

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, Building Futures with Women and Children (BFWC) was originally created as an overnight winter relief shelter, known as San Leandro Emergency Shelter, at St. Leander's Catholic Church in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the organization incorporated as a non-profit, and completed a 30-bed renovation of its emergency shelter and renamed it San Leandro Shelter. In 1996, it was turned into a safe house, called Sister Me Home; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, in recognition of its expanded services of a 20-bed capacity, and 24-hour, toll-free crisis line, the new name Building Futures with Women and Children was adopted; and

WHEREAS, BFWC, through the years, has developed a broad range of emergency and support services to most at-risk-families-battered women and their children, in San Leandro and throughout Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, BFWC served 642 clients in their three emergency shelters and housing site; with 262 of the shelter and housing residents being children; assisted 1,000 families to avert homelessness or found housing shortly after becoming homeless, assisted 350 domestic violence victims through support and education groups; and their crisis line handled 8,885 for help and resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2013, Building Futures with Women and Children will be celebrating its 25 years in serving our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013, as **"BUILDING FUTURES WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN DAY"** in San Leandro.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2013.

Stephen H Cassidy

Mayor
City of San Leandro, California