Young Ambassadors Group of Council for Children's Rights and Young Affiliates of the Mint to co-host *"Envision and Empower*,**"** a benefit event featuring the photography of Ben Gately Williams

Media Advisory

Who: **Young Ambassadors Group (YAG) of Council for Children's Rights** and the **Young Affiliates of the Mint** will co-host a benefit event, *Envision and Empower,* featuring the photographs of Ben **Gately Williams,** a nationally acclaimed photographer based in Colorado. His work has been featured in Garden and Gun and Charleston Magazines.

What: *Envision and Empower* is a fundraising event designed to showcase the success of children in our community and the power of the arts to transform lives. Williams photographed nine local individuals who are realizing their dreams because of a cultural arts intervention and these thought-provoking images and captivating stories are the inspiration of *Envision & Empower*. In addition to the stories and featured photographs, **Rabbi Judy Schindler of Temple Beth El** and **Reverend Donnie Garris** of **Antioch Baptist Church** will participate in a panel discussion on the evening's theme. Live jazz music will be performed by **Buff Dillard.**

Where: The **Mint Museum Uptown;** 500 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC.

When: Thursday, **June 11, 2015. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Why: *Envision and Empower* seeks to raise awareness about the issues facing children in our community, demonstrate the benefits of cultural arts as a therapeutic intervention, and create a community movement to foster the continued growth and success of children.

How: Tickets are $50 for the general public; $40 for members of Young Ambassadors or Young Affiliates. For information and tickets, please visit https://envisionempower.splashthat.com. Proceeds from the event will go to support the programs of Council for Children's Rights and the Mint Museum of Art.

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