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Cleveland Play House Donates \$10,000+ in Tickets to A CAROL FOR CLEVELAND

CPH Also Donates \$4,000 in Cash to The Centers for Families and Children

Cleveland, OH (December 20, 2012) – Cleveland Play House (CPH) has donated cash and tickets for its holiday production of *A Carol for Cleveland* to local charitable groups to help families in need. As part of its mission to serve the community in Northeast Ohio, and to introduce new audiences to live theatre, over \$10,000 worth of tickets were distributed through the help of The Centers for Families and Children and Tickets for Kids. In addition, CPH made a cash contribution of \$4,000 from *A Carol of Cleveland* ticket sales to WSEM Food Centers, which are part of the family of programs within The Centers for Families and Children.

Through Tickets for Kids Charities, Cleveland Play House donated tickets to four local charities: Pressley Ridge, Lexington-Bell Community Center, Original Harvest Outreach, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland. Tickets for Kids Charities receives tickets for performing arts events all over the country and donates them to children served by hundreds of nonprofit social service agencies and community groups that chaperone children and their families to the events.

Through The Centers for Families and Children, Cleveland Play House donated tickets to participants in four of their programs: WSEM Food Centers, Early Learning/Behavioral Health, El Barrio Workforce Development and Ease@Work. The Centers is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio, serving over 20,000 people each year with a wide variety of services that are easily accessible through their 18 locations and community outreach across Greater Cleveland.

Founded in 1915, **Cleveland Play House** is America's first professional regional theatre. Throughout its rich history, Cleveland Play House has remained dedicated to its mission to inspire, stimulate and entertain diverse audiences in Northeast Ohio by producing plays and theatre education programs of the highest professional standards. It has produced more than 100 world and/or American premieres, and over its long history more than 12 million people have attended over 1,300 CPH productions. Today, under the leadership of Artistic Director Michael Bloom and Managing Director Kevin Moore, Cleveland Play House looks toward its centennial while performing in three state-of-the-art venues at PlayhouseSquare in downtown Cleveland.

Cleveland Play House is funded through the generosity of Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and The Ohio Arts Council helps to fund Cleveland Play House with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.