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**Five Acres receives grant of $20,000 in support of the Pasadena Mental Health Center and Domestic Violence (Grace) Services**

*(January 26, 2015 – Altadena CA )* - Five Acres has been awarded $20,000 from the Orange County Community Foundation.

The funds will be used towards the Pasadena Mental Health Center (PMHC), a program of Five Acres, which provides comprehensive, affordable mental health programs to uninsured people in the greater San Gabriel Valley. Domestic Violence (Grace) Services are included. PMHC serves individuals, families, couples, and groups, as well as parent classes and couples counseling. The mission of PMHC is to help individuals make measurable progress toward personal goals, and to build skills for better working relationships at home, at work and in the community.  Each year, more than 1,000 people are provided domestic violence and/or mental health services at PMHC.

This is the sixth grant Orange County Community Foundation has given to Five Acres, primarily in support of Domestic Violence (Grace) Services.

The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) has more than 450 charitable funds and helps people support the causes they are most passionate about. OCCF collaborates with individuals, families and businesses for stewardship and to match their charitable interests with the community’s needs. Since its inception, OCCF has granted over $257 million to meet needs in Orange County, LA County, across the nation and around the world.

**About Pasadena Mental Health Center**

The Pasadena Mental Health Center (PMHC) was founded in 1965 by a group of mental health professionals and concerned community members to provide high quality, accessible and affordable mental health services to women and others in the local communities. PMHC became part of Five Acres 6/30/2014, where it joined with Domestic Violence (Grace) Services, a program of Five Acres since 2003.

**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 nearly 8,400 children and adults in Los Angeles County.

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