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Child Saving Institute "Tops Out" New Building Construction

Omaha Nebraska - Friday, November 3, 2006 CSI will celebrate the traditional beam raising – “topping out” ceremony at 10:00 a.m. when the final beam will be placed at the highest point of the current new structure at 115 S. 46th Street.

Whenever a building’s last steel beam is secured into place, work stops for the “topping out” or “topping off” ceremony. This usually involves hoisting a white beam, signed by the people most involved in the project. The steel can bear an American flag and/or an evergreen tree. Topping out is a signal that the uppermost steel beam is going into place, that the structure has reached its height.

No two “topping out” ceremonies are exactly alike. The evergreen symbolizes that the job went up without a loss of life, while for others it’s a good luck charm for the future occupants. The flag signals or suggests patriotism and the American dream. For CSI, this is a great point of celebration. Just as the beam rises to the highest point of the agencies construction, we are one milestone closer to achieving CSI’s goal of “a campus of hope” for our community’s children.

Child Saving Institute, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit child welfare organization, is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Since 1892, CSI's mission has never wavered from providing care for abandoned, neglected and abused children. CSI has met the changing needs of children in the Omaha metro area based on the belief that children are the community's most valuable resource. CSI’s Mission: Responding to the cry of a child.

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