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WHAT: Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove) will present \$376,000 in federal funding to Chapman University's Family Violence Clinic, located inside the Anaheim Family Justice Center in Anaheim, California. The Family Violence Clinic provides direct legal services to domestic violence victims within the 47th Congressional District. The check presentation will include remarks from an abuse victim who sought help at the Center.

The presentation will also commemorate the Clinic's opening in 2007 and highlight the collaboration of on- and off-site partners at the Anaheim Family Justice Center that include: the City of Anaheim; Anaheim Police Department; Chapman University School of Law; the Women's Transitional Living Center; and the County of Orange, among others.

The Anaheim Family Justice Center provides services and support to people whose lives have been touched by child abuse, domestic violence, elder/dependent adult abuse, or sexual assault.

Orange County is home to more than 24,000 restraining orders issued to protect potential victims of domestic violence. Each year, 5,000 victims seek legal assistance for domestic violence issues, and 13,000 victims call domestic violence agencies seeking advice and counseling. Currently, 4 domestic violence shelters provide temporary safe housing and limited counseling and legal support to only 400 victims each year. Of those, only 200 victims receive legal assistance from local attorneys offering pro bono legal services and from local legal clinics.

WHO: Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove); President James Doti, Chapman University; Chief John Welter, Anaheim Police Department; Anaheim Ducks Player (TBA); City of Anaheim (TBA); Marisa Cianciarulo, Director, Family Violence Clinic Chapman University School of Law

WHEN: Friday, April 11, 2008

9:30 A.M. Facility Tour

10:00 A.M. Check Presentation

WHERE: Family Violence Clinic (inside the Anaheim Family Justice Center), 150 W. Vermont Street, Anaheim, CA 92805