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Home Start Named One of The Nation's Top 50 Best Places to Work

San Diego, CA – Home Start, Inc. for the second year in a row has been named as one of the **Best NonProfit Organizations to Work for** in 2011. The awards program was created in 2010 and is a project of *The NonProfit Times* and Best Companies Group.

This nationwide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in the nonprofit industry, benefiting the industry's economy, its workforce and businesses. **The Best NonProfit Organizations to Work for** 2011 list is made up of 50 organizations.

To be considered for participation, organizations had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Have at least 15 employees working in the United States; must be a nonprofit organization with 501 (c) 3 status, have a facility in the United States; and must be in business a minimum of 1 year.

Organizations from across the nation entered the two-part process to determine the **Best NonProfit Organizations to Work for**. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated organization's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25% of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of a confidential employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top organizations and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process in the United States and also analyzed the data and used their expertise to determine the final rankings.



“My sincere thanks to each and every Home Start employee for taking the time to share your thoughts through the survey, you made this award happen. We want to continue to strive to be the best nonprofit to work for in San Diego, and our employees input is taken very seriously.” said Home Start Chief Executive Officer, Laura A. Mustari, LCSW, “This award we share together as I am truly proud to be working with the best staff around!!”

In the overall ranking of the 50 nationwide recognized organizations, **Home Start is recognized as #17**. For our size category of medium organization (those with 50-249 employees), **we are #6 out of 20 organizations** as listed in *The NonProfit Times* April 1, 2011 issue.

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 child strengthening services.

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

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