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Local Non-Profit Family Services to Demo Old Factory Site and Break Ground On New Family Support Center in Rainier Valley

New Building to Add Family Support Services to Area

SEATTLE, WA (April 29, 2008) – Family Services of King County is one step closer to ending homelessness for families in Seattle. Beginning this week demolition and site clearance of the existing dilapidated building will take place. The new multi-service center for families will be located at 1924 Rainier Avenue South in Seattle.

Named after the facilities lead donor, Seattle Rotary, The Rotary Support Center for Families will be an innovative center where at-risk and homeless families can find, under one roof, programs they need to maintain permanent housing and emotionally healthy lives. The Center will include therapeutic programs for families such as child-care, parenting classes, eviction prevention, counseling, domestic violence intervention, and housing support services and case management for families who are homeless but it is not a facility they will live at. The Center will also house the administrative offices of Family Services.

“This facility helps us towards our goal to prevent and end homelessness in our area, enhance services to vulnerable children, and continue serving families with our underlying, therapeutic focus,” said Ruthann Howell, CEO/President of Family Services. “We are inspired by the generosity and commitment of our community partners to helping families in need - the impact of this collaboration will be seen for generations to come.”

For the first time in its 116-year history, Family Services will be able to provide at-risk and homeless families with a comprehensive set of services under one roof with expanded programs and services being offered at the new location.

About Family Services Since 1892, Family Services has been working to strengthen at-risk families in King County. The non-profit organization is one of the largest in the area and serves thousands of individuals and families through a variety of services. Strong families provide the foundation for the kind of community we all want to live in: one that is safe, nurturing, and vibrant. When families grapple with homelessness, poverty, violence and poor health, their unmet needs have repercussions that touch the entire community and future generations. Family Services mission is to build emotionally healthy, self-sufficient families and a non-violent community where they can thrive. For more information visit www.family-services.org.

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