

Graduates Celebrate Improved Parenting



Patricia Huerta and Blanca Loczoya founded the Santa Ana nonprofit Padres Unidos, which recently concluded a 12-week parenting workshop at Holy Family Cathedral.

By Beverly Campbell

Sixty parents recently attended a graduation celebration at Holy Family Cathedral: they had completed a 12-week Spanish-language parenting workshop sponsored by Padres Unidos, a Santa Ana-based nonprofit founded by Patricia Huerta and Blanca Loczoya.

The Orange workshop started out with 30 participants, but word spread quickly—and the class expanded accordingly.

The Parent Education Workshop gave attendees a new ability to

resolve problems with their children—without getting angry. “My son was always late for school no matter how hard I tried to change him, and now with my new way of communicating, he is always on time,” one participant said.

Attendees were encouraged to love their families and to stay close to God. Results quickly became apparent. One of the children in the babysitting program that freed parents to attend the workshop said, “My mommy hugs me and kisses me more now.”

Each meeting had a topic and then broke out into team circles. Interns

from Chapman University worked with the parents in their teams.

Workshop participants received tools to help strengthen their patience and ideas to help build the family and encourage their children in school. Facilitators stressed the importance of maintaining the family’s heritage and traditions while assisting the children to be successful in American society.

Padres Unidos is dedicated to fostering self-sufficiency and supporting families in cultivating educational, emotional, spiritual, social, physical, and mental health growth. **occ**

Pro-Life Medical Clinics Celebrate 31 Years of Saving Lives



Birth Choice founder Kathleen Eaton speaks at the May 10 event celebrating the medical clinics’ 31 years of pro-life work.

More than 500 Southern Californians gathered at the former Crystal Cathedral on May 10, coming together in celebration of Birth Choice Health Clinics’ 31 years of pro-life work.

“There is a tremendous need for pro-life health clinics, just like Birth Choice, to be available to college students who struggle with sexual health questions on a daily basis,” said Kristan Hawkins, Director of Students for Life of America. While Hawkins has tripled the number of pro-life campus groups in the United States over the past six years, she says that students still don’t know there is an alternative to Planned Parenthood.

Privately funded Birth Choice

Health Clinics relies on donations to run its seven clinics throughout California, providing free medical services, education, and support for family, marriage, and sexual and reproductive health consistent with the respect and value of every life.

“Over 50 million babies are aborted each year, and California has the highest abortion rate out of any state in the nation,” said Birth Choice founder Kathleen Eaton.

“I am only one woman, and I need each and every one of you to walk alongside me in support of life.”

Birth Choice has clinics in Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, and Santa Ana, among other California cities; it also has a mobile clinic that serves Orange County. For more information, go to www.birthchoice.com. **occ**

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Family members have unique challenges to face as a result of their loved one's abuse. A licensed bilingual psychologist facilitates the meetings in her office. Members remain anonymous and all discussions are

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Dr. Cynthia Woelfel at (714) 505-1810.

There is not cost to participants of the group. The Diocese of Orange underwrites the cost.