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## **Children's Board Member Honored with National PTA Life Achievement Award**



**Tampa, FL** – On Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Children's Board of Hillsborough County board member Susan Schneider was presented with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA) Life Achievement Award in recognition of her "devoted and distinguished services to children and youth." The National PTA Life Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the PTA, and it is given only to those who have demonstrated exemplary service in support of children.

The award was established in 1899, just two years after PTA's founding, to pay tribute to those who had demonstrated extraordinary contributions to the lives of children.

"PTA promotes the collaboration of families, schools, and communities throughout the country, and encourages everyone who cares about kids to speak up with a powerful voice on their behalf," said PTA National President Jan Harp Domene. "Susan Schneider possesses a mighty voice, and we cannot thank her enough for the work she has done and undoubtedly will continue to do. On behalf of the more than 5 million members of PTA, it is my personal privilege to present her with the National PTA Life Achievement Award."

*The Children's Board serves as the leading voice and advocate for children and families in our community. The board is the only organization of its kind in Hillsborough County that generates revenue to help children and families.*

*The board has a unique ability to flexibly fund child-serving agencies as well as leverage dollars from state and federal government. In the past five years, the board has invested \$34 million taxpayer dollars to generate \$201 million new dollars into Hillsborough County. This demonstrates a return on investment of almost \$6-to-\$1 benefiting children and families. In 2008, Children's Board funded agencies served more than 200,000 citizens.*

*The Children's Board is recognized nationally for its contributions to best practices in policies and programs aiding children and families. Citizens may visit [www.childrensboard.org](http://www.childrensboard.org) to learn more about the board's programs.*

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