

## Time For Change Foundation Honors San Bernardino City Mayor And Other Elected Officials With Award



On Thursday, April 27, 2006, The *Time For Change Foundation* hosted their Inaugural Dinner and Awards Ceremony, which this year paid tribute to the Honorable Patrick J. Morris, City of San Bernardino Mayor.

The event, which took place at the San Bernardino National Orange Show at 5:30 pm, promises to provide local businesses and non-profit agencies annually with an opportunity to gain valuable exposure at what will become one of the Inland Empire's premiere events.

"I want to thank our Platinum Sponsors James and Teri Ramos who made it possible for us to launch our Dinner and Awards Ceremony, which honors such outstanding individuals" said Kim Carter, Executive Director and Founder of the Time for Change Foundation. "Mayor Morris has a Vision of Change which embodies the spirit of our organization. We chose to honor those who dare to be agents of change and improve the lives of others through their civic commitment."

Time For Change Foundation provides homeless women and children in need with the resources necessary to change the course of their lives. Women who are recovering from the effects of mental and physical abuse, incarceration and drug addictions are offered a nurturing environment conducive to establish healthy living. Its home-style solutions service the whole person, recognizing the environment or social economic injustices that may have led to despair. Time for Change Foundation has proven to be an organization at the forefront of improving the lives of women and children desiring to achieve self-sufficiency by eliminating homelessness and recidivism.

One of the success stories highlighted that evening came in the form of a personal testimony from a graduate of the program; Melissa Padilla who met Carter as she was finishing up a 5-month prison stint on drug charges. With no family to turn to after her release, Padilla said she knew she would return to her old habits if she did not have help. Carter picked up Padilla, who was then pregnant with her now 7month old baby daughter Monet at the time, at the gates of the prison. Carter took her to get clothes, enroll her in a drug-treatment program, meet with her parole officer and begun a plan of recovery to get Padilla on the right track.

"I don't know what I would have done without a Time for Change Foundation. I'm a good clean mother now," stated Padilla. "I have my own apartment now and I have a full-time job. I was lucky, I had someone there for me, who believed in me. The Foundation helped me to rediscover that I have good in me."

Other honorees included California State Senator Nell Soto, 32nd District, California State Assemblywoman Gloria Negrete-McLeod, 61st District and San Bernardino County Supervisor

Josie Gonzales, 5th District. A special award was given to Mr. & Mrs. James Ramos for their Platinum Sponsorship supporting the shelter for women and children.

