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“Attorney Jason Cohn organized the fundraiser to help Nunez with medicals bills, schooling and his overall recovery. One L.A. charity, "Extended Family," donated \$10,000. "Oh my God, I'm overwhelmed," said Soliz, barely able to stand or speak. "I'm so grateful. I'm in shock by what just happened.”

Read the entire press release:

EXTENDED FAMILY PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO SINGLE MOTHER AND CHILD HERO

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - August 25, 2011 – During a fundraiser held for seventeen year old hero, Gabriel Nunez, recovering from multiple brain surgeries, Extended Family, a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization, announced its contribution to aid Gabriel and his mother, Veronica.

Extended Family (www.ExtendedFamily.org), based in Woodland Hills, California, is a charity for single parents, children of single parents and orphans throughout the United States. Extended Family supports those who work hard and do the right thing in the face of tragedy, hardship or unfortunate luck.

Extended Family is there to provide the little extra “family support” to aid those who fall a little short in their fight to persevere. Sadly, our system is 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 of the fact they are earning an income. When resources are limited and there is nobody else to turn to, Extended Family steps in to provide hope to deserving families.

Gabriel Nunez and his mother, Veronica, represent the epitome of the Extended Family vision. Two inspiring heroes who are in need and deserve our help. Gabriel, a seventeen year-old from Orange County, suffered severe brain injuries on New Years Day 2011. That afternoon, he and his mother were on an outing to the local grocery store to rent a movie and buy some popcorn and soda. While crossing the street from the small rented room they share, Gabriel suddenly saw an approaching car about to plow through the intersection right towards his mother. Gabriel pushed his mother away and saved her life, but he was unable to avoid being struck. Gabriel nearly died and has since undergone nine brain surgeries.

Veronica, a hard working employee for a small grocery store, remained by Gabriel’s side through it all. Without any savings or other resources, Veronica continued to work hard every day to pay her bills. She visited Gabriel every single day, without fail. Unable to afford a car, and due to the distance of the hospital from her home and work, Veronica made a two hour bus ride each day to be with Gabriel.

On June 28, 2011, Gabriel received a rare commendation from the Buena Park Police Department for his heroism. He was recently released from the hospital and is home recuperating. Unfortunately, Veronica still has no way to transport Gabriel to and from his numerous medical appointments. She also lacks the necessary funds to pay for his recovery.

On August 25, 2011 at a fundraising gala in Santa Ana, California, Extended Family announced its contribution to provide funds to assist with housing, the purchase of a car and other care assistance for Gabriel. Gabriel and Veronica deserve to be recognized and rewarded for their heroism. Gabriel’s split second decision saved his mother’s life at the risk of his own. Veronica continues to raise her son with proper morals and values. She is a single mother, working hard every day to support her family.

Extended Family is proud to be there for Gabriel and Veronica and to provide them with that little extra support they so very much deserve. Extended Family (www.ExtendedFamily.org) recognizes and assists those single parents who truly do it alone... without any help from the other parent. Like Veronica, they press on and work hard for their family, but when that’s still not enough Extended Family is here to let them know that they are not alone.