

William H. Hannon Foundation Renews Support of Two Westchester Initiatives

February 2017/Santa Monica, CA – The William H. Hannon Foundation has renewed its support of two important Westchester-based initiatives: the Rotary Club of Westchester’s Home Makeover Project and the Race for Success with grants totaling \$25,000.

Since 2006, the Rotary Club of Westchester has undertaken a Home Makeover project approximately every two years to benefit a deserving family in the community. While the Rotary Club has previously focused on a single family facing challenges and sought to improve their lives by making over their home, two years ago the focus was on rehabilitating the Westchester Senior Center, and in 2016 the Club made over the facilities of Safe Place for Youth (SPY) in Venice. The SPY project work will take place from February 16 to 20, 2017. The William H. Hannon Foundation has been a sponsor of the Home Makeover project since the program was started.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Race for Success 5k Run/Walk and Expo has become the largest annual charity event in Westchester. The Foundation has been a sponsor since the beginning. The Race supports public, private and parochial schools within the Westchester/Playa del Rey and Playa Vista communities. Over the last nine years, the event has raised \$580,000 for local schools. 2,500 people participated last year. The Race will be held on Saturday, March 11 on the campus of Loyola Marymount University in Westchester. The school with the most participants takes home the “Hannon Spirit Award.”

“My late uncle, our Foundation’s founder, William Hannon, had his business/foundation office in Westchester. He loved the community. He came to Westchester a few years after he returned from serving in World War II. He joined with Fritz Burns in developing major parts of the community and he stayed until his death. He would be very happy that we continue to support the initiatives that make Westchester special,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and Hannon’s niece.