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**Annie Malone Welcomes St. Louis to its
Open House and Website Launch**

St. Louis, MO – The Friends of Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center will host a community Open House and officially launch the agency’s updated website on Thursday, January 17, 2008 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Annie Malone.

All of St. Louis is invited to come and join staff and friends in the celebration of the 120-year history of the agency, learn more about the range of services offered and take a tour of the agency’s new look on the web. Light refreshments will be served.

“We are looking forward to opening our doors to St. Louis,” said Richard L. King, Chief Executive Officer of Annie Malone. “There is much to be thankful for and we’re anxious to share it,” he said.

In 2007, Annie Malone was awarded a contract to provide food service in St. Louis City Hall - Annie M. Café. The Café serves breakfast, lunch and snacks to City employees and City Hall visitors. Annie Malone was also awarded a contract from the state of Missouri for a Transitional Living Program to provide housing and life skills to teenagers 16-20 years old. Annie Malone continues to serve more than 1,000 children and families annually through its residential treatment services, day care, family focus and parent enhancement workshops, therapeutic school and food and catering service-Annie M. Fine Cuisine.

Annie Malone first opened its doors in 1888 as the St. Louis Colored Orphan’s Home with a dedication to helping orphaned and neglected children. In 1946 in tribute to the loyalty of one of its board members, philanthropist Annie M. Turnbo Pope Malone, the St. Louis Colored Orphans Home was renamed as Annie Malone Children’s Home. The Home’s name changed again in 1993 to Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center in response to the growth and diversity of its services.

For more information on the Open House and website launch, please call (314) 531-0120.

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