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KITES FOR KIDS—KIDSVOICE'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT IN SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH—REACHES ITS GOAL OF 5,000 KITES!

P I T T S B U R G H - - Kites For Kids, the annual community event held by KidsVoice, reached its goal of having 5,000 kites on display at the Carnegie Science Center this past weekend.

The community was asked throughout the month of April to send in kites and kite drawings to the Science Center, as well as to bring them in person to the event on Saturday, May 2. This show of support during Child Abuse Prevention Month culminated in more than 5,000 kites on display, and these contributions came from a host of community and service organizations, area schools, youth groups, religious organizations, and the general public. The goal of 5,000 kites symbolizes the number of children in Allegheny County served each year by KidsVoice.

KidsVoice is a non-profit agency that advocates in court and in the community for the rights of abused and neglected kids in Allegheny County. It is a voice of hope and advocacy for children who cannot always speak for themselves.

Kites For Kids, held on Saturday, May 2, featured kite-flying demonstrations inside and outside of the Carnegie Science Center—on land and on the river—as well as live musical performances and exhibitor booths.

Exhibitors at the event included Highmark and UPMC Health Plan; musical performances included sets from Frank Cappelli, Sarah Marince, Kelsey Friday & The Rest of The Week, Jamie Bruno, and a CAPA student voice ensemble.

Attending the event and publicly addressing the assembled members of the community were Congressman Tim Murphy, and Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato accompanied by KidsVoice Spokeswoman Shelly Onorato.

The Kites For Kids event was brought to you in part by KidsVoice's "Sky High Sponsors": Get Go, Fox Rothschild LLP, Solutions 21, and Comcast.

For more information on KidsVoice and Kites for Kids, visit www.kidsvoice.org or call 412-391-3100.

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