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Nordstrom Opens New Relocated Store at Los Cerritos Center

CERRITOS — Leading fashion specialty retailer Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) opened the doors of its new, relocated store at Los Cerritos Center in Cerritos on May 7th. The new 138,000 sq-ft store offers customers an expanded selection of quality, luxury and designer fashion brands for women, men and children. The original Nordstrom at Los Cerritos opened in 1981.

"We are absolutely delighted to give our customers a brand new store and thank them for shopping with us for almost 30 years," said Kathy Fisher, Nordstrom Cerritos store manager. "When customers walk through the doors for the first time, we hope they'll love their new store and enhanced merchandise selection we can now offer them."

The two-level store offers customers four new departments featuring exciting new brands including: designer handbags featuring Jimmy Choo, Valentino and Michael Kors; a via C department offering fashion



SHOPAHOLICS run excitedly to see and shop at the new Nordstrom in Cerritos during its opening day. More than 400 employees cheered enthusiastically to welcome customers through the doors.

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Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC Program Celebrates 51 New Graduates

NORWALK — Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC (Training Academy) program honored 51 Teacher TRAC program students on May 13th as they moved closer to gaining a bachelor's degree and teaching credential from one of its partner CSU campuses. The new group of graduates joins the growing party of over 400 Teacher TRAC graduates.

Honoring Teacher TRAC students at the recognition ceremony were the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, senior members of Cerritos College administration, Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC, Dr. Daniel O'Connor, chair of liberal studies at California State University, Long Beach, former Teacher TRAC students, Teacher TRAC faculty members, and friends and family of the students. Each graduate received a

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Keep Your Home Foundation and LA NHS Offer Help to Distressed Borrowers in Los Angeles County

Partnership has facilitated help to nearly 1,000 individuals struggling to prevent foreclosure

As the aftershocks of the big foreclosure earthquake continue to rattle borrowers throughout Los Angeles County, Keep Your Home Foundation (KYH) stands out as a significant contributor to the foreclosure prevention initiative. At the beginning of the year, KYH awarded Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services (LA NHS) with \$120,000 to sponsor monthly foreclosure prevention fairs that provide relief to distressed borrowers, displaced families and blighted neighborhoods.

As a goal, the intention of the partnership is

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Su Casa Launches "Every 9 Seconds" Fundraising Drive

Su Casa — Ending Domestic, a local domestic violence shelter serving Southeast Los Angeles County, including Long Beach, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood and Bellflower, is launching an ambitious fundraising drive to raise \$100,000 in the next four months to close an anticipated budget gap due to severe expected losses in State funding.

"Our fundraiser is named every 9 seconds in recognition of the sad reality that every nine seconds someone in this country becomes a victim of domestic violence," explains Vicki Doolittle, Executive Director of Su Casa. In spite of the compelling need to serve victims of domestic violence and their children, the Governor continues to propose draconian cuts in both funding for domestic violence shelters and California's welfare program for families,

CalWORKS.

The State has provided funding for domestic violence shelters since 1977, according to Doolittle but in the latest proposal, the budget would be reduced to \$0 for these critical services. "Su Casa has worked for 31 years to provide service to our community including our 24 hour crisis hotline, 30-day emergency shelter, a 12 month transitional shelter and a Community Resource Center with walk-in services. In a typical year, up to 5,000 individuals and families receive counseling parenting classes, legal assistance, life skills education, court accompaniment and advocacy. Tens of thousands of people have been helped over the years." All of these services are at risk if the Governor and the Legislature follow through with the threatened cuts, says Doolittle. All of this

comes on top of the cuts Su Casa received last year.

"One of the things we are most concerned about is the loss of CalWORKs or a significant reduction in grants as this program is often the only means of support for domestic violence victims and their children," says Doolittle. The loss of shelters and CalWORKs will have terrible long term costs not only in human terms but in increased law enforcement and court costs as well as health care costs. "These proposed reductions pose a risk to our entire community as we are all touched by domestic violence in some way," says Doolittle.

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