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COVINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL AWARD PORTION OF FUNDS TO ETTIE LEE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

A portion of revenue from Cuisines of Covina to support abused, neglected and abandoned youth

April 24, 2007 – Covina Chamber of Commerce President / CEO Dawn Nelson announced that the Covina Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved to give a portion of the proceeds from their upcoming event Cuisines of Covina to Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services.

The event, Cuisines of Covina, will take place on Thursday May 17, 2007 at the AMC Theaters in Covina. Nelson remarked that, “The board supports the work that Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services does on behalf of the youth in our community and we feel strongly that they should be rewarded for their service.”

For the past 56 years Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services has served at-risk youth. Last year Ettie Lee served 271 unduplicated children: 197 boys age 8-18 in nine group homes and 74 boys and girls age 0-18 in 35 foster homes; 46% were Hispanic, 32% African-American, 16% Caucasian, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 4% mixed ethnicity; and over 97% were from low-income and/or disadvantaged families.

Ettie Lee operates a Foster Family Agency in Covina on Arrow Highway. It is specially licensed to find safe, loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected children and to provide the children with therapeutic and other support services they need to heal.

Ettie Lee also operates group homes whose expertise is in serving older children – teenage boys (aged 13-18) – who are on probation. All of group homes are located in residential and semi-residential areas and provide family-style residential treatment that focuses on the importance of being active in the community to develop the skills for success in life.

Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services is a nonprofit child welfare agency serving the complex needs of at-risk youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Its mission is to assist troubled youth who are in need of guidance and support to develop values and skills that will facilitate their success in life. Ettie Lee complies with the highest standards of Community Care Licensing, Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services, and Los Angeles County Department of Probation. Ettie Lee is accredited by the California Alliance for Children & Families and the Council on Accreditation.