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SU CASA ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARDED \$20,000 TO PREVENT & ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Blue Shield of California Foundation recognizes Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence as a critical leader in California's domestic violence field

LONG BEACH, CA (August, 9, 2017) - Blue Shield of California Foundation announced today a grant of \$20,000 to Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence to ensure its ongoing ability to care for, and advocate for, survivors of domestic violence and contribute to its prevention. These general operating funds are meant to provide Su Casa with the flexibility to leverage new ideas as well as respond to new changes and challenges ahead.

"Today, the advocacy and services that Su Casa provides are more important than ever. As we face an uncertain political and social environment that threatens the wellbeing vulnerable families, women, and individuals experiencing domestic violence – as well as the organizations that support them - we need leaders like Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence to be there to continue helping those who struggle most," said Lucia Corral Peña, senior program officer at Blue Shield of California Foundation. "We stand together with Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence, alongside many other partners and leaders, in our ongoing and collective mission to prevent, address - and ultimately end – domestic violence in California."

This type of unrestricted funding is part of the Foundation's effort to empower domestic violence service providers across the state and enable them to adjust to unexpected difficulties and opportunities.

Su Casa's Executive Director, Anna Conti, stated "We are grateful to partner with Blue Shield of California Foundation and appreciate their support of our programs. Domestic violence shatters many lives. It is not a private issue. It is a social, political, moral, and global issue that affects thousands across the world. We must stand up and fight for what is right, as everyone deserves to be loved and treated with respect."

As California's largest private funder of domestic violence service providers, the Foundation is proud to support Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence through this grant.

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About Blue Shield of California Foundation

Blue Shield of California Foundation aims to improve the lives of the most vulnerable Californians by working to end domestic violence and improve health equity for all people and all communities. To learn more, visit www.blueshieldcafoundation.org.

About Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence

Su Casa empowers individuals and families to live free from domestic abuse and builds partnerships with communities to end domestic violence. To learn more, visit www.sucasadv.org.