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**Rest Haven Children's Health Fund Announces Recipient of its
First Ever "Rest Haven Children's Health Fund Grant"**

This \$1,000,000 award is the first major grant for Rest Haven and largest ever received by San Diego Center for Children.

San Diego, September 29, 2022. Rest Haven Children's Health Fund (Rest Haven) is pleased to announce that it has awarded its largest grant ever to San Diego Center for Children (the Center). The \$1,000,000 grant will be used for expanding access to mental and behavioral health care services for San Diego's underserved children. This grant is the largest private grant received by the Center to date, and ushers in a new model of how to reach children in need of these services.

"It is an honor for the San Diego Center for Children and the families we serve to be awarded this significant grant from Rest Haven Children's Fund. The need for timely access to mental health care has never been greater and these funds will allow us not only to expand the scope of our current services, but to also develop much needed new intensive clinical services to meet the need of the community," said Moisés Barón, Ph.D., President & CEO of San Diego Center for Children.

Rest Haven began its grant selection process over a year ago. The Board of Directors determined access to mental health care services was in a state of crisis and wanted to be at the forefront of providing funding to address the issue. "Our Board was resoundingly in favor of supporting a local nonprofit that we believed would help bring mental and behavioral health services to so many underserved children in San Diego. Several deserving organizations applied for this grant, making it a difficult decision on our part," said Chris Bryant Nelissen, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Ultimately, however, we believed this partnership with the Center would significantly improve the state of access to services for our area's most at risk youth."

ABOUT REST HAVEN CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

Rest Haven got its beginnings in 1909 as convalescent facility devoted to the welfare of children with tuberculosis. In 1953, Rest Haven established an endowment fund to help children with health problems where no other sources of funding, public or private, were available. The fund

later was expanded to include children in Imperial County. The spirit and mission of Rest Haven's beginnings have persevered for over 100 years because of its dedication and commitment to ensuring all children's health needs are met.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Founded in 1887, San Diego Center for Children is the leading non-profit children's mental health care provider in our region. A skilled and compassionate team is dedicated to improving the lives of children and their families through nationally accredited outpatient, residential and academic mental health programs. The Center provides a hopeful path for a better future to thousands of families every.

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