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Samaritan House Selected as Recipient of Prestigious Neighborhood Builder Award from Bank of America

SAN MATEO, CA. March 6, 2013 - Samaritan House of San Mateo County has recently been named a recipient of a 2013 Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award. Every year, through its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America selects nonprofit organizations across the country to benefit from the Neighborhood Builders Program.

As a Neighborhood Builder, Samaritan House will receive \$200,000 in unrestricted funding over two years and leadership training development for emerging leaders. The agency will also receive specially designed leadership development programs including senior executive workshops to develop strategy and growth, as well as leadership workshops for organizational management skills.

Over the past several years, Samaritan House has committed resources to strategic planning and more effectively fulfilling its mission through organizational assessment. Support from the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Program will be used to improve the agency's data systems and evaluation processes to better determine its program impacts over time through effective outcome and evaluation development.

"We are thrilled with this opportunity," said Kitty Lopez, Executive Director of Samaritan House. "We are proud to partner with Bank of America to provide services for low-income individuals in our community in need of food, shelter, clothing, and other essential resources. Our partnership, along with this funding, will assist Samaritan House in our efforts to help families build brighter futures."

"Nonprofits provide much needed services in Silicon Valley, but too often lack the opportunity to invest in their own long-term growth and development," said Raquel Gonzalez Silicon Valley Market President and Consumer & Small Business Banking Area Executive. "By recognizing Samaritan House as a Neighborhood Builder, we know that they are poised to make an even greater impact in our community."

About Samaritan House:

Since 1974, Samaritan House has been helping families regain self-sufficiency. Working with city and county governments, civic, religious, and school organizations, and over 2,000 volunteers, we provide bilingual counseling and case management, food, clothing for children, healthcare, rental assistance, shelter for the homeless, worker resources, and holiday assistance, all free of charge.

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About Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders Program:

Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders program helps address local challenges in community development, workforce development and education, and other critical needs. The program, an invitation only process for nonprofits addressing these three areas, provides high-performing nonprofits with

\$200,000 in unrestricted grant funding and leadership development for their executive directors and emerging leaders. Bank of America is proud to say the program has become the nation's largest philanthropic investment in nonprofit leadership development. The bank has recognized over 730 organizations and provided training to nearly 1,200 nonprofit leaders.