



## **Richstone Family Center Awarded \$1M Everychild Foundation Grant for Center to Treat Child Abuse and Eliminate Family Violence**

Los Angeles, California – November 3, 2016 - It was announced today that Richstone Family Center (Richstone), a Los Angeles-based non-profit providing services for preventing and treating child abuse and eliminating violence is the recipient of the 2016 Everychild Foundation grant. The \$1 million grant will fund the *Everychild Foundation Healing Center* and launch an integrated program of child abuse crisis and long-term treatment and prevention services for victims and families.

“We have an increasing epidemic of child abuse and violence facing children in our community. Each day, we see firsthand the damaging long-term effects these traumas can have on children and their families,” says Roger Van Remmen, President of Richstone. “The *Everychild Foundation Healing Center* will provide a comprehensive program of integrated trauma-informed treatment and wellness services that heal and build resiliency. This project is critical to addressing community needs and preventing the cycle of abuse and violence from continuing.”

The grant provides support to the agency over the three-year period of 2017 through 2019. The 4,000 square foot *Everychild Foundation Healing Center* will provide programs and services in a single location serving communities in L.A. County’s South Bay and neighboring South L.A. areas. The center will serve 500 additional at-risk and abused children, ages 5-17 years old, and their families each year.

The *Center* will provide increased access and availability to programs including play therapy, art therapy, pet therapy, yoga, self-defense, nutrition, a young men’s group, middle school teen dating workshops, a fatherhood program, support groups for teens and young moms, substance abuse prevention, a targeted rehabilitation referral program and a vocational services assistance program.

The Everychild Foundation makes one grant per year to a Los Angeles area non-profit agency benefitting children and youth, ages 0 to 24. The grant is funded by annual contributions from foundation members. This grant is the seventeenth consecutive grant made by Everychild, bringing their overall community contribution to \$15 million and more than one million children served.

“Richstone serves the areas of LA County experiencing the highest concentration of gang violence, child-trafficking, drug-related crime, prostitution and poverty. There has been a

28% increase in reported cases of child abuse in these areas, leading to a wait list of hundreds of families seeking services,” says Jacqueline Caster, Founder and President of the Everychild Foundation. “The *Everychild Foundation Healing Center* has the ability to change the life trajectories of at-risk and abused children and their families - who currently lack access to quality mental health and wellness services – for the better.”

Richstone is a community leader in child abuse treatment and mental health services, using ‘best practice’ evidence-based trauma-focused treatment programs to ensure the highest standard of care. The Everychild grant increases the number of staff trained in these practices, and expands existing treatment programs. The project also integrates new therapeutic treatments, support groups and classes, and adds new health and wellness programs. The center will also expand existing prevention programs.

The Richstone Family Center is 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, go to:

<http://www.richstonefamily.org>

The mission of the Everychild Foundation is to ease suffering of children in the Greater Los Angeles area, whether due to disease, disability, abuse, neglect or poverty.

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