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(Indianapolis, IN)—To benefit youth in Indianapolis, Managed Health Services (MHS) is contributing five computers to the Wheeler Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis, MHS President and Chief Executive Officer Rita Johnson-Mills announced Wednesday.

Over 106 years old, the Wheelers Boys and Girls Club is for youth ages five through 18 and has a total membership of more than 10,000 children.

Ms. Johnson-Mills said, "We at Managed Health Services sincerely believe that the futures of our Hoosier Healthwise children are strongly dependent on the leadership provided within the community in which they live. MHS is honored to contribute five computers to the Wheeler Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis. We decided to make

a contribution because the club is recognized as a youth guidance organization dedicated to assisting less fortunate Indianapolis youth in realizing and developing

vocational skills for living through the promotion of health, social, education, leadership, character development and guidance experiences.

"While MHS is in the business of helping our Members obtain quality health care services, we are also committed to helping improve the quality of life in the communities were serve. We can't think of a better way to play a positive role in Indianapolis than to supply computers for these children. Good health, education and career development will go a long way toward improving the quality of life for these children."

The Wheeler Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis Program Director Charletta Reynolds praised MHS for delivering the computers at the club's facility, 2310 E, 30th Street.

"MHS's generous contribution is a major boost to help our young people succeed," Reynolds said. "The computers will be used to replace current outdated or non-functional systems that can no longer support the clubs core programs, which include: Character and Leadership Development; Education and Career Development; Health and Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness and Recreation."

State Representative William A. Crawford, Democrat—98th District, who attended the presentation, said, "I am delighted Managed Health Services is taking a special interest in our children. Service organizations such as The Wheeler boys and Girls Club need the involved support of the business community. We should all remember that it is today's children that will soon be tomorrow's workforce and the leaders of this state and country. We must ensure that they have the educational opportunities and tools to tackle the challenges of the future."

MHS is a managed care organization serving the Hoosier Healthwise population throughout Indiana and is a subsidiary of Centene Corporation. MHS has three Indiana offices, which are located in Indianapolis, Merrillville, and Ft. Wayne. The Indianapolis office is the headquarters for the health plan.

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