

Donors Corner

(donations received February-June 2009)



Home Start is pleased to announce support from the following organizations.

Price-Galinson Collaborative Fund has awarded a 3-year grant for Capacity Building and general operating support. This grant will enable us to enhance the capacity of our prevention and treatment programs to serve lower-income children and families, utilizing research-based therapeutic and child development models.

Qualcomm has awarded a grant for our Therapeutic Counseling for Children and Families (TCCF). This grant will be used to engage and support a bilingual therapist for our TCCF program, which provides free therapeutic counseling to low-income youth and families from high need communities and schools to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and violence.

The Macy's Foundation has awarded a grant for our "Healing Together" Family Counseling program. This grant enables us to offer no-cost or affordable therapy to lower income non-offender parents with dependent children who have experienced domestic violence (including child abuse).



CEO Laura Mustari accepting check from San Diego Women's Foundation.

San Diego Women's Foundation has awarded a grant for our Home Start Economic Employment Development program (H-SEED). This grant will enable us to provide education, training, skills development and internships to low income individuals in the fields of accounting, bookkeeping and tax preparation through a unique collaboration with San Diego City College, IRS, San Diego Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition and Jobing.com.

St. Germaine Children's Charity has awarded us a grant for Child Therapy. This grant will enable us to provide therapeutic counseling to children and adolescents to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and violence, utilizing home and center-based trauma treatment service to low-income families throughout San Diego County.



L-R, Home Start board member Lynnette Hurd, St. Germaine board member Hedy Tiongco, Home Start CEO Laura Mustari with St. Germaine's Vice President Paula Taylor.

Mission Federal Credit Union Foundation has awarded a grant for our Youth Financial Literacy program. This will enable us to provide financial literacy education in 2009-2010 to economically disadvantaged middle and high school students at Mid City Charter School and John Muir School.

United Way of San Diego County awarded us grants in two different categories, one for Youth Financial Stability and another for Promoting Financial Literacy. As a result of our current economic crises, these grants are more critical than ever. Providing our young people with financial education, before they enter adulthood, is an essential strategy to foster family self-sufficiency and prevent chronic homelessness within economically challenged communities.



The Sweet Madness Women's Softball Tournament, sponsored by the **American Finest City Softball League**, played their hearts out this past Memorial weekend. Special thanks go to Home Start staff Courtney Hayashi and Teresa Smith and tournament directors Dani Godlett and Stacey Hayashi for all of their hard work and leadership. The tournament players donated over \$1,500 and lots of new toys, clothing and baby care items for our emergency warehouse in Mid-City.