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### *Local Boy Scout's Eagle Project Benefits Children & Families First*

Georgetown – A ribbon cutting ceremony recognizing the efforts of local Boy Scout Ronald “Trey” Tyndall III of Troop 95 in Georgetown in building a gazebo to benefit the non-profit Children & Families First is scheduled for **Monday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.** The project is part of Tyndall’s requirements towards rank of Eagle Scout. The event will take place at Children & Families First, 410 South Bedford Street, Georgetown.

Tyndall is the nephew of Beverly Passwaters, Facilities Manager at Children & Families First. When Tyndall was looking for an activity for his Eagle project, “We thought it was a perfect match for what he wanted to accomplish and our agency’s needs,” says Passwaters.

As part of the beautification project, Tyndall developed the detailed plans then solicited area businesses for donations to help off-set the cost of lumber and other materials for construction of the gazebo. The 144-square foot structure, complete with built-in seating and surrounding flowers and plants, will provide a restful place for the staff and clients of the social service agency. Businesses such as 84 Lumber gave a discount on lumber and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce responded by donating funds as well as the man power from several of its members. Tyndall and the volunteers constructed the gazebo and completed landscaping over two weekends.

The May 5<sup>th</sup> ceremony to officially unveil the gazebo will include members of the Georgetown Chamber, Children & Families First staff, members from Wesley Church where the Scouts meet, as well as other local dignitaries.

*Children & Families First, a private non-profit agency, strengthens families and helps them manage their work and personal life responsibilities by providing social, educational and mental health services and by enhancing the supply and quality of care and education for children and elders. Services include parent education, child and elder care resource and referral services, foster care, adoption, welfare to work programs, programs to increase child care quality and availability, home-based case management, truancy prevention, counseling, a youth residential treatment center, as well as teen pregnancy prevention and infant mortality prevention programs. Services are provided out of eight offices located throughout Delaware as well as in homes, schools, and other community locations. Over 50,000 individuals benefited from services statewide in 2007. Children & Families First is a member of the United Way of Delaware and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children).*

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