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## **HIGH SCHOOL FOR FOSTER YOUTH OPENS NEW HEALTH FACILITY**

*San Pasqual Academy's Wellness Center Made Possible By Generous Donors*

San Pasqual Academy, San Diego County's first-in-the-nation, residential education campus for adolescent foster youth, will open its new Health and Wellness Center on September 15, thanks to the generosity of local donors.

"It is this sort of public-private partnership that helps the County best serve our residents," said 4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor Ron Roberts. "In tough budget times like these, it is gratifying to see members of our community stepping forward to show that they recognize the benefit of investing in the futures of our foster youth."

It is the Academy's goal to use the Health and Wellness Center as the foundation for establishing a "culture of wellness," through health education, as well as intervention services in key areas such as substance abuse, stress management, fitness/nutrition, and healthy relationships.

"Thanks to generous donations from business and the community, the teens at the San Pasqual Academy have the opportunity to learn healthy behaviors," said 1<sup>st</sup> District County Supervisor Greg Cox. "The Health and Wellness Center gives foster teens access to healthy options they may never have learned elsewhere."

The Health and Wellness Center is a result of generous contributions from both businesses and individuals in the community. Donations included \$500,000 for construction of the facility from the Sulpizio family; furnishings and interior design from the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation and San Diego Office Interiors; and \$45,000 to support a Health Educator position, from the San Diego Foundation's Brutten Family Fund.

The grand opening and ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m. at the Academy campus in Escondido. Special guests at the grand opening will include Supervisors Cox and Roberts, Child Welfare Services Director Patric B. Ashby, donors Richard and Gaby Sulpizio, and representatives of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation.

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