



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2015

**BOB AND PAT SCHIEFFER
TO JOIN DISTINGUISHED GROUP
OF RUBY SLIPPER AWARD WINNERS**

**ANDERSON COOPER to present award for outstanding service to children with
special needs to Veteran CBS Newsman and Education Advocate**

New York City -- On May 7, 2015, SKIP of New York will honor long-time supporters Bob and Pat Schieffer with the 12th annual Ruby Slipper Award. Journalist Anderson Cooper, anchor of Anderson Cooper 360°, will present the award to the Schieffers.

Each year, SKIP acknowledges those who have rendered exceptional service to children with special needs with the *Ruby Slipper Award*. Previous Awardees comprise an inspiring group that includes Caroline Kennedy, Meredith Vieira, Sally Quinn, Deirdre Imus, and Mortimer B. Zuckerman, among others.

"SKIP is about granting childhoods," said Margaret Mikol, Executive Director and Co-Founder. "The Schieffers, in their unassuming way, have championed New York's most medically vulnerable children for years, and we are delighted to honor them with this award."

Bob Schieffer, a leading political journalist, has been with CBS News for 46 years and currently serves as its Chief Washington Correspondent and moderator of Face the Nation. His wife, Pat, has served on the Boards of many schools and is an advocate for access to quality education at all levels.

"Pat and I have been involved with SKIP for over a decade. SKIP is a great organization – they transform the lives of thousands of medically fragile children each year by getting them the services and support they need," said Bob Schieffer. "On behalf of those kids and their families, we're honored to receive the 2015 Ruby Slipper Award."

About the Event:

The May 7th Celebration is a fundraiser that will run from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, as well as the Awards Presentation, hosted by Comedian Rob Bartlett. Proceeds from the event benefit SKIP and the children currently on their waiting list. The Celebration will be held at SKIP's offices in the Starrett-Lehigh Building, overlooking the Hudson River at 601 West 26th Street, Suite 522, New York, NY 10001. **Tickets** for the event run from \$225 to \$425; \$75 for Juniors and may be purchased on SKIP's website. For more information, please visit www.skipofny.org or call (212) 268-5999 x238.

About SKIP: SKIP (Sick Kids [Need] Involved People) helps New York's sickest children. The award-winning SKIP acts as a free medical concierge, connecting children with the services and equipment they need to heal and live at home rather than in hospitals or institutions. Over 800,000 children in New York suffer from autism, developmental disabilities, birth defects or disabling accidents. SKIP transforms the lives of the 5,000 medically vulnerable children it helps each year. And, on average, SKIP saves over \$50 million in public expense annually. Established in 1983, SKIP is the only 501 (c)(3) nonprofit of its kind.

###