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Chamberlain's Receives Grant from Community Foundation and Partners with Habitat for Humanity

Chamberlain's Children Center is please to announce that is has received a matching grant from the Community Foundation for San Benito County in the amount of \$4,000 to refurbish Chamberlain's Children Shelter: Lisa's Cottage.

As a matching grant, Chamberlain's will need to raise \$4,000 to meet the match. Chamberlain's has a jump start on meeting the requirement through a generous pledge of \$1,000 from Teknova, a local Hollister company. "We are very excited to receive this grant from the Community Foundation. The new Shelter will be a clean, safe place for children in San Bento County who need placement in emergency or respite care. Being on campus will allow additional services to be available" said Robert Freiri, Executive Director. "Also it is a great way to leverage donor dollars as a \$100 gift is essentially \$200!"

Chamberlain's will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity of San Benito County on Saturday, July 11, 2009 to refurbish a former group home and bring Chamberlain's shelter on Campus. Habitat for Humanity will be recruiting and coordinating volunteers for this special work day. The work day is scheduled from 8:00am to 3pm and will be on the Chamberlain's campus at 1850 San Benito Street Hollister. "We are pleased that Habitat for Humanity agreed to partner with us on this event. We look forward to relying on their ability to coordinate volunteers and bring in construction skills that will allow us to refurbish the Cottage in a timely manner." said Freiri. "We are also excited that we will be able to bring community members on Campus to see the changes taking place. Recently we have built four new Group Homes, have a great new playground and wonderful new ball field".

In order to volunteer please call Habitat for Humanity of San Benito at 831-635-9904 or go to their website <http://www.hfhsbc.org/volunteer.htm>

In order to make a donation towards the Community Foundation match please contact Robert Freiri, Chamberlain's Executive Director at 831 636-2121 or go to our website www.chamberlaincc.org.

Chamberlain's Children Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization targeting improved social, mental health and educational services for victims of child abuse and/or neglect. Chamberlain's Children Center (or "CCC") currently provides schooling and residential treatment in home-like environments for 24 children. In addition, our Shelter, named "Lisa's Cottage" is a Six Bed Emergency Respite Shelter for Children. Our facility is licensed by the Division of Community Care Licensing of the State Department of Social Services for Residential Treatment. The Shelter provides around the clock care for children who have been removed from their parents or guardians due to abuse or neglect. Our well trained and caring staff provides these children with empathy, comfort and a safe haven. Clinical Staff are available to assist the children in moving through the traumas they have so vividly lived to be emotionally stable and well adjusted. On average, the Shelter serves 60 children a year, from five Counties including San Benito County.

Habitat for Humanity of San Benito County became an official Habitat for Humanity Affiliate in 2005. They have started by rehabilitating two homes for low-income homeowners in San Benito County. Habitat will continue to rehabilitate housing until confident that the new-construction of housing is feasible and at that time will pursue single-family home construction.