

**United Neighborhood Community Centers of America's President Praises  
Neighborhood House Association's New Management Team**



President of national non-profit human service organization makes personal visit to NHA. Neighborhood House Association (NHA) today announce that Ian B. Bautista, President of The United Neighborhood Community Centers of America (UNCA) made a personal visit to learn about the accomplishments achieved by the new management team at Neighborhood House Association. President Bautista met with NHA President and CEO Rudolph Johnson, III and toured a variety of facilities to learn about the numerous successes achieved at the organization since August 2006, when Johnson first began serving as President and CEO.

“UNCA members such as the Neighborhood House Association continue to innovate, lead social change, and serve America’s most vulnerable families,” said Bautista. “Neighborhood House Association’s new management team is an example of social entrepreneurs serving communities in need in an exemplary way. NHA is a highly respected organization that is what a neighborhood center can become when you have an enterprising attitude, top talent and commitment to excellence.”

Formed in 1911, UNCA counts on more than 140 member neighborhood development and empowerment centers. UNCA aims to improve the quality of life for children and

families in some of the most challenged neighborhoods in America. The objective of the support from UNCA to its members is to assure efficient and effective member agencies and to develop action strategies that will improve neighborhood conditions.

Among the largest successes achieved by the NHA team has been that the United States Department of Health and Human Services determined NHA is in full compliance of the Head Start and Early Head Start program performance standards and policy requirements. The Department conducted a follow-up review in February 2007, which encompassed a comprehensive on-site monitoring review and analysis of NHA's leadership, management and execution of the Head Start program in San Diego.

"NHA's commitment to serving San Diego's most needy families with the most up-to-date, state-of-the-art and efficient systems is unparalleled. I'm personally thrilled to share our achievements with the community and UNCA," said Johnson. "UNCA's visit today demonstrates how far we have come as an organization," added Johnson.

Bautista also learned of success with NHA's San Diego Food Bank, Service Employees International Union and other efforts since the new management assumed the helm of the large multipurpose social service agency in August 2006. Today, NHA serves over 10,000 children and families through its Head Start program, provides food and services to more than 1.9 million people each year, and successfully negotiated a three-year labor agreement with a local union. Today, the organization is poised to become the model human services organization in San Diego and the nation.

About Neighborhood House Association ("A Neighbor You Can Count On")  
The Neighborhood House Association (NHA) is San Diego County's largest multi-purpose human services agency. NHA serves San Diego County through a network of seventeen programs in over 130 locations. NHA helps thousands of individuals and families improve their quality of life by providing food and vital social services including employment, healthcare, child, family and senior services. For more information, visit [www.neighborhoodhouse.org](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org).

For more information on The United Neighborhood Community Centers of America (UNCA), visit [www.unca.org](http://www.unca.org).