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80 YEARS of EMPOWERING WOMEN

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Melisa Marks
President, Orange County Council
Sempra Employee Giving Network
101 Ash Street, HQ10E
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Marks:

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the Sempra Employee Giving Network's \$2,000 grant in support of the Employment Readiness component of our Steps to Independence program. Your support is a tremendous boost to our efforts to assist homeless women to become productive members of the community.

The current state of the economy is bringing more women to our doors that otherwise have lived normal productive lives, so the need for our services is greater than ever. Our "Steps" program provides the basic needs for women, such as housing, food, clothing, physical and emotional nourishment. In addition, our financial empowerment manager works with each woman to address her employment situation and guide her through the process of becoming re-established in the community. Next year, thanks to your generosity, all of the women in our program will be "employment ready" within 10 days of entering our program.

Thank you again for your support of the Employment Readiness component of our Steps to Independence program.

With deepest appreciation,

Kathleen Davis Bowman
Executive Director

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