



Valley Family Center Provides Children's Learning Center Program

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On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, the William H. Hannon Foundation visited the Valley Family Center in San Fernando to award a \$20,000 grant to support the Center's Learning Center Program. The Foundation has assisted the Valley Family Center for the past 16 years.

The Foundation's founder, the late William H. Hannon, started supporting the Center in 1988, one year after the Valley Family Center was founded in a small duplex on Workman Street. Today, the Center is located in a



much larger facility that it owns on Brand Boulevard. The Valley Family Center provides counseling and educational programs to children and families in low-income communities throughout the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

For a number of decades Mr. Hannon and his successors operated the San Fernando Swap Meet, but today are no longer involved in its operation. Because of Mr. Hannon's work in developing various communities throughout the San Fernando Valley, his

Foundation continues to support local organizations that serve the residents in those areas.

“My uncle firmly believed in giving back to the communities in which he did business. That’s why he established his Foundation and that’s why we continue to carry on his tradition by supporting organizations like the Valley Family Center that make a real difference in people’s lives,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.



The Learning Center Program provides after-school tutoring and small group instruction to children and youth who have special learning needs. Many of the youth come from broken homes or homes where violence, sexual/physical abuse or alcohol or drug abuse have taken place. In order to overcome these learning obstacles, these children and

youth require steady, individual attention and tutoring in the supportive and non-threatening atmosphere the Learning Center Program provides.

