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Charles “Chuck” D. Rumbarger, CAE to Receive CLC Spirit of Giving Award



Rockville, MD – June 1, 2010 – The Child Life Council, the leading nonprofit professional association serving child life specialists, announced today the selection of Charles “Chuck” D. Rumbarger, CAE as the recipient of the 2010 Spirit of Giving Award. The Child Life Council Spirit of Giving Award was established in 2007 to recognize organizations and individuals making significant monetary or in-kind contributions that have a positive impact on child life programs on a national or international level.

Charles D. Rumbarger, CAE is one of the association community’s most experienced and acknowledged professionals. Currently President of Organization Guidance Group, LLC his professional path has spanned almost forty (40) years of continuous employment in association management and includes service as chief executive of state, national and international organizations. Known to his colleagues and friends alike as “Chuck”, he has provided consulting services to hundreds of associations in a wide variety of areas, concentrating on leadership training, planning, organizational structuring. Now giving half of his time to organizations serving children and the association management profession without compensation, Chuck’s pro-bono work has lead him to consulting with a wide variety of non-profit organizations worldwide.

In 2008, under the guidance of then President Janet Cross, the Child Life Council initiated a Governance Task Force to work with a consultant to review best governance practices in associations, and make recommendations to the board regarding board development. CLC’s need for expert consultation matched perfectly with Chuck’s philanthropic goals of supporting both organizations serving children and the association management profession. In supporting the Governance Task Force, Chuck provided expert leadership, invaluable knowledge and significant time and resources.

In late 2008, the Child Life Council embarked on a new chapter in its growth with the opportunity to recruit and hire a new Executive Director. Stemming off the successful work of the Governance Task Force, Chuck continued his generous spirit towards CLC by offering to support the organization during its transition by serving as an Acting Executive Director and consulting with the CLC Executive Director Search team. In 2010, Dennis Reynolds was hired as Executive Director and Chuck provided a smooth transition of leadership, setting the stage for ongoing growth and development of the organization and the profession.

Frequently asked to speak, Chuck routinely addresses more than 40 audiences annually. A past Chairman of The Board of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives and the American Society of Association Executives Foundation, Chuck is a Certified Association Executive, a recipient of the highest recognition of excellence in the association field, ASAE's Key Award, and he was recently honored by his peers with one of only nine (9) named funds ever created by ASAE's Foundation. Born in Pennsylvania, schooled in Ohio, Chuck is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio), an Air Force veteran and an avid outdoorsman, living in Potomac, Maryland with his school sweetheart, Phyllis (Maurer) Rumbarger.

The Spirit of Giving Award will be presented to Rumbarger on June 13, 2010 during the Closing General Session of the 28th Annual Conference on Professional Issues in Phoenix, Arizona.

About Child Life Council

Child Life Council (CLC) is the leading membership association for child life specialists, professionals who are specially trained to help children manage stressful and potentially traumatic experiences. Membership is composed of over 4,000 individuals representing more than 600 organizations worldwide.

Throughout the United States, Canada, and in nations across the globe, child life specialists provide support for children and their families undergoing challenging life events, such as surgery, cancer, diabetes, the death of a family member, and natural disasters. Child life specialists promote effective coping through play, education, and self-expression, drawing on child development theory and practice to encourage optimum development and well-being. To learn more about Child Life Council and the child life profession, please visit our Web site at www.childlife.org.

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