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Casa Teresa Announces 2010 Mother of the Year Honorees

ORANGE, Calif. (March 30, 2010) – Casa Teresa, a non-profit organization that provides a temporary home and on-going support for pregnant women 18 years of age and older, is hosting the Second Annual Mother of the Year Awards event on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine. Casa Teresa will be recognizing women in the community, and a Casa Teresa graduate who have balanced motherhood, community involvement, professional endeavors and philanthropy.

This year, we will be celebrating the accomplishments of Betty Mower Potalivo, a Newport Beach resident, Northern Trust Region President of Orange County and Desert Communities, founder of Orange County Literary Society and community leader, and mother of 4 children, Regina Hunsaker, a Newport Beach resident, educator, community leader, and mother of 3 children, and Lisa Phelan, an Henderson, Nevada resident, a former resident of Casa Teresa, current Outreach Librarian and mother of 2 children.

Stacey Proctor, the Executive Director of Casa Teresa is excited to be able to honor these outstanding women, “We are pleased to recognize these women for their accomplishments personally and professionally and as outstanding examples of motherhood. In creating awareness about Casa Teresa through our honorees, we are also showing our moms role models they can look to for inspiration. Our programs focus on breaking the generational cycle of addiction, neglect and abuse through classes, counseling and love for each woman in our program. I look forward to the event and celebrating each honoree’s accomplishments as mothers and as part of the Casa Teresa community.”

For the past thirty four years, Casa Teresa has been home to more than 2,400 pregnant women. Counseling and educational programs prepare these women to make loving and informed life decisions for themselves and their babies. The program has three separate residential programs: The Parenting Program, the Adoption Program “Hannah’s House”, and the Transition Program (Phase I and Phase II) for single mothers. The Casa Teresa experience is transformational, offering women with no means of support the opportunity to become self sufficient and independent. For event details, or general information please contact Casa Teresa at (714) 538-4860.

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