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## ANGELS OF HOPE LUNCHEON BENEFITING CHILD ADVOCATES RAISES OVER \$350.000

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the Westin Galleria

HOUSTON, TEXAS, December 20, 2012 - **CHILD ADVOCATES' Angels of Hope Luncheon** took place on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Over 650 guests gathered at the Westin Galleria to honor long time volunteers and supporters of Child Advocates – **Kimberly C. David** and **Dolly Dawson Thomas**.

Led by Luncheon Chairs Rosemary Schatzman and Phyllis Williams, the 2012 luncheon saluted the honorees, featured a runway show of 2013 Spring collection by Brunello Cucinelli presented by Neiman Marcus Galleria and shared special story from Dr. Jun Behr-We. Dr. Behr-We shared her heart-felt story of her teenage years and overcoming child abuse. With the help of her advocate, Shirley McElroy Webber, Jun's family received much need counseling (in her parents' native tongue, Mandarin Chinese) that ultimately stopped the cycle of abuse for her family and allowed them to reunite.

The luncheon began with a reception at 11:30 and seating at noon. Guests participated in a raffle of extraordinary packages. Throughout the past 22 years, the Angels of Hope luncheon has raised over \$3,500,000 to help support the mission of Child Advocates, Inc.

Child Advocates, Inc. mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. We speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive. Since 1984, Child Advocates have trained more than 4,100 advocate volunteers and served more than 18,500 abused children in Harris County.