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**RICHSTONE FAMILY CENTER CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF THEIR INNOVATIVE
EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION HEALING CENTER IN HAWTHORNE**

(HAWTHORNE, CA) – More than three years in the making, the Richstone Family Center will unveil its new Everychild Foundation Healing Center located at 13634 Cordary Avenue in Hawthorne, during a ribbon-cutting event on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 10 am. The project was launched in 2016, when Richstone received a \$1M grant from the Everychild Foundation to support construction of the 5,000 square foot facility. The center houses a broad spectrum of integrated trauma-focused treatment, wellness, and violence prevention programs that disrupt the cycle of child abuse. Now complete, the expanded facility houses 14 new therapy offices, a dedicated art therapy room and large multi-purpose community space.

The Everychild Foundation Healing Center increases access to mental health and wellness programs for residents living in vulnerable, impoverished and high-need communities within L.A. County's South Bay and South L.A. areas. In recent years, these regions have led the County in child fatalities due to caregiver abuse.

"Richstone serves parts of LA County that are experiencing a high concentration of gang violence, child-trafficking, drug-related crime, prostitution and poverty. There has been an increase in reported cases of child abuse in these areas, leading to a wait list of hundreds of families who seek services," says Jacqueline Caster, Founder and President of the Everychild Foundation. "The Healing Center has the ability to improve the life trajectories of at-risk and abused children and their families, who lack access to quality mental health and wellness services."

At the Healing Center, children and families can engage in an array of interdisciplinary services including trauma-informed therapy, domestic violence support, early childhood education, parent enrichment, financial literacy, nutrition and wellness programs. Local architecture and interior design firm, Houston/Tyner, donated their time to thoughtfully design an environment that is welcoming, creates a safe haven for children and families and inspires positive outcomes.

Named by the California Association of Nonprofits as one of their 2019 Nonprofits of the Year, Richstone has worked for more than 45 years to prevent child abuse, protect children and reduce domestic violence. "Each day, we see firsthand the damaging long-term effects abuse and traumas can have on an individual's ability to function, create positive relationships and thrive in life," says Roger Van Remmen, President of Richstone. "The new center is critical to providing integrated programs that heal, build resiliency, address community needs and prevent the cycle of abuse and violence from continuing. We are so fortunate to have the support of the Everychild Foundation. We went to them with a concept, they invested in us and, without them, this project would not have been possible."

About Richstone Family Center

Since 1974, the Richstone Family Center has been dedicated to preventing and treating child abuse and trauma; strengthening and educating families; and decreasing violence in families, schools and communities. For more information on Richstone Family Center, visit: www.richstonefamily.org

About Everychild Foundation

Celebrating 20 years of filling critical unmet needs of children in the greater Los Angeles area, Everychild Foundation is comprised of over 200 women members. Each year, the women pool dues and together select one local agency serving children and families to receive a single \$1 million grant to create or expand an innovative new project providing direct services. For more information, visit <http://www.everychildfoundation.org>