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## **King Foundation awards \$30,000 grant to SafeHaven**

Fort Worth, TX (June 22, 2009) – The Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation, a Dallas-based philanthropic organization that focuses some of its funds on organizations that help children, awarded \$30,000 to SafeHaven of Tarrant County for its “Children Can Succeed” program.

“We depend on private philanthropy to meet the needs of the children we serve,” said President and CEO Mary Lee Hafley. “Supporters like the King Foundation are essential to providing counseling, education, respite and recreation to the children of domestic violence victims.”

Children Can Succeed consists of play therapy, art therapy, fieldtrips and education to give children back their childhood and help them create a violence-free future.

“The key to breaking the cycle of domestic violence is children,” Hafley said. “When children are exposed to domestic violence, they develop emotional and behavioral problems including withdrawal and low self-esteem to nightmares and aggression. By providing professional support in a safe, positive environment, children share their feelings and develop the tools they need to rebuild their self-esteem and trust in others.”

### **About SafeHaven**

SafeHaven of Tarrant County is a nonprofit organization that exists to end family violence through safety, support, prevention and social change. SafeHaven’s two emergency shelters, one in Arlington and one in Fort Worth, accommodate a combined 174 women and children, making SHTC one of the largest shelters in Texas.

In 2008, SHTC sheltered over 2,700 adult and child victims and provided non-residential services through our Resource Centers to more than 3,700 other clients seeking emotional, legal and practical support to move from “victim” to “survivor”. *Staff and volunteers answered 41,767 hotline calls in 2008, an 81% increase over 2007.* In addition to protecting victims and creating opportunities to achieve independence and self-sufficiency, SHTC also educates approximately 60,000 individuals annually. The majority of these are students who learn warning signs of relationship abuse

A leader in the domestic violence field, SHTC operates a full continuum of specialized programs, utilizes community volunteers and runs a successful resale store, Berry Good Buys.

For more information on how you can help, visit our website at [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org) or call 817 535-6462.

For immediate assistance regarding domestic violence, please contact the 24 hour toll free crisis hotline at 1-877-701- SAFE (7233).