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**FIRST STAGE CHILDREN'S THEATER HONORS SEN. KOHL
WITH "POSITIVE CHANGE" AWARD**

Milwaukee—On February 22, 2009, First Stage Children's Theater will recognize Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl for his many years of public service. First Stage commends the Senator on his commitment to children's issues, his work on behalf of law enforcement and crime prevention and his dedication to education in the state of Wisconsin. First Stage also recognizes his continuous efforts to support working families and his service as a role model, standing up for what he believes. Sen. Kohl is committed to making a difference in the community, which is the main theme in First Stage's current production, WITNESS, which runs until February 22 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee.

Sen. Kohl will receive the "Positive Change" award following the 1:00 p.m. performance of WITNESS on February 22, 2009. First Stage has previously given out the "Positive Change" award in 2006, coinciding with the production SMOLDERING FIRES. The "Positive Change" award is presented to honor community activists for their contributions. First Stage is honored to present the Senator with this award for his service to the community.

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First Stage Children's Theater is Milwaukee's premier, professional family theater. Founded in 1987, the mission of the company is to provide professional theater productions for young people and their families that engage, enlighten and entertain, Theater Academy training that fosters life skills through stage skills and dynamic in-school education programs that provide learning through theater.

First Stage is a member of the Theater Communications Group, TYA/USA, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education and Americans for the Arts as well as Theatre Wisconsin and Milwaukee Arts Partners, and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF).

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