



## Alexandria House's Childcare Program Helps Homeless Women and Children

**August 19, 2008**—The William H. Hannon Foundation has made a \$48,000 grant to Alexandria House's Childcare Program. Located in the mid-Wilshire area of Los Angeles, Alexandria House is celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary in helping homeless women and children and or those living in poverty. Alexandria House is a transitional residence and house of hospitality providing safe and supportive housing for women and children in the process of moving from emergency shelter to permanent housing. The grant will go to provide program and salary support for the Childcare Program in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Founded and run by Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ, Alexandria House has helped over 300 women and children through its residence program; and more than 90 at-risk neighborhood children annually through the after school and teen programs.

"The families we serve have all experienced personal traumas, severe economic deprivation and homelessness. The children especially need a stable, consistent, secure childcare environment with experienced staff that is knowledgeable about their special needs. The grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation helps us meet this need," said Vaughan.

Almost all of the current and past residents of Alexandria House are minimum wage earners, who endure tremendous financial strains and often risk losing employment due to the high cost of childcare in Los Angeles.

"From the start, my late uncle supported Sister Judy and her ministry at Alexandria House. We are very proud to continue his legacy of support for the very important and loving environment Alexandria House creates for women and children," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, Hannon's niece and a Board member of the Foundation since its founding in 1983.