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NO LIMITING BELIEFS: SPECIALIST STAFFING GROUP TO HOST AUCTION BENEFITING SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ILLINOIS

May 26, 2016 (Chicago, IL) – Specialist Staffing Group, the US division of SThree plc, hosts its 3rd Annual Auction of Promises on **Wednesday, June 15th, from 6:00pm-10:00pm at the luxurious Chez Chicago** (247 E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611). All proceeds from the event will benefit SOS Children's Villages Illinois and help approximately 500 children receiving support and programming from the organization right here in Illinois.

"No Limiting Beliefs is a phrase we commonly use when we look at the way we approach new business opportunities," said Ginnette Harvey, Vice President, Specialist Staffing Group. "It also applies in our aspirations to take Auction of Promises to a new level this year and raise more money for SOS Children's Villages Illinois than ever before."

SThree plc, which is headquartered in the UK, has partnered with SOS Children's Villages globally for the last seven years. The company's contribution to SOS Children's Villages internationally includes:

- Since 2010, funding 14 scholarships in the UK for talented students who would otherwise struggle financially to attend university.
- In 2015, donating over \$250,000 to SOS Children's Villages, bringing the 7-year partnership total to over \$1 million.
- Continuing to have a profound impact on the Chipata Village in Zambia, Africa, by providing such services as: schooling, uniforms and medical treatment.

The Auction of Promises event has transformed dramatically over the past three years. What started as a modest event in 2014 in an apartment community space with \$24,000 raised, grew into nearly 250 guests at the historic Franklin Building and \$50,000 raised in 2015. Proceeds raised at the 2015 Auction will support the building of a new community center at SOS Children's Villages Illinois' Roosevelt Square Village.

The 3rd Annual Auction of Promises will take the event to new heights. Chez Chicago offers a luxurious space to host roughly 300 guests from the Chicago business community for a Wednesday to remember. Guests will be greeted with champagne, an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a live luxury auction, and nationally renowned DJ Zeke (NBA-Hall-of-Famer Isiah Thomas' Son).

"SOS Children's Villages Illinois is proud to partner with Specialist Staffing Group and its enthusiastic and committed staff who genuinely care for the betterment of the children in our care," said SOS Children's Villages CEO Tim McCormick. "Their generosity has an exponential



impact, because wherever we are able to strengthen our communities, so too are we able to create safe, loving places, where we transform lives of those in need and ultimately change the fabric of our society.”

For more information about the event and ticket purchases, visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-auction-of-promises-summer-kick-off-benefit-tickets-24052457548>

About Specialist Staffing Group:

Specialist Staffing Group, the US division of STthree plc currently has operations in New York, Boston, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, San Diego, Austin and Minneapolis.

The STthree plc Group is one of the world's largest specialist staffing businesses, listed on the London Stock Exchange with 45 offices in 15 countries, employing c. 2,800 staff.

The Group specializes in STEM markets, delivering its service through 6 brands in the US: Real Life Sciences (Pharma, Biotech & Medical Devices), Huxley (Banking and Finance), Progressive Global Energy (Engineering), Computer Futures (Tech), Newington International (Specialist Exec Search) and Madison Black (Digital Marketing & Creative).

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About SOS Children's Villages Illinois:

SOS Children's Villages Illinois is a non-profit, child welfare agency that unites brothers and sisters in foster care and provides a safe space to heal for at-risk youth. Currently, the organization operates four sites: three Villages providing sibling group foster care at an 18-home Village (opened in 1993) in Lockport, Illinois; a 19-home Village (opened in 2004) in the Auburn Gresham/Englewood neighborhood of Chicago; a 14-home Village (opened 2014) in the Roosevelt Square Community of Chicago, as well as Casa Tepeyac (acquired in 2011), located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago, which is a short-term residential facility designed to assist at-risk male youth, ages 12-17.

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