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Kidango Receives Grant from East Bay Community Foundation

November 11, 2009 - Kidango, a Bay Area Leader in Early Childhood Education and Development, received a grant for \$30,000 from the East Bay Community Foundation to support our core early education and child development programs in Alameda County.

The East Bay Community Foundation is a leading resource for mobilizing financial resources and community leadership to transform the lives of people in the East Bay with pressing needs. One of the foundation's goals is to support children to succeed: preparing children at both pre-school and school-age levels to succeed with a focus on the critical period of birth to third grade.

Kidango shares the East Bay Community Foundation's passion for supporting children during their most critical years in life by providing quality services to children that prepare them for future success. Since inception in 1979, Kidango has been firmly committed to the success and well being of each child and the family as a whole.

Kidango provides services to over 2,500 children each year in centers, family child care home education sites and in their homes. Our child care centers provide full and part day programs, before and after-school programs, infant, preschool and school-aged programs in a stimulating, multi-lingual, cross-cultural environment which fosters the cognitive, language, physical and social-emotional development of all children. All Kidango programs adhere to the California Department of Education/Child Care Division standards for child care/development and preschool programs.

We believe in serving the whole child and the family. To support our core child development services, we also provide early intervention services to children with special needs, mental health services to children and families, Head Start programs and a Nutrition program providing breakfast, lunch and snacks. These services help us support the goals and strengths of each child and family in our program.

Our programs are recognized and acclaimed by the California Department of Education, Children Now and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We are extremely proud that 33% of all Kidango centers are NAEYC accredited, which is a nationally recognized measure of quality for early childhood programs. Less than 4% of centers in California have achieved this honor.

For more information please contact Marc Baker, Kidango Director of Development and Communications; 510.897-6913 or mbaker@kidango.org

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About Kidango

Kidango began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers in 1979. At inception there were only 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. Today more than 2,500 children and their families benefit from the Kidango programs in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. As a leader in early education, early intervention, mental health, and before and after school services, this public benefit organization has a long history of working closely with the California Department of Education Child Development Division, Regional Centers and Head Start programs to provide quality services for children ages 0-12 years. For further information about the agency contact Kidango at 1-800-262-4252 or visit us on the web at www.kidango.org.