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COLLEGE STUDENT, WAITRESS AND SINGLE MOM REWARDED BY EXTENDED FAMILY

Woodland Hills, CA – August 10, 2012 – Lacey Grenstiner is the hardworking single mother of a six year old boy. The boy's father has not really been a part of his son's life (physically or financially) since the boy was born, so Lacey has had to raise her son on her own. This is a difficult situation for anyone, but when you are a teenager with little or no income, minimal education and limited life experience, it's almost impossible to do on your own.

Lacey Grenstiner found a way and she's doing whatever she can to improve the life for her and her son. She works as a waitress, while also attending college studying to become a nurse. Everyone we spoke with – friends, family and co-workers – praised Lacey for her determination and hard work. However, in spite of all her efforts, she continued to have difficulty paying all of her bills and fell deeper and deeper into debt. Lacey said, "it has become very difficult to keep up with the rising cost of food, medical bills and other monthly expenses." Fortunately for Lacey, she found an organization called Extended Family that was able to assist her.

According to Mark Carmer, the founder of Extended Family, "we assist those single parents who are employed and working hard for their families, but find it's still not enough. Our current government programs are not designed to provide aid to those who are trying to better themselves. Single parents, who are employed in an effort to improve the lives of their children, often fail to qualify for government or charitable assistance because they are earning an income. Extended Family believes these are the people who should be supported the most. We believe in helping those who are alone and working hard to help their family. Being a good single parent is tough enough, but being a good single parent with limited financial resources and little or no support from family or friends is almost impossible. Extended Family tries to make it a little easier."

Thanks to Extended Family, the future is a little brighter for Lacey Grenstiner and her son. Extended Family has agreed to pay a past due medical bill and other past bills that are with collection agencies as well as three months of car

payments. Additionally, to assist with the continuation of Lacey's college education – so she can improve the life for her and her son - Extended Family has agreed to assist with the cost of her college tuition, books and supplies, as well as pay for a computer.

For more information about Extended Family and/or to make a donation so the 501(c)(3) organization can help more families go to:
www.ExtendedFamily.org or contact Mark Carmer at 818-936-2614 or at MCarmer@ExtendedFamily.org.

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