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Media Alert

Second Chance to Graduate 75 STIVE and PREP Participants

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Who: Second Chance, a non-profit agency established in 1993 to help the homeless and chronically unemployed with jobs, housing and life skills

What: Graduation Ceremony. Approximately 75 people from Second Chance's PREP (**Prisoner Reentry Employment Program**) and STRIVE programs will graduate after 120 hours of intensive readiness training to prepare them to enter the workforce.

PREP the first of its kind in the nation, begins inside the prison systems with complete job readiness training, house and life skills programs to help incorporate former inmates into the regional work force.

The instruction is geared to break personal barriers to self-sufficiency, obtain new job skills, develop resumes and career plans, and practice interviewing techniques.

STRIVE (Support Training Results in Valuable Employees) was originally pioneered in Harlem in the 1980s and has graduated more than 20,000 individuals across 18 locations in the United States. Second Chance is one of the largest and most successful STRIVE affiliates in the nation.

When: **Friday, June 20**
11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Guest Speaker: San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis

Why: The graduation ceremony is an opportunity to hear STRIVE and PREP participants discuss what they've learned from the programs and their goals and aspirations as they move toward employment.

NOTE: 80% of STRIVE graduates secure employment after graduation, and 80% of those graduates are still employed 2 years after their completion of the program. In addition, Second Chance graduated 142 PREP participants in 2007, with 80% finding and keeping jobs with successful integration back into their communities.

Where: Second Chance Headquarters
6145 Imperial Avenue
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