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Historic Firehouse Renovated: Enhancing Services to Keep San Francisco Kids Safe

Pankow Builders and the International Interior Design Association of Northern California Partner with the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center

San Francisco, Calif. – October 9, 2013 – The San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center (the Prevention Center), a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse in San Francisco, announced today the reopening of its Waller Street facility, which was recently renovated by Pankow Builders, Ltd. (Pankow) and the International Interior Design Association of Northern California (IIDA NC). The Prevention Center will reopen its doors for client services on Monday, October 21, 2013.

In recognition of the vital importance of protecting San Francisco's children, Pankow and IIDA NC dedicated significant time and resources to upgrade the Prevention Center's home, a former firehouse, built in 1895. Renovations will enable the Center to offer a safer, more inviting and accessible place for vulnerable children and families. Each year, the Prevention Center serves 15,000 parents, children and providers by offering one-on-one services, educating the community and building city-wide connections and partnerships.

Renovations to the Prevention Center include expanded reception and waiting room areas, improved client counseling rooms with sound-proof walls for greater privacy, a remodeled children's therapeutic playroom and expanded staff work spaces. In addition, the remodel includes seismic remediation.

Quotes:

“The private/non-profit partnership represents the very best of San Francisco – the community coming together to help kids,” said Katie Albright, Executive Director of the Prevention Center. “We are so grateful to have our beloved firehouse renovated. Not only do our walls breathe new life, but we will be better able to continue to serve our clients and ensure that kids are safe.”

San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White welcomed the remodel of the Waller Street firehouse and said, “We are thrilled to partner with the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center to keep our community safe. The renovations made to the historic firehouse maintain its long tradition of providing 24/7 services to protect our city’s children and families.”

Supervisor London Breed stated, “I am thrilled for the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center and the reopening of its historic building in the heart of Haight-Ashbury. This project shows what can happen when the community comes together to improve the lives of our most vulnerable residents.”

“When we learned of the Prevention Center’s need, we welcomed the opportunity to jump in,” said Scott Anderson, Pankow Regional Vice President for Northern California. “For Pankow, continuing to stay engaged with the community through contributions and volunteerism is a direct reflection of the company’s values. It’s a very important part of our business and our 50th anniversary celebration.”

“With great enthusiasm, IIDA NC welcomed the opportunity to support the Prevention Center project. IIDA NC is dedicated to enhancing the community through excellence in interior design. The renovation of the Prevention Center allowed our contributing members to help transform a historic building to better serve children and families,” said Terry de la Cuesta, IIDA NC Vice President of Philanthropy.

About the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center

The mission of the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center is to prevent child abuse and reduce its devastating impact. For four decades, the Prevention Center has protected San Francisco’s most vulnerable children and families. The Prevention Center empowers children to

speak up, enables parents to be better caretakers and creates a strong community to protect kids. Each year, the Prevention Center serves 15,000 children, parents and providers. The Prevention Center first moved into its Waller Street firehouse in 1987. The Prevention Center is also leading a public-private partnership to launch an integrated Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) to provide comprehensive services for children that have been abused. The CAC will be co-located with Bayview Child Health Center, California Pacific Medical Center and the Center for Youth Wellness on Third Street in the Bayview. For more information, visit www.sfcapc.org.

About Pankow Builders

Pankow Builders is pleased to celebrate 50 years as an industry leader; services include integrated project delivery, delivering a complete range of high quality construction services to clients in the office, retail, hospitality, residential, healthcare, military, education, tenant improvement and mixed-use market sectors. Pankow serves private and public developers, corporations, healthcare providers, universities and institutional and not-for-profit entities. Founded in 1963, Pankow has 50 years of continuous presence in California in the cities of San Francisco, Oakland, Pasadena and Honolulu, Hawaii.

For more information, visit www.pankow.com.

About International Interior Design Association

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with chapters across North America and abroad. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value philanthropy and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. Additional information is available on IIDA's website www.iida.org.

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