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Good Shepherd Learning Academy Awarded \$5,000 Barona Education Grant to Purchase Common Core Literacy Materials

LOS ANGELES, CA October 7, 2014 – Good Shepherd Learning Academy is the latest school to receive a \$5,000 education grant from the Barona Band of Mission Indians. Since 2006, the Barona Tribe, located in San Diego County, has awarded over \$2.3 million to 474 schools statewide to help bridge school budget gaps and share resources through its Barona Education Grant Program which was established in 2006. California Board of Equalization member, Betty Yee, sponsored the Barona Education Grant application on behalf of the school located in the Mid-City area of Los Angeles. The funds will be used to purchase Common Core Literacy Materials for the students from across Los Angeles County, who are the youngest victims of domestic violence.

"Barona is honored to be able to help such an outstanding school have access to important educational materials," said Barona Tribal Chairman Clifford LaChappa. "It means a lot to us to share our resources through our innovative education grant program to get the most current materials in the hands of students so they have better a chance to succeed."

"Our work in educating our students is made immeasurably easier with the support of friends like the Barona Band of Mission Indians," said Sr. Anne Kelley, executive director, Good Shepherd. "Children, who are victims of domestic violence, are often behind in school and these materials will be integral in closing the gap and fulfilling their future dreams."

The Barona Education Grant Program is the first of its kind in California created and administered by a Tribal Government. The goal of the program is to create strong educational opportunities for the children of California building upon the success of the Barona Indian Charter School, which operates under a continuous improvement model. Schools throughout California can apply for educational grants from Barona to purchase much-needed supplies and materials that promote academic improvement. Each grant awarded by the Barona Education Grant Program is \$5,000. Applications can be downloaded at <http://barona-nsn.gov/education>.

About the Barona Band of Mission Indians

The Barona Band of Mission Indians, recognized by the United States government as a sovereign nation, has lived on the Barona Indian Reservation in rural eastern San Diego County since 1932. Prior to that, the Tribe lived on the Capitan Grande Reservation which was established by the federal government in 1875. Long before living on a reservation, the Tribe traveled across Southern California in tune with the seasons and what nature provided. Today, the sovereign nation, governed by an elected Tribal Council, is serving its Tribal members, their families, and sharing with the San Diego region. One of the most successful gaming Tribes in the country, Barona also owns and operates the Barona Resort & Casino, San Diego's leading gaming resort, casino and golf course. For more information, visit www.barona-nsn.gov.

About Good Shepherd Shelter

Good Shepherd Shelter's program focuses on reawakening dignity and self-confidence, giving the mothers the tools and the time to heal from the trauma of domestic violence and become independent, while giving the children new ways of interacting and communicating that are violence-free and respectful. Good Shepherd Shelter's mission is to stop the generational cycle of domestic violence by providing individualized, comprehensive services and shelter to battered women and their children and by raising the level of community awareness through advocacy and education. For more information about Good Shepherd Shelter, please go to www.goodshepherdshelter.org