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New Beginnings and Jenny Sullivan Present Jane Anderson's *Food and Shelter* at the New Vic

(SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.) – New Beginnings' 50th anniversary celebration comes to an end this fall with a one-night production of *Food and Shelter* by Jane Anderson at the New Vic on November 1st.

As a leading provider of mental health, veteran and homeless services in Santa Barbara County, New Beginnings is proud to present the fanciful but heartrending story of a homeless family who spends the night at Disneyland. "Often we encounter community members who want to better understand how emotional instability, unemployment and poverty lead to homelessness," shares Executive Director Kristine Schwarz. "So we have focused this past year on providing experiential opportunities that can give people a sense of what causes housing insecurity and what it feels like to be homeless, as well as on motivating them to think about how we can work together as a community to prevent and address it. Moreover, our hope is that *Food and Shelter* will enable people to understand the issue in systemic terms, while also considering the range of types of homelessness."

The production stars Joe Spano (*NCIS, Apollo 13, NYPD Blue and Fracture*), Eric Lange (*Victorious, Lost, Narcos and The Bridge*), Chris Butler (*Designated Survivor, Rescue Dawn, The Good Wife, and King & Maxwell*), and Faline England (*9-1-1, The Mentalist, Station 19, and Valentine's Day*). Screenwriter Jane Anderson is an Emmy award-winning writer and director whose many credits include *The Wife, Olive Kitteridge, How to Make an American Quilt, Looking for Normal, It Could Happen to You, The Baby Dance, If These Walls Could Talk II, and The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader Murdering Mom*, for which Jane received an Emmy, Penn Award, and Writers Guild Award for best teleplay. Jenny Sullivan is an award-winning director whose many theatre credits include *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf, Hamlet, The Mystery of Irma Vep, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Food Confessions, The Vagina Monologues, and Steel Magnolias*.

Food and Shelter is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company. This one-time performance is a stage reading of the play, which was previously produced most notably at the Vineyard Theatre in NYC with Philip Seymour Hoffman. Tickets cost \$149 and include a reception with the cast and crew afterwards and may be purchased, along with sponsorships that include an intimate dinner at Bouchon with Jane, at www.sbnbcc.org/annual-fundraiser/

New Beginnings Counseling Center provides quality, affordable counseling, shelter, case management and education that strengthens our community and provides our clients with the ability to lead healthy and productive lives. New Beginnings Counseling Center, located at 324 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, please contact our development department at (805) 963-7777 x112 or email at mberton@sbnbcc.org.