

Time For Change Foundation Leads Local Effort To Raise Vital Funds And Awareness About Violence Against Women, Hosts Leadership And Advocacy Conference

Staff Reports

SAN BERNARDINO— Time for Change Foundation will host the "Leading with Strength" Providers Conference on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at California State University San Bernardino where local and national domestic violence experts and fundraisers will train participants in effective advocacy and fundraising techniques. The event, which is sponsored by the California Endowment, is aimed at empowering new leaders and strengthening coalitions among area hospitals, shelters, and domestic violence and sexual assault providers in the face of state budget cuts that threaten their ability to provide vital services to women in need.

Speakers will include Kiersten Stewart, the Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Family Violence Prevention Fund in Washington D.C., Rosie Hidalgo, Director of Public Policy for Casa Esperanza in Washington, D.C., Nancy Chen with Alliance for Justice in Oakland, California, and Peggi Fries, President of San Bernardino County Coalition of Domestic Violence Shelter Directors.

"As a committed advocate for the protection and rights of victims of domestic violence, I am so excited

about this conference." Said Peggi Fries, Director of the Desert Sanctuary and President of the San Bernardino County Coalition of Domestic Violence Shelter Directors. "The San Bernardino County Coalition of Domestic Violence Shelter Directors has great concern about the effects of budget cuts to this population. The economic challenges facing the state and the country are threatening both the safety and rights of this vulnerable and fragile segment of our society." She explained.

The California Endowment is a private statewide health foundation that was founded in 1996. The Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. For more information visit www.calendow.org.

The mission of the Time for Change Foundation is to provide essential resources, through its programs and services, to women and children who desire to change the course of their lives by making the transition from homelessness and recidivism to self-sufficiency. For more information visit www.timeforchange.us.