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**PATHWAYS AWARENESS CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY
Dinner Honors Children Who are Achieving Their Dreams**

Nov. 16, 2009 (CHICAGO) -- Pathways Awareness, a national not-for-profit focused on raising awareness of and providing tools for the detection, intervention and prevention of early motor delays in children, celebrated its 25th anniversary at a dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel on Nov. 16, 2009.

Nearly 400 guests attended the dinner, which raised more than \$700,000 and was hosted by Shirley Welsh Ryan and Maggie Daley. Dinner chairs were Andrew J. McKenna, chairman, McDonald's Corporation and Schwarz Supply Source, M. Jude Reyes, co-chairman, Reyes Holdings, LLC, and John W. Rogers, Jr., chairman and CEO, Ariel Investments. Bill Kurtis served as master of ceremonies.

At the dinner, Dr. John Sarwark and Dr. Garry Gardner, co-chairs of the Pathways Medical Round Table, presented the Pathways Pioneer Award to Kelly O'Brien and Kaitlyn O'Brien, who accepted the honor on behalf of the millions of children around the world who have experienced early motor delays and who have benefitted from the knowledge that leads to early detection and intervention.

Pathways raises awareness of early motor delays in three key areas: detection, intervention, and prevention. To educate the public, Pathways has created print and online tools that are used by millions of medical professionals and families worldwide. The organization's free print, Web-based and video materials in more than 11 languages which are viewed online, in print and in the media.

In addition to paying tribute to the children who work hard every day to reach their fullest potential, the annual dinner also recognized the medical community and supporters who continue to sustain Pathways' work to raise awareness about early motor delays among parents, caregivers and medical professionals.

About Early Motor Delays

This year, the Pathways Pioneer Award was awarded to the thousands of children around the world who work as hard as Olympians to achieve what many of us take for granted. Each year, more than 400,000 children in the U.S. are at risk for an early motor delay, and worldwide, the number is in the millions. An early motor delay is a physical condition which can have various causes. It impairs the ability of an infant to hold up the head, drink from a bottle, chew or swallow, and, as the child grows, to sit, stand and walk.

The supporters of Pathways help to raise awareness of early motor delays and provide education and hope that early intervention provides. When parents, doctors and caregivers know what to look for, therapy – physical, occupational and speech – can have a major impact on an early motor delay.

About Pathways Awareness

Pathways Awareness (www.pathwaysawareness.org) is a national not-for-profit based in Chicago that is dedicated to the early detection and early awareness of motor delays in infants and children. Pathways has created print and online tools that are used by millions of medical professionals and families worldwide.

The Medical Round Table that advises Pathways consists of the nation's top experts in early motor development. Recently, Pathways created an online learning course for the American Academy of Pediatrics that helps pediatricians recognize motor delays as early as two months, earlier than previously thought possible. Pathways' groundbreaking tummy time video (<http://www.pathwaysawareness.org/tummytime>) has helped thousands of parents learn how to safely implement tummy time to prevent early motor delays.

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