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WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOPE FOUNDATION GRANTS TO RENAISSANCE HOUSE

November 28, 2006 – BISBEE, AZ - The Women and Children's Hope Foundation of Vail, Arizona, announced today its pledge to support Bisbee's Renaissance House, formerly the Women's Transition Project, by replacing most of the furniture within the facility. Stephen Watts, Renaissance House Executive Director, explained, "Many of our beds, tables, chairs and other furniture have fallen into disrepair over the years and the new furnishing will not only add a new level of comfort for the women but will certainly beautify their living space."

This is the second generous grant made to the Renaissance House by the Women and Children's Hope Foundation. Earlier this year, the Foundation purchased much needed audio/visual, exercise and yoga equipment for the women.

Watts added that the organization has been able to also renovate the House's ancient heating and cooling system and replace deteriorating floors thanks in part to the generous contributions received from the community, artists and merchants during the very successful October 1st fundraiser that took place at the Belleza Gallery and the Café Roka. Plans are underway to use a portion of these contributions to also paint the exterior of the house in the near future.

Concluding, Watts emphasized that unlike many Arizona behavioral health organizations, women may stay at the Renaissance House for up to a year. Because of this the House becomes a vital part of the organization's therapy regimen offering a place where women are offered refuge and safety, are no longer subjected to the environment in which they once got into trouble, and where they can live in a level of comfort and pleasant surroundings they may

not have experienced in some time, if ever. Renaissance House is a place where they much rather be than escape from.

Renaissance House is a Level 2 behavioral health facility that serves homeless women in recovery from drug and alcohol dependence, victims of domestic violence, women getting out of jail or prison, women with mental illness, and women who are working to reunite their families. Renaissance House provides residents food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and childcare while offering a comprehensive array of services, treatment and training.

Belleza Gallery, wholly owned by Renaissance House, manages an innovative vocational education program in which residents construct Adirondack furniture. One-hundred percent of the profit from the gallery provides operating funds for Renaissance House and 100% of the profit on the sale of the furniture is distributed to the residents at the time of their graduation from the facility. In addition, clients learn life, vocational, and business skills while working at the gallery and in the wood-working facility.

Readers can learn more about the Renaissance House and Belleza Gallery at <http://www.renaissance-house.org>.

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