

5005 Texas Street, Suite 203 – San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 692-0727 FAX (619) 692-0785



July 29, 2010

MEDIA ALERT

For further information, Contact
Erich Foeckler 619-692-0727 ext.144
efoeckler@home-start.org

For Immediate Release

Home Start Announces Major Funding from the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation

San Diego, CA – Home Start is pleased to announce a major grant of \$10,000 has been awarded by the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation for Home Start's Maternity Shelter Program. Home Start is a local child abuse prevention agency with over 38 years of service to San Diego County.

"The Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation has been a major supporter of Home Start for many years and we are very grateful for their ongoing support, and partnership" said Home Start Chief Executive Officer, Laura A. Mustari, LCSW, "this funding will allow us to continue to respond to an urgent need for transitional housing and supportive services assisting pregnant or parenting young women throughout San Diego County".

The Maternity Shelter Program serves all of San Diego County and aligns directly with Home Start's mission, to promote the safety and nurturance of children and families. The women that this program serves are low-income homeless or at-risk for homelessness and/or abuse, pregnant or parenting young women, 18-23 years of age and their dependent children. They and their children are at increased risk of developing physical or emotional health and safety problems including those related to substance abuse, child maltreatment, domestic violence, and becoming chronically dependent on the social service system. Home Start's educational programs help to give these young women the tools they need to rise above these risks.

Home Start was founded in 1972 as one of sixteen national Head Start demonstration projects. Since then, Home Start, Inc. has become a 501 (C) (3) non-profit agency that provides services to children living in poverty who require immediate, comprehensive solutions to ensure their safety and healthy development. Our mission is dedicated to child abuse prevention and family strengthening services.



Some of our programs include: Child Abuse Treatment Services - Children's Optimal Health and Development Services - Parent Child Interaction Therapy - Bilingual Parenting Education - Family Self-Sufficiency - Tax Services and Financial Literacy - Children's Health Insurance Enrollment - Community Services for Families - Individual and Family Counseling - Victims of Crime Counseling Services – Maternity Shelter Program.

For more information about Home Start and our programs or to schedule an interview, please call (619) 692-0727 ext. 144 or visit us online at www.home-start.org.

###