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East Palo Alto, California, September 25, 2008 - On Sunday, September 28, 2008, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) and the East Palo Alto community honor Nevada Preston Butler, long-time East Palo Alto resident and the person many community members consider the heart and soul of EHP. The ceremony will take place at EHP's East Palo Alto headquarters, where Nevada will cut the ribbon to the newly built Nevada Butler Garden.

Prior to her retirement as EHP's Executive Director last year in April of 2007, Nevada devoted 27 years to EHP. She first became involved with EHP while working for the American Red Cross, operating a food pantry for families in need out of the Red Cross office in Menlo Park. In 1979, Nevada joined EHP's board of directors. Soon thereafter, Nevada took the helm as the Executive Director. Under Nevada's dedication and leadership, EHP grew from a small "food bank" into a multi-service organization which today provides an array of essential resources and programs to sustain local families through times of crises and help those families return to self-sufficiency.

As EHP expanded over the years, Nevada worked to ensure that EHP never lost its focus on personal service, emphasizing the importance of caring for and treating each person who comes through EHP's doors as an individual. During her tenure, Nevada created a legacy of devotion and service, inspiring countless people throughout the Mid-Peninsula community. She has also contributed a gift to EHP and the community in the form of the one-acre campus in East Palo Alto where EHP is now headquartered. It was through her vision, optimism, and unparalleled ability to marshal volunteers and support that EHP was able to acquire and completely renovate this campus.

Nevada has been recognized with numerous civic and humanitarian awards for her many years at EHP and for her active involvement with other groups such as Second Harvest Food Bank, the Ravenswood Health Center, and the City of East Palo Alto. These awards include the Tall Tree award, the Golden Acorn award, recognition in the San Mateo Women's Hall of Fame, and the Maharishi Institute award.

EHP's Board of Directors began the "Brick Project" and Garden Patio as a visible way to commemorate Nevada's remarkable work and to invite others to honor Nevada and other community leaders who have devoted themselves to public service and the community. Donors may purchase a commemorative brick to be inscribed with a custom message to honor a friend,

family member or special event. All bricks will be used to complete the Nevada Butler Garden patio at EHP's campus headquarters. Each brick costs \$150, with the funds raised used to support EHP's programs and continue Nevada's legacy. For more information about EHP and the Brick Program, please visit www.ehpcares.org or call 650-323-7781.

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