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**CCLC®'s Fran Durekas Receives Prestigious
Bonnie Dayan Memorial Award from Companies That Care**

***Durekas Recognized for Best Practices in Employee Engagement
and Active Community Involvement***

Portland, Ore. (June 1, 2011) – Fran Durekas, Founder and Chief Development Officer for [CCLC](#), was honored with the 2011 Bonnie Dayan Memorial Award from [Center for Companies That Care](#) during the opening reception at the non-profit organization's recent community symposium. Durekas was lauded for her leadership and consistent dedication to developing a strong foundation of happy, motivated and focused staff members through a company culture that values and empowers employees.

"It's a wonderful and humbling honor to accept this award, which is one that so many people contributed to," said Durekas. "This award is a tribute to our entire organization, our teachers and our clients who foster opportunities to grow in all they do, every day."

The Bonnie Dayan Memorial Award recognizes a Companies That Care Honor Roll individual who "exemplifies outstanding employee engagement, motivating employees and communities to thrive at his/her own employer and encouraging other employers to do the same."

Companies That Care cited Durekas' leadership both inside and outside of CCLC as reasons she was selected for the Bonnie Dayan Memorial Award. "Fran's great ideas, follow-through and willingness to go the extra mile to motivate her team to provide top-notch child care and to get involved in their communities, make her a very worthy winner of this year's Bonnie Dayan Memorial Award," said Cynthia Cobb, Program Director for Companies That Care.

CCLC, founded by Durekas in 1992, creates customized early childhood education and care solutions for companies and their employees. Durekas helps design and drive programs to encourage the individual pursuit of work-life integration, offer diverse development opportunities, appreciate the achievements of CCLC employees, and provide competitive wages and benefits. As a result, CCLC fosters a culture with high employee satisfaction and retention.

Outside of CCLC, Durekas has contributed to the well-being of the individuals and families in her community as an active member of state and national child care organizations, such as National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and as a board member for the California Polytechnic State University's Child Development Department.

About Center for Companies That Care

Center for Companies That Care is a national, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to engaging employers in improving the lives of employees, families and communities. If you're interested in membership in the organization's Community of Caring or applying for the 2012 Honor Roll, please visit www.companies-that-care.org or call 312.661.1010.

About CCLC®

[CCLC](#)® is a leading provider of employer-sponsored early childhood education and care solutions to a wide range of organizations, including many Fortune 500 companies. CCLC operates more than 100 eco-healthy child development centers for children ages six weeks to 12 years. CCLC's customized care programs foster healthy learning for children, and support its clients' work-life vision for employees. For more information, visit www.cclc.com, and join us on facebook.com/ConnectCCLC and twitter.com/ConnectCCLC.

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