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Project Self Sufficiency Foundation Receives Major Funding for Expansion

Huntington Beach, CA – Project Self Sufficiency Foundation (PSSF) announced today that it has received a three-year grant of \$379,000 from the ECMC Foundation to increase the number of clients its Project Self Sufficiency (PSS) program serves.

PSS has been a public/private partnership with the City of Huntington Beach and community stakeholders since 1985, offering assistance to 50 low-income single parents each year who are living, working or going to school in Huntington Beach. Because of the tremendous support from Huntington Beach donors, civic groups and volunteers, PSS will continue to serve the same number of Huntington Beach families. But thanks to the support from ECMC Foundation, PSS will be able to serve 75 additional families over the next three years from the neighboring communities of Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and beyond.

“Seventy-five percent of PSS clients complete their education, which is well above the national average,” said PSSF President Erika Reardon. According to the U.S. Department of Education, only 23% of low-income students with average math entrance exam scores complete a bachelor degree.

PSS clients attribute their success to the unique PSS model, which provides intensive case management, counseling, goal setting, and accountability, in addition to access to scholarships, food, toiletries, rental assistance, housing, transportation assistance, child care assistance and book reimbursements.

PSSF is in discussions with Orange County nonprofits to form a partnership to aid in its expansion efforts. It will accept proposals from nonprofits working in the areas of education, housing or single parent support.

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