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**FAMILY SERVICES, INC. 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA HONORS FREDDIE MAC
FOUNDATION AND SOCIAL & SCIENTIFIC SYSTEMS, INC.**

GAITHERSBURG, MD (November 11, 2008) – Family Services, Inc. will celebrate a century of service to the Montgomery County community on November 20, 2008 at the *100th Anniversary Gala: Watch Me Grow – Healthy Babies, Stronger Parents, Brighter Students*. This momentous event will honor the Freddie Mac Foundation and Social & Scientific Systems, Inc. for their many years of support and dedication to Montgomery County's children, families and residents.

The gala will kick off with a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a delicious 3-course dinner. Family Services is proud to have Governor Martin O'Malley serve as the Honorary Patron, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett as the Honorary Chair, Kenneth Cook, Regional President of PNC Bank, as the Celebration Chair, and a host of dignitaries from state, county, and local government.

Jamillah Echeverria, News Producer for Telemundo Washington, WZDC will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening's celebration.

Mr. William Bird and his wife, Marcia will be honorary guests for the evening. Mr. Bird is the son of Dr. Jacob W. Bird, who became a member of the first Board of Directors in 1909 and served as its president for 27 years. In addition to the many services Dr. Bird helped to establish within Family Services, he was also one of the leading founders of Montgomery General Hospital, the first rural hospital in the nation, located in Olney, Maryland.

The event will be held at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center, beginning at 6:30pm with cocktails and a silent auction. Featured auction items include autographed footballs by Baltimore Colts 1975 Hall of Famer Lenny Moore; Autographed Washington Capital's Jersey by #8 Alexander Ovechkin; Silver Fox Fur Coat and Hat; Mayan-made purses and jewelry from the Guatemalan Highlands; Apple iPod; Epiphone Les Paul 100 Electric Guitar, and much more.

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Together, Family Services and Montgomery County have grown and changed dramatically over the years. What began as a desire to help provide health care and housing services to address the urgent need among the poor of the County, including helping those inflicted by the tuberculosis epidemic, has matured into an organization offering a broad array of programs that enable continued health, education, support and growth in our community.

The gala will celebrate Family Services' 100 years of service and will support the organization's programs and services, which strengthen, educate and support area children, families and residents.

Celebrating its 100th year, Family Services is the oldest, private non-profit social service agency in Montgomery County that assisted more than 16,000 residents and thousands more throughout the state of Maryland last year. Family Services has continued to adapt to the changing times and to meet the growing needs of our community. Over the past century, Family Services has provided counseling, education and support services to give individuals, children and families the tools and skills needed to improve their lives. It also helps individuals living with mental illness through a comprehensive range of mental health support and counseling services, including child services, adult day program, residential services, case management, family support services, and health services.

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