

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: SINCE ITS FOUNDING, CHILDREN MENDING HEARTS HAS USED THE POWER OF ART TO CONNECT AT-RISK CHILDREN IN AMERICA WITH THOSE LIVING IN CONFLICT ZONES AROUND THE GLOBE, BRINGING HOPE AND HAPPINESS TO SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE. ITS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ALSO EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO EMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS, OFFERING THEM A SENSE OF BELONGING TO A WIDER COMMUNITY. THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS GIVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN A CHANCE TO PUT THEIR TALENTS TO USE TO HELP BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD.

WHEREAS: ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, CMH WILL HOST ITS "PLEASE MR. PRESIDENT" WORKSHOP HERE IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS WONDERFUL EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER WRITERS, ARTISTS, TEACHERS, CELEBRITIES, AND OTHERS TO HELP HOMELESS AND FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR CITY SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE PRESIDENT THROUGH ARTS AND CRAFTS AND PERSONAL LETTERS. BY GIVING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE, IT ALLOWS THEM TO SHARE THEIR DREAMS AND THE FRUITS OF THEIR IMAGINATIONS, WHILE REINFORCING FAITH IN THE IDEA THAT EACH OF US—NO MATTER OUR BACKGROUND OR LIVING CIRCUMSTANCES—PLAYS A PART IN BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

WHEREAS: OUR ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT OUR CITY'S HOMELESS RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES THEY NEED. THAT'S WHY OUR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES WORKS TIRELESSLY TO FIND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN SHELTERS—AND TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE PREVENTATIVE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. THROUGH THE DHS OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS, WE ALSO WORK WITH A WIDE NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS TO HOMELESS FAMILIES AROUND THE FIVE BOROUGHS. TODAY, WE ARE PROUD TO JOIN CHILDREN MENDING HEARTS FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT. ON BEHALF OF OUR CITY, I APPLAUD CMH FOR ITS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED, AND EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2009 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"CHILDREN MENDING HEARTS DAY"



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