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CCF President to Discuss Poverty at Eyes on Richmond Forum

Richmond, Va. – Monday, Sept. 22, 2008 – Christian Children's Fund President and CEO Anne Goddard will speak about the organization and its work with deprived, excluded and vulnerable children at an Eyes on Richmond lunchtime forum.

The forum takes place 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall at 815 E. Grace St. A question-and-answer session will follow Goddard's presentation.

Eyes on Richmond is a weekly event held on Fridays in which speakers address issues concerning Richmond and the rest of the world. Eyes on Richmond began in 1996 and runs from September through November.

"CCF fights the root causes of poverty. Our work is focused on today and tomorrow," Goddard said. "We have to do something about the person suffering in front of us right now, but we also know that the most cost effective way of reducing poverty is by preventing people from becoming poor in the first place."

Goddard became the eighth president and CEO of Christian Children's Fund (CCF) in 2007. She is only the second woman to serve as CCF's president in its 70-year history.

Her experience includes serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya; a project coordinator for CARE in Bangladesh; CARE's director/deputy regional director; CARE's country director in Egypt; and CARE's chief of staff.

Goddard is a 1977 graduate of Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., and received a master's degree in Public Health, Health Education/International Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984.

For more information on the Eyes on Richmond forum, visit www.stpauls-episcopal.org or call 643-3589.

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