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## **NATIONWIDE INSURANCE FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING TO STABILIZE LOCAL FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

River Oak Center for Children Receives Grant from Nationwide

(Sacramento, California) – River Oak Center for Children announced today that it received a grant of \$10,000 from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. The grant will be used for activities at River Oak’s Family Resource Center that provide emergency basic needs and crisis stabilization to children and families in need.

Since 2002, River Oak’s Family Resource Center in Oak Park has provided Sacramento-area parents, children, and youth access to resources and activities that stabilize and strengthen their families. Through effective parenting classes, home visitation services, youth leadership development activities, crisis intervention, emergency assistance, support groups, housing and employment assistance, and other resources, the Family Resource Center offers a wide range of culturally sensitive, community-based family support services that give children and families the opportunity to improve their health, their lives, and their long-term success.

“We are deeply grateful to the Nationwide Insurance Foundation for its generous grant to our Family Resource Center,” said Dr. Mary Hargrave, president and chief executive officer at River Oak. “In these difficult economic times, more and more low-income families are reaching out to the community for vital resources such as food, clothing, gas, utility and rent assistance. Most of the families coming to the Family Resource Center are single parents who face challenges like unemployment, violent relationships, lack of family support, and high stress levels. These life situations can put their children at risk of abuse or neglect. Nationwide’s support will help River Oak provide critical basic needs to families that help to keep them safe, enable them to stay together, and provide stability so that they can take the steps necessary to address their crisis situations and become self-sufficient.”

“River Oak Center for Children provides a critical lifeline for many families and children in Sacramento,” said Chad Jester, president of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. “River Oak helps to stabilize the lives of families and children in need, creating a foundation for a brighter future.”

Since 1966, River Oak Center for Children ([www.riveroak.org](http://www.riveroak.org)) has helped children and youth who need support, coaching and treatment to thrive at school, at home and in the community. Through evidence-based programs, River Oak strengthens close to 2,000 at-risk children and families each year to manage life’s challenges and achieve their full potential.

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