

# Press Release



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## **St. Vincent's Celebrates the "Wobbly Ducks" Graduation Class of 2009**

*Santa Barbara, CA* – The Sisters and staff at St. Vincent's Casa Alegria Children's Center along with parents, family, and friends celebrated the 10th graduating preschool class on June 25, 2009. Ten children known as the "Wobbly Ducks" successfully completed preschool and are prepared to attend local kindergartens this fall. Seven of the ten graduating children have been enrolled at Casa Alegria Children's Center from infancy.

Casa Alegria Children's Center is dedicated to the development of the whole child between the ages of 3 months and 5 years. "Casa Alegria creates learning that leads to a system of care based on mutual relationships between teachers and the families of the children we serve," says Sister Judith Schomisch, D.C., executive director of St. Vincent's.

St. Vincent's Casa Alegria Children's Center opened in fall 1999 offering quality, affordable childcare. Casa Alegria provides early learning services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers of residents in the Program of Affordable Transitional Housing & Services (PATHS) for low-income single women and their children and from the local community. To remain in attendance over 90 percent of the children at Casa Alegria Children's Center receive scholarship money generously provided by local foundations and private donors.

Upcoming public events benefitting St. Vincent's programs for women and children include "St. Vincent's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic," August 31 at the La Cumbre Country Club. For information on supporting the critical community programs at St. Vincent's and the Golf Classic log onto [www.stvincents-sb.org](http://www.stvincents-sb.org) or contact Kelly Stark, Director of Development 805-683-6381 ext. 107.



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*St. Vincent's seeks to break the cycle of poverty, violence and abuse for the most vulnerable and needy of Santa Barbara County. Through educational and personal growth opportunities, we are committed to helping our sisters and brothers who are poor realize their full potential as children of God with dignity and respect.*

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