

The EL CHICANO Weekly

IECN .COM

Time For Change celebrates new location, beginning



IECN PHOTO COURTESY IMAGE ART 2000

The ribbon cutting for Time For Change's new location on Highland on Monday, August 31, included, from left: **Eulie Walker**, TFC board member, **Pastor Owusu Hodari** from Predestined Christ Church, **James Ramos**, Chairman of the San Manual Band of Mission Indians and San Bernardino City Community College District trustee, **Kim Carter**, founder and executive director of TFC, **Darlene Rodriguez** and her children, residents of Time for Change, San Bernardino **Mayor Pat Morris**, **Mike Tulusiak**, TFC board member, and **John Futch**, TFC board member and San Bernardino Community College District trustee.

By Cynthia Mendoza

It was much more than a two-for-one celebration on the morning of Monday, August 31 at the Time for Change Foundation (TFC). It was a three-

for-one as TFC celebrated a ribbon cutting for its new facility, a generous check donation and the release of its first annual report.

Time For Change Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping change the lives of

women and children.

After a robbery on Easter Sunday this year at their previous location on Arrowhead Avenue, where they had been for seven years, wiped out

TFC, cont. on next page

TFC, cont. from front

Time for Change, they are now ready to continue serving their clients at their new location at 1255 E. Highland Ave #211 in San Bernardino.

According to TFC founder and executive director Kim Carter, the robbers literally wiped her clean; they allegedly took printers, computers, cameras, toners and anything else in sight that they could

carry.

"This takes a load off my back," said Carter of what the new location means to her. "Now I'm thinking proactively instead of reactively."

Carter said that up until now, the robbery put her into a state of mind she didn't want to be in; she was constantly worried and thinking about the robbery, which left little time to focus on the work itself.

"I'm more creative now," Carter

said.

The grand opening drew some well known faces from the community including Mayor Pat Morris, Councilman Rikke Van Johnson, Margaret Hill from County Schools, Supervisor Josie Gonzales, San Manuel Chairman James Ramos, San Bernardino Community College District Trustee Jon Futch, Carolyn Tillman, Erin Brinker, as well as several clergy, nuns from St.





IECN PHOTO COURTESY **TERRANCE STONE**

Margaret Hill and Kim Carter took a photo opportunity during the grand opening celebration of Time For Changes' new location on Highland, in San Bernardino, on Monday, August 31.

Bernadine's and others.

The ceremony opened with a spiritual Native American song performed by James Ramos.

One of the highlights was a check presentation to TFC by W.H.O., Women Helping Others Foundation based in Texas, who donated \$20,000. The check was presented by Karen Fritschi, an Independent Director for BeautiControl, a direct seller of beauty and spa products. She submitted the organization's name to W.H.O. for consideration for the grant. Fritschi has been volunteering with the Time for Change Founda-

going to be more active in trying to create more economic stability for women. We want a place at the table."

Carter said that TFC will be more engaged in going green, in securing jobs and generally being a strong advocate for women.

"God continues to take the worst and turn it into the best," she concluded. "What a resurrection!"

"Time for Change, under Kim's direction, modeled a template for us on how to return citizens back into society as holistic, healthy, and contributing individuals," said Mayor Morris.