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### Lou Gossett Jr. to Speak at *A Place to Call Home* Fundraiser

**March 1, 2011 - Greensboro, N.C.** – Lou Gossett Jr., adoptive father and Oscar award winner, will share his family's story of adoption at the Children's Home Society of North Carolina annual fundraising luncheon - *A Place to Call Home* - on May 12, 2011 in Greensboro.

Gossett has charmed audiences worldwide, resulting in numerous awards including an Oscar for his role as a relentless military sergeant in *An Officer and a Gentleman*, and an Emmy for his portrayal of "Fiddler" in the historic mini-series *Roots*. Despite his many awards, arguably one of Gossett's most prized accomplishments is becoming a father.

In 1985, Gossett was working with other celebrities to bring attention to the issue of homelessness when a homeless teenage boy caught his attention. Determined to make a difference, Gossett tracked down the teen who touched his heart and made him an official member of the Gossett family through adoption.

Gossett's passion for his work is matched only by his strong belief in helping others by giving back to the community. On May 12, he will share his road to adoption as well as his belief in the importance of making a difference.

The *A Place to Call Home* luncheon offers a program designed to inspire individuals to support the mission of Children's Home Society. Through personal stories, this fundraiser presents a wonderful opportunity to help Children's Home Society find permanent, safe, and loving families for children.

The 2011 *A Place to Call Home* luncheon will be held May 12, 2011 at 11:30 am in Greensboro. Individuals interested in more information should call 1-800-632-1400 or visit [www.chsnc.org](http://www.chsnc.org)

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Since 1902, Children's Home Society of NC has been one of the state's leading resources in the effort to ensure that every child has a permanent, safe, and loving family. CHS works with state social service agencies and other community partners to help parents create a safe, positive setting for children to grow and thrive, to preserve families, and when necessary, to provide children with a healthy family setting through foster care or adoption. For more information, please visit [www.chsnc.org](http://www.chsnc.org).