

Education for Successful Parenting Receives \$2,500 Grant from Wells Fargo

Funding to Help Support “Prepare to Care” Project for Buena Park High School

July 25, 2011, Irvine, CA - Education for Successful Parenting (ESP), a non-profit organization that prepares youth for adulthood by empowering them with parenting information and life-planning skills *before* they conceive the next generation of children, received a gift of \$2,500 from Wells Fargo, in support of the nonprofit's efforts in Orange County.

The “Prepare to Care” project includes delivery of ESP’s “Top 10 Things to Know about Parenting ... Even Before You are One” workshop to alternative education students. The Program is specifically designed for adolescents ages 13-18.

“Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations like ESP who devote themselves to strengthening our communities,” said Rob Myers, Wells Fargo Orange County regional president. “Wells Fargo team members are dedicated and passionate about building brighter futures for students and applaud ESP for its quality program and important mission.”

The gift was presented by Chi-Hae Park, Wells Fargo small business sales manager in Orange County, on June 28 during an ESP session at Buena Park High School in front of an audience of approximately 140 students and faculty.

“We are grateful Wells Fargo understands the needs of today's families and teenagers,” shared ESP Founder/Executive Director Randi Rubenstein. “Because of Wells Fargo’s generosity, we were able to fulfill Buena Park High School’s request for our program. The greatest reward for me was talking with the students afterwards and hearing how much ESP's parenting education program meant to them.” One student remarked “It’s nice to know that businesses like Wells Fargo care about our futures.”

About Education for Successful Parenting

Education for Successful Parenting (ESP) works to improve the health and wellbeing of children. ESP’s curriculum, which meets national standards for high school health education, equips teenagers with information and life-skills to make responsible choices. As part of the program, each student completes the ESP workbook “My Life-Plan for Parenting.” By educating adolescents about children’s needs and the responsibilities of parenting, ESP provides teens with motives to postpone parenting until adulthood and to stay in school, so they can fulfill their dreams of a happy and healthy family. The 501(c)3 non-profit was founded in Orange County, California in 2005. Since its inception, ESP has conducted 92 classes, instructed more than 2,300 teenagers, developed educational programs for parents of teens and community professionals, and launched a youth-led volunteer group called Generation Next. ESP envisions a world in which all parents are knowledgeable and prepared and where all children are safe and loved. The organization is supported through private donations and grants that make it possible to provide classes at no-cost for at-risk youth. More information is available at www.eduparents.com.

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