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## WELCOME

My deepest thanks to each of you for joining us tonight at Home Start's 51st Blue Ribbon Gala Celebration. This evening we recognize more than 5 decades of serving San Diego's most vulnerable children and families. Caring partners like you have enabled us to reach this milestone. Thank you.

As we gather together, we pause to reflect on the life-changing services that Home Start has provided to the San Diego community. Thousands of tragic stories never happened—tens of thousands of children have instead had the chance to thrive.

As we look ahead this next decade and beyond, we believe that all San Diego families and individuals deserve a thriving and happy life. You are part of making that dream a reality through your partnership.

We are especially grateful to our spectacular Blue Ribbon Gala Planning Committee and the many sponsors, volunteers and guests who are sharing this special evening with us.

Thank you for being here, and enjoy this celebration.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rob Coronel  
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Let the good times roll *Laissez les bon temps rouler*

Warm regards,

**Laura A. Tancredi-Baese, LCSW**

Home Start, Chief Executive Officer

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## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY FUNDING PARTNER



Our formal partnership with Jewish Community Foundation begins almost 16 years ago. Laura had just come on board as CEO and faced several very difficult challenges. In particular, the agency had \$0 savings and no endowment or strategic investment strategy. Fortunately, Laura and our Board at the time took action and opened up our first-ever strategic investment fund with \$25,000.

Over the years, thanks to the good stewardship of our partners at JCF and the added contribution of \$750,000 from our dear friend Meg Jacob's estate, that investment fund has grown to nearly \$2 million. In fact, those funds helped us purchase our Miracle on 34th St. Property.

More recently, in the Fall of 2021, JCF San Diego launched an innovative new project called giv4 homelessness fund.

The giv4 homelessness fund is a collective of 12 nonprofits each addressing homelessness in San Diego in a unique way. Donors can make one gift to giv4 and 100% of the funds received are distributed to the 12 thoroughly vetted nonprofits.

Home Start is honored to have been selected as an inaugural non-profit partner because of our comprehensive services dedicated to preventing and addressing homelessness, including our Maternity Housing Program.

Lastly, you will hear this evening that an anonymous donor family made a large lead gift that enabled Home Start to purchase our 5th property for homeless youth, including survivors of domestic violence. Jewish Community Foundation was the key to connecting this amazing family with Home Start that resulted in this incredible new housing program.

We are so grateful to have Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego and its board members, staff, and fund holders as our partners in serving San Diego's most vulnerable children, families, and individuals.



## OUTSTANDING INAUGURAL FUNDING PARTNER



In the summer of 2022, Home Start was pleased to receive an invitation for a grant application from a new local funder we had not yet partnered with, Life Science Cares San Diego.

Life Science Cares is a collective effort of the local life sciences industry to reduce the impact of poverty in the San Diego community.

Our Maternity Housing Program with wraparound supportive services designed to help these young women and children break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness and was in perfect alignment with their mission and focus. In the Fall of last year, we received a grant of \$50,000.

Besides this incredible gift, our partners at Life Science Cares have gone above and beyond this past year serving as Home Start ambassadors and connecting us with their respective Life Science Cares companies here in San Diego. They have opened the doors for new partnerships with several local life science companies to help support our holiday toy campaigns, our back to school backpack drives, and host parties for our Maternity Housing Program. We cannot wait for more and more fruit to blossom from this exciting partnership.

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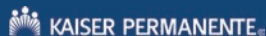


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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR 2023 BLUE RIBBON GALA!

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Home Start's mission and programs



## DONATE ITEMS

Our Thrift Boutique accepts donations of gently-used clothing, furniture and housewares.



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers distribute toys and food and also staff many of our programs and events.



## GIVE GENEROUSLY

We are grateful for the support of many individuals and organizations.



## BUY A CANDLE

Bright Futures Candles is our newest social enterprise — they make great gifts!



## SPONSOR AN EVENT

Our annual gala and Hallo-Wine events generate critical funds for our life-changing programs.



## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE & ADOPT A FAMILY

Bring holiday cheer to local children who otherwise have no presents to enjoy.

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Saturday, October 28, 2023**