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Miss Teen DC United States Partners with Women with Children Program

WASHINGTON, DC- On **June 19th, 2017**, Micaela Ophelia Leroux Burch, Miss Teen DC United States, visited Samaritan Inns' Women with Children program at the Clark Inn, located at 1422 Harvard Street NW. She showed her support of Samaritan Inns' mission, and donated toys, games, and diapers for the children whose parents are in the program. After participating in a previous volunteer opportunity--a dinner fellowship for the Adult Treatment Program--with her school, Micaela became interested in learning more about the children and how she could support and advocate for them.

Micaela is a 16-year-old rising senior at the National Cathedral School for Girls ("NCS"). At her third pageant, approximately one month after her second pageant, Micaela won Miss Teen District of Columbia United States 2017. Micaela believes strongly in the core values of excellent work, personal courage, personal conscience, and service to others. She is passionate about helping children learn, the earlier the better. Micaela's academic and career interests dovetail with her service activities. She plans to conduct research and practice in neuropsychology and the arts. She is interested in understanding the role that the visual and performing arts play in brain development, cognitive growth, and emotional intelligence. Micaela's goals include master's and doctorate degrees.

Addicted mothers, along with their dependent children, are one of the greatest underserved populations in the District of Columbia; there are nearly a thousand homeless families, of which half are headed by addicted mothers, and there are thousands more who are at risk of being homeless as a result of substance abuse. With the Women with Children Program, Samaritan Inns looks to address those needs and build a better future for families battling addiction.

About Samaritan Inns

Since Samaritan Inns founding in 1985, our mission has been to provide structured housing and recovery services in an environment of support and accountability that give homeless or at risk individuals who suffer from drug and alcohol addictions the opportunity to rebuild their lives. For 30 years, our programs and services have treated and saved more than 10,000 citizens in the District of Columbia. One year after completion of the final phase of the comprehensive program, our graduates report that over 90% are drug/alcohol free, employed full time, and live in their own apartment or home.

For more information about the program and mission, please visit our website at SamaritanInns.org and follow us @SamaritanInns. For more information on Miss Teen DC, or to schedule an appearance, contact Regina Burch at reginaburch@usa.net or (202) 248-4115.

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