



HOUSE OF RUTH

*Assisting Families Victimized
by Domestic Violence*

April 16, 2009

Lisa Beyer
President, San Bernardino/Riverside Counties Council
Sempra Employee Giving Network
101 Ash Street, HQ10E
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Beyer:

House of Ruth is most thankful to the Sempra Employee Giving Network for the \$2,000 grant award (check# 20640, dated 2/27/09) to support our Outreach Youth Advocate within our Community Services Child Care Program. The support of the Sempra Employee Giving Network enables House of Ruth to provide a safe, nurturing, and stable environment where children exposed to domestic violence can feel supported and empowered.

We are pleased to say that we filled this position on 2/18/09 as a part-time, 20-hour per week employment status. A recent graduate of the University of La Verne, House of Ruth's new Outreach Youth Advocate provides enhanced, fee-free care to an average of 25 children per week while their mothers attend case management, individual and group therapy sessions, and life skills workshops offered at House of Ruth's Pomona outreach office.

The impact of this grant is best expressed in House of Ruth's new Youth Advocate's own words: "I meet new children everyday; however, there are many families that I see often such as one family, in particular, with three children. The youngest child has enlightened me on how amazing it is to gain a child's trust. When I first met this one year old little girl she was very much to herself. She would play by herself with the house toys and observe other children from afar. As I continue to praise her for her accomplishments and good behavior, she has started warming up to me little by little. She is still very independent but now when she does something new like coloring with crayons, she calls me over so I can see what she did. It has been amazing watching this little girl grow with just a little praise, comfort, and security."

We look forward to updating you on the success of the Community Services Child Care Program made possible in part by this contribution. Please do not hesitate to phone me at (909) 868 – 8008 or you can email me at saebischer@houseofruthinc.org if you should have any questions during this grant period.

Warm regards,

Suzanne E. Aebischer
Executive Director

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