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Hunger Advocacy Network Awarded 2014 Commission Partner Award by the San Diego Human Relations Commission

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San Diego, CA – The San Diego Human Relations Commission (SDHRC) has chosen to honor the Hunger Advocacy Network (HAN) as one of the recipients of its 2014 Commission Partner Awards. Jewish Family Service (JFS) serves as the Network’s neutral convener and the Leichtag Foundation has provided generous funding to support the Network. The SDHRC recognizes the Network’s collaborative work toward reducing barriers, enhancing awareness and increasing access to food assistance programs.

The Hunger Advocacy Network is a collaborative of 21 San Diego organizations, including human service agencies, food banks and advocacy organizations. These organizations work together to achieve a long-term, systemic reduction of food insecurity in San Diego by shaping state policy. The SDHRC is one of the members of the Network.

“It is a great honor to receive the 2014 Commission Partner Award.” said Kristen Aster, Manager of the Hunger Advocacy Network, “The Network has empowered a strong coalition of partners who have increased awareness of hunger issues in San Diego County and made an impact on government policies that reduce hunger. We are focused on continuing to make a meaningful impact in our community by shaping state policy.”

HAN will receive the award at a special event taking place on November 18, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Shiley Special Events Suite at the Central Library. It will include a recognition ceremony and a reception. The SDHRC is presenting its annual Keith M. Turnham Humanitarian Award to Mr. Hernan Luis y Prado, its Business Diversity Award to UC San Diego Health System, its Commission Partner Awards to HAN, KPBS, and Ms. Summer Stefan , Chief Deputy District Attorney, and its Human Relations Commission Commendations to Barrio

Logan Community Plan Steering Committee, Ms. Tinesia Conwright, Ms. Jamie Quiet, Pastor Richard “Cisco” Mendez, Todo Mundo and Mr. Aldo Sanchez.

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About Jewish Family Service

Since 1918, Jewish Family Service of San Diego has been a trusted community resource for individuals and families in times of need. Our wide range of integrated services *Move Families and Individuals Toward Self-Sufficiency*, *Support Aging with Dignity*, and *Foster Community Connection and Engagement* throughout San Diego County and the Coachella Valley. Many people turn to Jewish Family Service with a specific need, such as hunger. But what begins with one service often leads to a much larger scope of support, including counseling, education, job coaching, transportation, and more. Our message to every person who turns to Jewish Family Service in search of a better life is: WE'RE WITH YOU. To learn how JFS transforms lives in our community, visit www.jfssd.org.