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Home Start Announces Major Funding from the Price Family Charitable Fund

San Diego, CA – Home Start is pleased to announce a major grant of \$10,000 has been awarded by The Price Family Charitable Fund at the request of Laura Galinson from the Price-Galinson Collaborative Fund for Home Start's Maternity Shelter Program. Home Start has been dedicated for over 38 years to providing family strengthening services and child abuse prevention education.

"We are extremely excited to continue our partnership with the Price Family Charitable Fund, this will allow us to respond to an urgent unmet need for transitional housing and supportive services assisting pregnant or parenting young women throughout San Diego County," said Home Start Chief Executive Officer, Laura A. Mustari, LCSW, "Especially in these challenging economic times, we are extremely grateful for their support".

The Maternity Shelter Program gives young women, who are pregnant or parenting, a safe and supportive environment. They and their children are also 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.

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.



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