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LA CUNA HOSTS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MOTHER- DAUGHTER TEA EVER HELD IN SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, CA (*June 20, 2006*) — On Sunday, May 20, a nonprofit called La Cuna (Spanish for “cradle”) welcomed 300 guests to its second annual Mother-Daughter Tea, held at Paradise Point Resort and Spa, and netted \$55,000 in aid of Latino foster children.

At the event, Retired Chief of Police David Bejarano, who is Chairman of the Board of Directors of La Cuna, honored Kristi Pieper-Rossbacher with the “Cradle Award” in recognition for her outstanding commitment to children.

Dawn DuCharme chaired the event and Yolanda Walther-Meade, along with her daughter Yolanda S. Walther-Meade, served as honorary chairs. Guests included the Hon. Federal Judge Irma Gonzalez, Kathliene Sundt, Deanna Mackie and Collette Stefanko.

The event celebrated the bridging of cultures that is apropos to our border town. Guests enjoyed hip hop and salsa dancing from Mighty Shock and Alma Latina as well as live music provided Manny Cepeda and face painting for children of all ages.

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 or call 619.521.9900

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