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**URS Washington TRU Solutions
Supports Battered Families Shelter**

CARLSBAD, N.M., AUGUST 9, 2011 – The Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter is off to an excellent start in funding this year’s effort to combat domestic violence, thanks to a \$5,000 contribution made to the shelter made by URS Washington TRU Solutions (WTS).

“The board of directors and staff at the shelter would like to thank URS for being an ‘Angel’ to the Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter,” said Christy Post, shelter director. “The URS contribution and recent participation at our first annual banquet is highly appreciated and enabled a great start to our fiscal year.”

Farok Sharif, president and general manager of WTS, presented the contribution to the Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter at the organization’s July 30 banquet. WTS holds the managing and operating contract with the Department of Energy’s Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located near Carlsbad, N.M.

“Domestic violence is a very serious, very complex issue, so I applaud the Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter for its multi-faceted approach,” said Sharif. “I was honored to represent URS in supporting the shelter in its efforts toward creating a brighter future for everyone.”

The Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter’s mission is to help people recognize the destructive power and effect of domestic violence on families and society; to help victims of domestic violence and their families achieve self sufficiency and preserve dignity by providing services in a timely, responsible, courteous and efficient manner.

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The shelter has been in existence since 1982 and moved to its current 13,000-square-foot location three years ago. In addition to providing a place to stay for abuse victims, the shelter also offers a wide spectrum of counseling services.

“We offer individual and group counseling,” Post said. “We have support groups for victims, education classes for offenders and safety planning classes for children who witness abuse.” The classes for victims and children take place at the shelter, while offender classes are held at another location.

“We also have parenting classes, with nutrition and self-esteem components, to help people get back on their feet when they go into a new home,” Post added. “We try to help victims by providing dishes, beds and other things like that.”

The shelter also tries to educate society that there are different types of abuse beyond physical, Post added. The shelter is still recovering from flood damage sustained last year, and the organization is also looking at expanding the scope of its counseling services for parents.

Post said the URS contribution will go into the shelter’s general fund. The Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter is a community partner agency of the United Way of Carlsbad and South Eddy County. For more information on assisting the shelter, call 885-4615.

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Photo information: Pictured, from left to right are: Crystal Jordan (Battered Families Shelter Manager), URS President and General Manager Farok Sharif, Christina Post (Battered Families Executive Director), and Janet Ellis (Battered Families Board President).