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## **LA CUNA TO HONOR ROBERT MCNEELY**

SAN DIEGO, CA (*August 15, 2007*) — On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, La Cuna will host a luncheon to honor Robert McNeely for his commitment to our region's most vulnerable citizens—Latino foster children.

Who: Robert McNeely, Executive Vice President, Corporate Community Development, Chairman & CEO, Union Bank of California Foundation, will be presented the Hero/Heroé Award at the intimate luncheon. A multitude of community leaders including the Honorable Judge Irma Gonzalez, Ruben Barrales, Bob Kelly and Steve Francis, will attend the exclusive event to recognize Robert McNeely for heroic acts on behalf of Latino children.

What: Hero/Heroé Award Luncheon

Where: The University Club

Why: "To recognize Robert McNeely for his community leadership and serving as a strong advocate for improving the quality of life for foster children," stated La Cuna's Board chairman David Bejarano, former Chief of the San Diego Police Department.

About La Cuna, Inc.

In Spanish, la cuna means "cradle" — a place of safety and comfort for babies. La Cuna is a young and energetic non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality foster care for San Diego's most vulnerable children, Latino infants from birth to five years of age. La Cuna's goal is to create awareness within the community about the issues surrounding Latino foster children, and to make these "at risk" youngsters a higher priority.

Established in September, 2003 to address the shortage of culturally-sensitive foster homes serving Latino infants and toddlers, *La Cuna* is dedicated to establishing foster family practices that allow young children access to healthy, loving and nurturing environments. For more information on La Cuna, please visit [www.lacuna.org](http://www.lacuna.org) or call 619.521.9900

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