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Five Acres Receives Prestigious Gifts totaling \$300,000 in Support of Child and Family Services

*Grant awards are combined gifts from Weingart Foundation and
The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation*

(June 30, 2014, ALTADENA, CA) – Five Acres has been awarded \$300,000 by two separate grants from the Weingart Foundation and The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation.

Weingart Foundation's unrestricted grant of \$200,000 was awarded on May 1, 2014 by the board of directors and Fred Ali, President/CEO and will be applied over a twenty-four month period. The funds will be used to strengthen Five Acres and enable the organization to invest in agency-wide initiatives with meaningful, lasting impact. This includes research and data-gathering both to fine-tune support for clients and to better illustrate Five Acres' impact as an agency. Additionally, the funds will allow for investment in training for staff and board members which will lead to better outcomes for children and families in need.

Since 1982 and including this gift, Weingart has now given Five Acres a total of \$1,400,000.

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation funds of \$100,000 were awarded in May 2014 by the board of directors and will be applied over a twelve month period. The funding will be used to support core programs that are the cornerstone of the agency's mission: to promote safety, well-being and permanency for children and their families. Through this grant, Five Acres will direct needed funds to the Residential Treatment and Permanency Programs, on-campus Therapeutic School and the Pasadena Mental Health Center & Grace Services. Together, these programs provide an important umbrella of key services to over 7,000 clients annually.

Since 1990, The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation has awarded 14 grants to Five Acres for a total of \$1,387,500.

"We are thankful for the support and investment of foundations such as Weingart and Parsons that have made it possible for Five Acres to continue doing the innovative and vital work impacting the lives of thousands of children in need, every year. It is with their support Five Acres can achieve its goal of providing a safe and loving forever family, for every child. It permits us to continually re-evaluate our impact and therefore advance our services over the last 126 years." – CEO, Chanel Boutakidis

Five Acres relies upon the generosity of many individuals, corporations and foundations to sustain its vital programming. Both the Weingart Foundation and The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation grants underscore the importance of sustaining services which help children and their families attain safety, well-being and permanency.

About Five Acres:

Five Acres is a child and family services agency strengthening families and preventing child abuse through treatment and education in community based and residential programs. Established as an orphanage in 1888, today Five Acres offers an array of services including foster care and adoption, supporting over 7,000 children and families in Los Angeles County.

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