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Child Saving Institute Guild presents scholarship luncheon

OMAHA, Nebraska – Child Saving Institute’s (CSI) Guild will present a scholarship to an agency client at a special luncheon with guest author and former foster child, Ashley Rhodes-Courter. The event will be held Tuesday, April 22nd at the Happy Hollow Country Club located at 1701 South 105th Street. The luncheon fundraiser will be emceed by WOWT Channel 6 Anchor John Knicely. Tickets are \$45 for individuals. Tables of 8 and 10 are available for \$360 and \$450 respectively. Event chairs are Carmen Smith and Tina Kurtz.

Guest speaker Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent 9 years in foster care and in 14 different placements before being adopted at age 12 by Phil & Gay Courter of Crystal River Florida. Her book, *Three Little Words*, tells her story and shares her hope with foster children and encourages adoption and permanency. The New York Times Magazine published her grand prize winning essay (out of 3000 high school entries) about her adoption day. In 2007 she was one of 20 college students selected for the USA Today All-USA Academic Team. She was one of the four Golden *Brick Award* winners for outstanding advocacy by Do Something, and was named one of Glamour Magazine’s Top Ten College Women.

For event information, contact the CSI Development office at (402) 504-3664 or visit childsaving.org. A book signing with Ashley Rhodes-Courter will be held immediately following the event program.

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 staff members have addressed the changing needs of children in the Omaha metropolitan area through services consistent with the agency’s mission: Responding to the cry of the child. This Guild scholarship provides one more way to address the needs of one more child.

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