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**CFPIN's Mother's Day Event Serves 822 Children, 324 Mothers**

**LINCOLN, Neb. (May 5, 2010)** – More than 300 mothers will have a brighter Mother's Day this year as a result of a Center for People in Need event May 1.

Attending the second annual Mother's Day event were 822 children who selected gifts for 324 mothers. The children were able to select gifts for their mothers and had assistance from volunteer "personal shoppers" to wrap the gifts.

"The children loved being able to pick out a gift for their mom and the moms really appreciated being able to receive a brand new gift," said Executive Director Beatty Brasch. "Giving these families a little joy when they are struggling to make ends meet is very rewarding for our volunteers and staff."

Two of those celebrating Mother's Day this year are Nyobuoy and Salma, both of Sudan. This is Nyobuoy's first year celebrating Mother's Day, while it's Salma's second.

“They really loved it,” Nyobuoy said about her three excited children bringing her to the Center to receive Mother’s Day gifts. The children, 5- and 4-year old girls and a 2-year-old boy, were so excited that they insisted Nyobuoy open her gifts the moment they got home from Saturday’s event. “It really means a lot to me. It’s the first time I got a gift from them.”

Salma’s children are a bit more patient – her daughters, ages 11, 9, 6 and 4, and son, age 2 – are planning a special celebration for their mom on Sunday.

“It was really exciting for the kids to come here for Mother’s Day gifts,” Salma said. “It’s really good to be helped by people who give you help.”

Both Nyobuoy and Salma say they don’t have the money to buy anything for themselves so they really appreciate getting something new for Mother’s Day.

Both women are receiving job training at the Center for People in Need, as well as other resources to help them while they pursue job training and other educational opportunities.

“I’m just thankful for the Center,” Nyobuoy said.

Families attending the Mother’s Day event must be at or below 150 percent of the poverty level, or \$33,075 or below for a family of four.

*The Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Unit 1, provides comprehensive services and opportunities to support low-income, high needs families and individuals as they strive to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency. More information on the Center’s programs is available at [centerforpeopleinneed.org](http://centerforpeopleinneed.org).*

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