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August 11, 2009

Sempra Employee Giving Network  
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Attn: Lisa A. Beyer

Dear Ms. Beyer,

Thank you so very much for the generous grant of \$1500 for the Banning Mourning Star Center of the Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties (VNAIC). I am writing to provide Sempra Energy with a report of our program activities.

In the past year, with the help of your generous grant, we have been able to serve 11 children and families at the Mourning Star Center in Banning. The grant helped us expand our program to provide more support to grieving children and those who love them through age-appropriate education and activities.

As you know, the VNAIC offers Mourning Star program services free of charge as a community service because financial hardship often accompanies the death of a loved one. The program receives no reimbursement from insurance providers or government sources. Our funding comes exclusively from community support, private foundations, and grants such as yours.

The Banning/Beaumont area has experienced explosive population growth within the past two years and there is a real need for expanded social services in the area. Sempra Energy's grant of \$1500 helped us to fill this service gap. Your grant has helped us to insure that every child gets the opportunity to grieve in a supportive and understanding environment and grow up as healthy individuals free of mental distress.

The Mourning Star program is the only program in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties that deals exclusively with grief issues for children. Demand for this service continues to rise through outside referrals from Hospice programs, Police and Social Service agencies and school counselors.

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Sempre's grant has allowed the Mourning Star Center in Banning keep program staff who are trained bereavement counselors and the grant also helped us to offer additional services to the Banning community, such as short-term specialized support groups in case of a death at school and bereavement education for school personnel.

After the receipt of Sempra Energy's grant, we issued a press release to the local media noting the generous grant. We also acknowledged Sempra's award on our website ([www.vna-ic.org](http://www.vna-ic.org)) and included an announcement in our Donor News, Roadrunner and Annual Report publication.

Thank you again for the generous grant and we look forward to working with Sempra Energy in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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