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Pathways' Shelter Group Home Receives \$5,000 Donation

Gift will assist private nonprofit social service agency to care for children in foster care facility

Del Rio, TX - August 13, 2007 – Pathways Youth and Family Services Inc., a Texas based private social services provider, received a \$5,000 contribution from The Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation designated specifically for The Shelter Group Home in Del Rio, Texas.

The Pathways Shelter Group Home was presented with this gift to help purchase items for the children in care such as patio swings, picnic tables, Sea World passes and supplies to decorate the children's rooms. A new washing machine, indoor furniture and lawn care equipment will also be acquired with the funds.

According to Elizabeth Hanson, Program Director for the shelter, "One of the goals of our agency is to provide abused and neglected children with a 'normal' home life. This wonderful contribution will help us accomplish that with much needed furniture, improvements inside the house, and tools to keep our yard clean and safe. The children however, are most excited about the Sea World passes. They are going to have so much fun!"

The Shelter Group Home has been run by Pathways Youth and Family Services, Inc. since February of 2005. With room for 12 children ages 0-17, the facility specializes in caring for sibling groups who have been removed from their biological family by Child Protective Services. Mrs. Hanson says "Keeping siblings together is a key factor in reunifying them with their family. This is always the best outcome and the chief purpose of our program."

Pathways is thankful for this gift and the continued support from the entire Del Rio community. Without gifts like these, Mrs. Hanson says the program would not be sustainable.

About Pathways

Pathways Youth and Family Services is a private non-profit social service agency founded in 1992. The organization currently serves 600 children, 300 foster families and facilitated the adoption of 150 children in 2006. Pathways was named Agency of the Year by the Texas Foster Family Association in 2006.

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