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Second Chance Temporarily Relocates

During reconstruction of its Encanto headquarters, organization moves its operation to Chula Vista

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San Diego, CA – Second Chance, a non-profit organization that promotes self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, and affordable housing and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth, is expanding its Encanto headquarters to serve more people. During the estimated six-month renovation project, the organization will temporarily relocate to Chula Vista where it will continue to provide its full complement of programs and services.

According to Scott H. Silverman, President and CEO of Second Chance, Second Chance has secured \$817,000 in public funding to reconstruct its headquarters facility, with an anticipated completion date of Spring, 2010. “Yet even as we build for our successful future,” said Silverman, “we’re continuing our mission. STRIVE class #136 will have its orientation on Friday, September 25, 2009, just 3 days after we move from Encanto to Chula Vista.”

During 2008, Second Chance laid the groundwork for a substantial redesign and modification of its facility. “We are now equipping ourselves to run two parallel STRIVE job readiness training classes,” said Silverman, which will double the capacity of our agency to assist the homeless, ex-inmates, recovering substance abusers, and the chronically unemployed.”

Silverman noted that the \$817,000 special grant funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (CDBG) will enable the organization to create an entirely new set of training classrooms, computer labs, private counseling spaces and office spaces.

The reconstruction will cost an estimated \$1.7 million with approximately \$324,000 needed still to complete the project. “We continue to seek grants and donations to fill the gap,” said Silverman. “We are confident that we will fully fund the project before completion.”

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Founded in 1993, Second Chance creates opportunities for self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, and affordable housing and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth. For additional information, visit Second Chance online at secondchanceprogram.org or call (619) 234-8888.