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HOME START CEO WINS LEADERSHIP AWARD

San Diego, CA – On Saturday, September 25, 2010, Home Start's, Chief Executive Officer, Laura A. Mustari, LCSW, was honored by the Speak for Success Leadership Institute's "Women Changing the World" Ceremony. Carol LeBeau presented the top award to Laura in the category of Inspiration.

"It was such an amazing and heartfelt evening", said Home Start CEO, Laura Mustari, "the room was filled with many extraordinary and deserving women that night and I feel very honored to have been chosen, however, I did not win this award alone. I feel very proud to have such an amazing team of staff at Home Start who are doing such wonderful work with the children and families that we are serving, this is for all of them."

The Women's Leadership Institute is a group of women trainers, coaches, professional speakers and authors who love empowering women to succeed. It was founded in 2008 as a division of Speak for Success Inc., a company founded by Dana Bristol-Smith. Speak for Success works with companies to help people communicate with confidence and credibility. They provide Presentation Skills and Business Writing workshops at local companies in San Diego.



Home Start CEO, Laura A. Mustari and Speak for Success Founder, Dana Bristol-Smith

Laura is available for interviews, please contact Erich Foeckler, 619-692-0727 ext.144 or 619-807-2849.

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 or call (619) 692-0727 ext. 144.

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