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### **Rent Me Homes to help youth aging out of foster care**

**Daytona Beach, FL (MAR 16, 2011)** – Community Partnership for Children is teaming up with Rent Me Homes of Ormond Beach to help 32 youth who are aging out of foster care in 2010. Rent Me Homes is hosting a two-month-long fundraiser to raise \$500 per child for a total of \$16,000. The funds will be used to help meet the individual needs of each child and could go toward items like a new laptop, household items, or business attire for job interviews. Community Partnership case managers will meet individually with each child to help them determine their specific need and the best use of the funds. Funds donated to this cause are tax deductible and one hundred percent of the donation will be given directly to the children. For more information on the fundraiser, contact 386-677-5594 or visit [rentmehomes.com](http://rentmehomes.com).

As part of the fundraising, Rent Me Homes will hold a sidewalk sale on Saturday, April 9 from 8am to 2pm. They are accepting donated items for this sale through April 7 at the office located at 136 N. Orchard St. Ste. 3 in Ormond Beach.

Youth who age out of foster care may also be eligible to receive funding assistance toward college tuition and living expenses through the Road To Independence (RTI) scholarship, if they meet the requirements of the program. RTI funding is limited and is made available through the State of Florida as funds are available. Community Partnership for Children anticipates an RTI funding shortfall of \$600,000 this fiscal year. The agency is committed to finding the needed funds through alternate budgetary resources to cover the deficit and to ensure eligible children will not go without.

“It is very difficult for children who age out of foster care,” said Community Partnership for Children CEO Mark Jones. “We are so grateful for the help we receive from our local business community. I encourage other businesses to join in and help Rent Me Homes with this initiative. It’s a tax deductible donation for a great cause.”

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About Community Partnership for Children: Community Partnership for Children cares for over 1,300 children each year who have been victims of abandonment, abuse or neglect. The organization contracts with the Department of Children and Families and partners with local service providers to implement a quality system-of-care for the citizens of Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties.

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