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MOTHERS' CLUB FAMILY LEARNING CENTER HONORED WITH CALIFORNIA'S PRESTIGIOUS FLEX YOUR POWER AWARD

Pasadena, CA— January 5, 2008 — Flex Your Power, California's statewide energy efficiency campaign, recently recognized Mothers' Club Family Learning Center of Pasadena with a Flex Your Power Best Overall Award for its outstanding leadership in energy efficiency. A total of 5 best overall winners were selected from several hundred applicants for their exceptional contributions to energy efficiency in California. Cumulatively, award winners over the last three years have saved more than \$500 million, three billion kilowatt hours and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 230,000 cars from the road. This year's 6th Annual Flex Your Power Awards Ceremony was held on December 15, 2008 in San Francisco.

Last month, Mothers' Club became LEED Certified at the Gold Level by the U.S. Green Building Council as part of their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System, a national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. The center has received a total of nine awards since opening in October 2007, including awards from AIA California Council Savings by Design, Learning By Design, Southern California Concrete Producers, The Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, and the Design Share Awards.

In 2007, Mothers' Club renovated their building to be highly energy efficient, reducing energy use by 52% and saving 122,110 gallons of water annually. Features include lighting control systems, high efficiency lamps, extensive use of day lighting, increased roof insulation, a high efficiency furnace, and an 18 kW photovoltaic system. The center also received water efficiency upgrades including a permeable concrete paving parking area, low water use landscaping, and water efficient plumbing fixtures.

Director Walter McGuire of Flex Your Power explained, "The awards present an opportunity for California to congratulate the leadership shown by this year's Flex Your Power award winners, who have demonstrated that we can all save money and the environment. By reducing their energy use, this year's Flex Your Power award winners have saved more than \$227 million, 1.5 billion kilowatt hours, 122 billion gallons of water, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1.3 billion pounds."

In addition to the California Energy Commission, Flex Your Power Award winners were selected by senior representatives from the California Independent System Operator, League of California Cities, Building Owners and Managers Association, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California Council for

Environmental and Economic Balance, California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance, Association of California Water Agencies and Southern California Edison.

Founded in 1961, Mothers' Club Family Learning Center prepares families living in isolation and poverty to succeed in school and in life through two-generation learning programs. Mothers' Club services are comprised of high quality, research-based early childhood education for children ages 0-5, and a comprehensive adult program which includes parenting education, leadership training, adult literacy, vocational exploration, group counseling and social networking for the primary caretaker, most often the mother.

For more information on the 6th Annual Flex Your Power Awards, visit www.FlexYourPower.org.

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