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GiveWell Highly Recommends Nurse-Family Partnership NFP “Stands Out from Any Other,” Independent Charity Evaluator Says

DENVER, CO (September 10, 2008) – Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) announced today that it has earned the coveted “highly recommended” stamp of approval from GiveWell, an independent nonprofit charity evaluator that performs in-depth research on charities to help people accomplish as much good as possible with their donations.

Nurse-Family Partnership is a voluntary prevention program providing nurse home visitation services to low income, first-time mothers. Nurses begin home visits early in the mother’s pregnancy and continue visitation through the child’s second year. Nurses provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioral and self-sufficiency issues.

GiveWell says, “The NFP model has been shown to positively affect the lives of participating mothers and their children in several rigorous studies, and grants to the national NFP organization are directed towards replicating this proven program. This organization stands out from any other we have examined, in any cause, for its clarity of strategy, commitment to replicating what is proven, and ability to continue learning about what works (both through ongoing randomized trials and through the data collected from all its sites). We highly recommend it as a proven and scalable early childhood intervention.”

More than 30 years of research on NFP show consistent results in improved prenatal care, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased maternal education and employment, improved school readiness by the child, decreased childhood injuries and decreased criminal convictions.

“Nurse-Family Partnership is grateful for GiveWell’s strong recommendation and recognition of the work the NFP National Service Office does in replicating the NFP program in communities across the country,” said Thomas R. Jenkins, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Nurse-Family Partnership. “Public funding supports the ongoing programs that serve new families on the local level, while private donors enable the non-profit National Service Office to work with communities to implement NFP. It takes support from both the private and public sectors to ensure this proven program continues to benefit vulnerable families and their communities.”

GiveWell’s full report on Nurse-Family Partnership can be found at <http://www.givewell.net/NFP>. Information on donating to NFP via GiveWell site is at <http://www.givewell.net/cause3> or directly on the Nurse-Family Partnership website at <http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org>.

Today, Nurse-Family Partnership serves more than 14,000 families in 26 states. It’s estimated that there are approximately 600,000 eligible first-time mothers in the U.S. that would benefit from the program.

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About Nurse-Family Partnership

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office (www.nursefamilypartnership.org) is 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 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures. Nurse-Family Partnership is headquartered in Denver, Colorado.