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Child Guidance Clinic**

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**USC Honors Local Volunteer for 45 Years of Service to
Central and South Los Angeles Community**

April 12, 2006 – In recognition of his many years of community service, as an advocate and provider of children's mental health services, Quinton James, M.D. was selected to receive a *University of Southern California (USC) 2006 Good Neighbor Volunteer Award*. Each year, this award honors individuals for their commitment and work to enhance the quality of life for the people who live and work in the neighborhoods surrounding USC.

Following his passion to help children and families improve their lives, Dr. James has been promoting mental health for the communities of Central and South Los Angeles for over 45 years. Dr. James has served the community in many capacities, including as Chief of Child and Adolescent Services at Martin Luther King Hospital, as a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry for the USC School of Medicine and as a child psychiatrist working in schools of LAUSD.

Dr. James' volunteer work is highlighted by 15 years of service on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic – a mental health clinic serving children and families in Central and South Los Angeles. As past Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Dr. James provided invaluable leadership in the development and implementation of innovative programs and services that bring quality mental health care to children and their families. This includes services recognized by the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission for their quality and effectiveness, as well as programs which have received national awards from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for services excellence and the American Psychiatric Association for advancing minority mental health.

Further, Dr. James' civic appointments include service with the following organizations: California Delegate to the White House Conference on Children; the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; the Health Committee to Write Standards for Child Care, California Department of Public Health; and the American Psychiatric Association: Task Force on Ethnocentricity Among Psychiatrists and the Committee of Black Psychiatrists. He has been a member of the Southern California Society for Child Psychiatry since 1966, and has served as the organization's past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. James is also an active member of Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

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