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BOSTON—November 16, 2009—Boston-based Child King Foundation (CKF) a 501c(3) non-profit designed to benefit organizations, charities and individuals who assist those with intellectual disabilities, has announced its first round of national CKF grants.

“I have been continually inspired by those individuals with intellectual disabilities who I have met and worked with – by their drive, motivation, energy, and passion for all they take on and accomplish,” said Jeff Kerr, founder of CKF. “With more than 106.4 million individuals worldwide with intellectual and developmental disabilities, it is critical that this cause does not become a once-a-year focus but rather that we create opportunities year-round to sustain those individuals and organizations that work to help the intellectually disabled excel and achieve their goals.”

The eight grant recipients for 2009 are: Down Syndrome in Arts and Media, Los Angeles, California; West Branch Parent Support Group, West Branch, Michigan; Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Cardinal Cushing Center, Hanover, Massachusetts; Barstow's Down Syndrome Support Group, Barstow, California; Reach, Inc., Plymouth, Massachusetts; Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area, Danville, California and Rockdale Cares, Conyers, Georgia.

Foundation funds are generated from from the sale of The Child King DVD, a holiday-themed movie that Kerr wrote and co-produced with his brother, Frank. The film tells the story of a teenager with Down syndrome who takes his younger brother on a life-changing adventure to find Santa Claus at the North Pole. The feature-length motion picture is available for purchase on-line at www.thechildking.com. For more information on the Child King Foundation's grant program please visit, www.childkingfoundation.org.

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