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**1736 Family Crisis Center awarded \$300,000 Public Safety Grant from Tesoro Foundation
*Funding to benefit greater Los Angeles***

March 15, 2017, (LOS ANGELES) – The Tesoro Foundation awarded 1736 Family Crisis Center (1736 FCC) a Public Safety Grant of \$300,000 to promote a safer community through the expansion of a Domestic Violence Outreach, Training and Prevention Program in greater Los Angeles.

“1736 FCC is deeply appreciative of the grant from the Tesoro Foundation and for the Foundation’s partnership in efforts to improve awareness, knowledge and positive action toward domestic violence in our community,” said Carol Adelkoff, Chief Executive Officer of 1736 FCC. “Our ultimate goal is to end this terrible problem that affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in Los Angeles over their lifetimes. This grant will help support our efforts to reach that goal.”

1736 Family Crisis Center, Tesoro and City of Los Angeles Councilmember Joe Buscaino, 15th District, will be among the primary partners to improve police training and response to domestic violence victims of all ages and ensure that citizens can live safer lives, with the mutual goal of decreasing the incidence of domestic abuse. General public education offered by the Domestic Violence Outreach, Training and Prevention Program stresses the importance of recognizing warning signs and seeking help from the local police when necessary.

“The Tesoro Foundation is proud to support 1736 FCC in its heroic efforts to alleviate and eradicate domestic violence in the Los Angeles community,” said Ken Dami, Director of Southern California Public and Government Affairs at Tesoro. “It takes programs that provide training, education and support and strong partnerships between local governments, non-profits and organizations to make an impactful difference in our communities.”

The program includes a Domestic Violence Response Team (DART) collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department and Mayor Eric Garcetti’s office. As part of DART, 1736 FCC Advocates accompany police officers on domestic violence calls and provide on-site victim support, counseling and safety planning. 1736 FCC Advocates also offer specialized training in domestic violence for law enforcement and violence prevention education for the general public.

“As a former LAPD officer, I saw firsthand the devastating impacts of domestic violence,” said Councilman Joe Buscaino. “1736 Family Crisis Center has been a leading service provider in Los Angeles for many years and this grant will allow them to grow their vital program in Council District 15 and our neighboring cities.”

1736 FCC invites local business and organizations to join this collective effort to help victims of domestic violence and others in need. 1736 FCC provides professional counseling, legal services, 24-7 shelter care for those in need, five 24-hour helplines, Veteran support, specialized services for children, job development and educational support. Please contact Senior Director Tobi Quintiliani at 310-678-0483, Senior Director Debbie Nelson at 310-940-6633, or visit <http://www.1736familycrisiscenter.org/> for more information.

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1736 Family Crisis Center – 1736 Family Crisis Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency dedicated to serving vulnerable community members in the greater Los Angeles area. Its mission is to comprehensively help children, women, men, and families through crisis circumstances, including domestic violence, homelessness, poverty, and post-traumatic stress disorder, improving their prospects for long-term housing, financial stability, and success. Through operation of 13 program sites located in six cities (Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Long Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Santa Ana), three LA City Council Districts (10th District Herb Wesson, 11th District Mike Bonin, and 15th District Joe Buscaino), three Supervisorial Districts in LA County (First District, Supervisor Hilda Solis; Second District, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; and Fourth District, Supervisor Janice Hahn), and one Supervisorial District in Orange County (First District, Supervisor Andrew Do), 1736 Family Crisis Center manages a wide range of life-saving programs for vulnerable populations throughout the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. The agency has 160 employees who are dedicated to helping save lives around the clock and providing culturally-competent services to homeless and at-risk children and youth, adult and child victims of commercial sex trafficking and labor trafficking, homeless Veterans and their families, and victims of domestic violence. Supported by more than 200 volunteers and university interns, these professionals provide legal, mental health, shelter and other supportive services to more than 6,000 individuals annually. Through its DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team) collaboration with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department, agency staff stationed at the LAPD's Harbor Division accompany and assist police officers responding to domestic violence calls in Wilmington and San Pedro, providing support and counseling to victims thereby allowing the police to focus on their investigative work.