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MEDIA ADVISORY

EAST COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS, KIDS TO BE TREATED TO RESPITE NIGHT

WHO: County of San Diego, Child Welfare Services- East Region
La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club

WHAT: Respite Night for foster parents/children

WHEN: 5:30 – 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2, 2005

WHERE: Helix High School
7373 University Avenue, La Mesa CA 91941

WHY: San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) East Region Child Welfare Services, in partnership with the La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club, will provide a Respite Night for East County foster parents. The event gives foster parents a “night on the town” without worrying about childcare. Meanwhile, the 165 foster kids registered to attend will enjoy activities and entertainment for all ages at Helix High School. County employees, Rotary Club members, youth groups, business donors and community members volunteer their time and resources to ensure that the children have a good time and parents have peace of mind. This evening’s event will be the largest group yet. In addition, the San Diego Foster Parent Association’s holiday banquet will be held in conjunction with Respite Night, and many parents plan to attend. Respite Night is one of many community collaborative projects that helps advance the Neighborhoods for Kids program, the goal of which is to have East County foster children living in familiar places with friends and family close by.

EDITOR’S NOTE: *Due to confidentiality concerns, video or photographs of foster children are strictly prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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