

## San Diego Magazines “Woman of the Year”

Home Start is proud to announce that our very own Laura Mustari was a finalist for San Diego Magazine's 2009 Woman of the Year! An event was hosted in honor of the finalists on September 16, 2009 at University of San Diego's Hall of Peace and Justice. This was San Diego Magazine's fourth annual Women Who Move the City event.

Laura has more than 25 years in the San Diego nonprofit sector serving children and families. During her two years as CEO of Home Start, Laura has added new contracts and increased existing programs in size and scope to serve even more people in San Diego who struggle with issues of abuse and neglect.

As a nationally recognized leader in her field, Laura was the founder of transitional living programs in San Diego for older homeless youth (aged 18-21). Since coming to Home Start, not only has she increased financial reserves from zero and created Home Start's first endowment, she was instrumental in improving morale dramatically as evidenced by Home Start becoming one of San Diego's 50 Best Places to Work in 2009.

“Laura has brought a new face and feeling to an organization that had been too long in the shadows of the San Diego Community. From bringing together an outstanding management team; to establishing relationships and working to make Home Start a name in San Diego; to increasing the fund balance "two-fold plus" since coming on board, Laura has shown the determination and compassion to continue leading Home Start successfully into the next decade”. – Judy Crippen, Home Start Board of Directors



From Left To Right: Home Start Board Member Paul Davis, Home Start Director of Human Resources Glenda Maxwell, Home Start CEO Laura Mustari, Home Start Board President Evelyn Wiggins, Home Start Director of Development and Marketing Erich Foeckler

We are extremely excited for Laura and congratulate her on becoming a finalist for 2009 Women of the Year!