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**AZUSA MAYOR RECOGNIZES PHILANTHROPIST
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Long time philanthropist Linda Brandes is honored

October 23, 2008 – Linda Brandes, long time Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services philanthropist was honored yesterday at an event held in her honor. Linda was presented with Proclamations and Certificates of Recognition from local and statewide politicians at the event that celebrated the re-naming of one of Ettie Lee’s residential group homes.

An Ettie Lee supporter for many years, many of Linda’s family and friends were on hand to celebrate as well.

Linda revealed to the crowd that at first she was reluctant to receive such an honor. But in doing so, she believes she has made the right decision and encouraged others to follow her lead and support Ettie Lee as well. She also surprised her brother Ron, Chairman of the Board of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services by announcing that the home would also bear his name. Says Linda, “Ron gives countless service hours because he believes so deeply in what Ettie Lee stands for, and I am able to financially support Ettie Lee. We make a great team.” The home will now be named the Linda Brandes and Ronald J. Bateman Home.

Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services is a 58 year old human service agency that serves at risk youth. Last year Ettie Lee served 350 unduplicated children and their families; 274 boys age 8 – 18 in our group homes and 76 boys and girls age 0 – 18 in our foster homes; 62% were Hispanic, 24% African-American, 11.4% Caucasian, 1.4% Asian/Pacific Islander, .3% American Indian, 9% mixed / other; and over 97% were from low-income or disadvantaged families.

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.