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Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House In San Francisco Awarded Prestigious LEED® Platinum Green Building Certification

(San Francisco, CA, May 2, 2016) - **Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House** in San Francisco announced today that it has been awarded LEED® Platinum Certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

The Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House achieved LEED® Platinum certification for energy usage, lighting, water and material usage, as well as, incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for businesses and taxpayers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers, and the larger community.

"The Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House applied a sustainable design approach focused on maximizing daylighting for building occupants, selecting systems to provide natural ventilation and thermal comfort, and incorporating durable green materials. The project team achieved this and more," says Jeff Caudill, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Green Building Services.

"Family House is a home away from home for families are experiencing the most difficult times in their lives and it was imperative that the new building be built with the families in mind," says Family House CEO Alexandra Morgan. "All of our partners shared our concerns that the new building was constructed with a healthy environment as its foundation. All of us at Family House are proud to have achieved this certification."

The Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House celebrated its Grand Opening on March 2, 2106 in the Mission Bay neighborhood along the shores of the San Francisco Bay and just south of AT&T Park. For over thirty five years, Family House has served as a home away from home for families of children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses by providing physical comfort and emotional support, free from financial concerns. The Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House is located a few blocks away from the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. The new Family House building doubles the organization's capacity at its two former locations on Irving Street and 10th Avenue in San Francisco's Inner Sunset neighborhood. The former two locations are now consolidated into the new facility.

Designed by Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects and constructed by Nibbi Brothers Construction, the 92,000 square foot Nancy and Stephen Grand Family House includes 80 bedrooms; a family atmosphere; communal kitchens and living rooms; teen room; exercise room; family parking; and a private 3,200 square foot

outdoor courtyard. Interior design consulting by San Francisco-based Palmer Weiss and several companies donated materials, furniture, fixtures, and design elements, including European Sleep Works, Pottery Barn, and The Container Store.

U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 80 local affiliates, more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

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The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 100,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED rating systems, comprising over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries. By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. USGBC was co-founded by current President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, who spent 25 years as a Fortune 500 executive. Under his 15-year leadership, the organization has become the preeminent green building, membership, policy, standards, influential, education and research organization in the nation.

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