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Nurse-Family Partnership Receives Significant Grant Award

DENVER, CO - FEBRUARY 19, 2007 - Nurse-Family Partnership, a leading nonprofit organization addressing the needs of low-income, first-time parents and their children has been awarded a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation that will support various program implementation and client services initiatives.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant, in the amount \$2.1 million will support expansion of Nurse-Family Partnership operations by developing new community and state-supported program development initiatives. This goal will be met by identifying and promoting successful public policy, finance and communications strategies to expand and sustain Nurse-Family Partnership in communities across the country.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 “to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.” To achieve the greatest impact, the Foundation targets its grants toward specific areas. These include: health; food systems and rural development; youth and education; and philanthropy and volunteerism. Within these areas, attention is given to exploring learning opportunities in leadership; information and communication technology; capitalizing on diversity; and social and economic community development. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

For further information, please visit the Foundation’s Web site at www.wkkf.org. The site offers: in-depth information about the Foundation’s programming interests; information on the Foundation’s grant application process; a database of current grant recipients; and, access to numerous publications which report on Foundation-funded projects.

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Office is a nonprofit organization committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. It is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized controlled trials conducted over the past 30 years demonstrate

multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditure. Mothers and children who have participated in the program have consistently demonstrated significantly improved prenatal health, fewer childhood injuries, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased intervals between births, increased maternal employment and improved school readiness. For more information, please visit www.nursefamilypartnership.org

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