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INNVISION SHELTER NETWORK RECIEVES GRANT AND **EXECUTIVE TRAINING FROM BANK OF AMERICA**

Neighborhood Builders grant supports innovative and effective programming to help end homelessness for families and individuals in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

MENLO PARK, CA April 28, 2015 - InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN) - a leading provider of shelter and supportive services to homeless families and individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties – announced today that Bank of America has awarded the organization a Neighborhood Builders® grant.

InnVision Shelter Network has received a grant for \$200,000 in unrestricted funding for its programs and for leadership training as a part of the Bank of America Neighborhood Builder Program, which is now in its 10th year.

"We started Neighborhood Builders to promote the leadership potential and the operational capacity of high-impact nonprofits like InnVision Shelter Network, empowering them to meet the changing needs in their community," said Raquel Gonzàlez, Silicon Valley Market President at Bank of America. "We are proud to make this two-year investment in the innovative and successful work that IVSN is doing to help end homelessness in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties."

InnVision Shelter Network will use the funding to support its "Skills to Succeed" financial literacy and job preparedness educational programs. This program provides critical life skills training for clients which supports a rapid return to longterm housing and self-sufficiency. In total, 1000 people per night are sheltered in IVSN facilities-based programs. Many more are served through non-site based programs and a significant number of people assisted through IVSN program are homeless Veterans.

"We are honored to receive the generous Neighborhood Builders grant from Bank of America which recognizes high-performing organizations making significant impacts in their communities," said Bruce Ives, CEO, InnVision Shelter Network. He added, "Our financial literacy and job preparedness workshops are highly effective

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Congresswoman Jackie Speier for our clients. By the time they graduate from our programs, our clients are much better prepared to manage their income and personal debt. They've also learned the power of establishing savings. These abilities dramatically increase their likelihood of remaining self-sufficient and retaining their housing."

About InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN)

InnVision Shelter Network provides stabilization and interim housing together with an array of supportive services to homeless families and individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Through its "Beyond the Bed" service model, the vast majority of the families and individuals that graduate from IVSN's interim housing programs find employment and a rapid return to housing and ongoing self-sufficiency. Last year, 90% of the families and 70% of the individuals graduating from IVSN interim housing programs returned to housing and self-sufficiency.

Through donations from the community – including financial contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteerism – IVSN finds the support needed to change the lives of those in our community struggling to overcome poverty and homelessness.

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