Chance of South Carolina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Raises Thousands for Scholarships**

COLUMBIA (January 17, 2014) - Kids' Chance of South Carolina celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an inaugural gala at the newly renovated Columbia Marriott on January 11, 2014. The event was attended by nearly 200 guests and raised more than \$11,000 that will be used to help sustain and grow its statewide scholarship program for college students.

“We are so grateful for the continued support of Kids' Chance, particularly in these difficult times. Our scholarship recipients are living proof of why higher education is such a good investment,” said Angie Kohl Executive Director.

The evening commenced with a cocktail reception that included a silent auction where guests mingled and the University of South Carolina's mascot, Cockey, visited with guests. During dinner, Collins & Lacy attorney Rebecca Halberg was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her volunteer service and dedication to Kids' Chance. Halberg is serving her third year as president of Kids' Chance. Recognized for his outstanding academic achievements as Student of the Year was Weston Fleming, a scholarship recipient and student at Duke University.

Recognition was also given to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association; McAngus, Goudelock & Courie; The South Carolina Bar; South Carolina State Accident Fund; and Forge Consulting, LLC for their generous annual contributions to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Society.

The evening featured special guest, Robert Clyatt, founder of the first Kids' Chance organization in Georgia and keynote speaker, Perry Tuttle, a former NFL/CFL player. Summerdaze Band played as the guests settled into an entertaining evening of music and dance.

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**About Kids' Chance of South Carolina:** Kids' Chance of South Carolina is a statewide non-profit organization that provides scholarships and support to dependents of South Carolina workers who have been seriously injured or killed in a work-related accident. For more information, visit [www.kidschancesc.org](http://www.kidschancesc.org) or call 843.546.5837.