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### **Child AbuseWatch announces the national Child Advocate Award recipient for 2009**

October 9, 2009, Boca Raton, Florida: Child AbuseWatch has announced that their Child Advocate Honoree for 2009 is Vicki Tucci Esq. Ms. Tucci is the Circuit Director of the West Palm Beach – 15th Judicial Circuit - State of Florida, Guardian ad Litem Program.

One Child International Inc., the international non-profit operator of Child AbuseWatch, a child abuse prevention organization, selected Ms. Tucci from a list of candidates put forward by the board of directors. Ms. Tucci was selected for the work she has accomplished leading and maintaining a high level of services for an organization that represents thousands of abused and neglected children during times of severe State budget cutbacks. In addition Ms. Tucci took the initiative and supported the founding of a dedicated non-profit – Speak Up for Kids – which raises money and services to help the children in the Guardian ad Litem care from private sources.

“Vicki was an obvious choice for us,” One Child international President, Evin Daly, said, “She is one of the invisible guardians for our community’s children. We are proud to name her as our 2009 award recipient.”

The Guardian ad Litem Program serves a volunteer base of over 350 community advocates who advocate for the best interests of abused, abandoned and neglected children. Ms. Tucci is also an Instructor at South University, teaching an ABA-Approved Paralegal Program since 2004. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center.

Child AbuseWatch ([www.abusewatch.net](http://www.abusewatch.net)) is an international child abuse prevention organization whose mission is the protection of children from abuse. They have a presence in the U.S., Canada,

the UK, Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Child AbuseWatch is operated and managed by One Child International Inc. in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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