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Dear Community Supporter:

The Housewives of Central Florida are pleased to announce that the 5th Annual Black Tie & Boots fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Mason's Live in South Lakeland. In the past, we have been tremendously successful in raising much-needed funds for various charities through this event and we are excited to announce that this year the funds raised will benefit **Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)**.

Established in 1902 as a haven for children arriving in Jacksonville on the orphan trains, CHS is still the difference between survival and success for many of Florida's children. Now serving more than 50,000 children and families statewide, no other organization has the size, scope or solution-driven focus that CHS brings to empower children to cross bridges to success. CHS addresses the issues of child abuse and neglect, poverty, and mental health. The vision at CHS is a world where all children realize their full potential.

Why Children's Home Society?

- A child in the U.S. suffers abuse or neglect every 47 seconds.
- Nearly 2.8 million U.S. teens run away every year -- usually to escape issues at home.
- Approximately 20,000 Florida children live in uncertainty because it is too dangerous at home.
- More than 104,000 U.S. children long to find their forever family.

CHS makes the difference:

- Nearly 100% of families that complete our programs remain abuse-free.
- More than 400 foster families are ready to open hearts and homes to children.
- More than 800 children find families through adoption each year.
- More than 50,000 children and family members find hope, healing and opportunity every year.

Help us help the children in our community by becoming a sponsor or by donating a silent auction item. Dinner, silent auction, and entertainment courtesy of the Housewives of Central Florida organization and our many donors and supporters make this wonderful event possible. One hundred percent of proceeds from the Black Tie & Boots will benefit Children's Home Society of Florida. We are so thankful that The Libertore Fund for Children has graciously agreed to match the funds raised at this event up to \$5,000. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest Regards,

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