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Shakti Rising Receives \$52,560 from the Annenberg Foundation to Support the Expansion of Offsite Wellness and Leadership Education Services (OWLS)

San Diego, CA, July 29, 2008: In recognition of Shakti Rising's leading-edge educational model, the Annenberg Foundation recently granted \$52,560 to Shakti Rising to support the Offsite Wellness and Leadership Education Services (OWLS) program. Through the Annenberg Foundation's generous grant, Shakti Rising will expand its offsite services which provide early intervention services to at-risk young women who are facing complex issues including interpersonal violence, addictions, eating disorders, body image issues, and depression. The grant will enable Shakti Rising to provide programming in underserved areas of San Diego and dedicate a staff member to the project.

"Through the generosity of the Annenberg Foundation, Shakti Rising will provide young women with the necessary skills to create lifestyles that result in optimal learning behaviors and overall health," says Shannon Thompson, Founder and Executive Director of Shakti Rising. "We are deeply honored that the Annenberg Foundation has chosen to support the OWLS program to make a difference in the lives of at-risk young women in San Diego."

Established in 1989 by Walter H. Annenberg, the Annenberg Foundation provides funding and support to nonprofit organizations in the United States and globally through its headquarters in Radnor, Pennsylvania and offices in Los Angeles, California and Washington, DC. The Annenberg Foundation exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. As the principal means of achieving this goal, the Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge.

Shakti Rising is an innovative nonprofit organization working to create large scale social change by providing holistic, empowerment-based programs that facilitate individual and community transformation. Our work actively promotes community well-being by creating woman and child friendly societies that are safe, healthy, vibrant, diverse, sustainable and culturally alive. Our mission is to empower young women to uncover, rediscover, and reclaim their whole selves. For more information about Shakti Rising, please visit www.shaktirising.org or call 619-501-2746.

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