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MEDIA ALERT

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### **HOME START ANNOUNCES MAJOR FUNDING FROM CUBIC CORPORATION**

San Diego, CA – Home Start is pleased to announce a major donation of \$3,000 has been granted by the Cubic Corporation for Home Start's Maternity Shelter Program. Home Start has been dedicated for over 37 years to providing family strengthening services and financial literacy education. Clients served are lower-income families with children who are at-risk of abuse or neglect or who have experience and maltreatment.

"Home Start's Maternity Shelter Program is urgently needed to prevent homelessness and abuse for vulnerable young women and their children. We are so grateful for Cubic Corporation's recent support and look forward to our continued partnership," said Home Start Chief Executive Officer, Laura A. Mustari, LCSW.

Home Start's Maternity Shelter Program expands the capacity within the San Diego region to prevent homelessness among under-served young women and their children by offering affordable, supervised housing in an urban region that suffers from an extreme lack of affordable housing for low-income renters.



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Founded in 1972, Home Start, Inc. is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit agency that provides services to children from low income families who require immediate, comprehensive solutions to ensure their safety and healthy development. Our mission is dedicated to child abuse prevention and family strengthening services. Today, Home Start reaches at-risk children right where it counts -- in the home, and then extends the helping hand to schools and the community. Some of our programs include: **Family Support Services** - Parents are taught accurate expectations of their children, how to interact with them and use positive, appropriate discipline. As a result, families are less isolated, more nurturing and cohesive. Parents are strengthened and are better able to protect their children in the future. **Therapeutic Counseling Services** are provided in the home or at our counseling centers. Services are provided on a sliding-fee scale or through the Victim Compensation Fund. **Family Self-Sufficiency Services** provide a "hand-up" rather than a handout by stabilizing families in crisis. Families are helped to move from welfare-to-work, many for the first time in their lives.

For more information about Home Start and our programs please visit us online at [www.home-start.org](http://www.home-start.org) or call (619) 692-0727 ext. 144.

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