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**Arrowhead United Way Recognizes Community Leaders at Annual Meeting**

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, April 22, 2009 – Over 300 people gathered at the National Orange Show for Arrowhead United Way's (AUW) annual meeting and community awards breakfast to recognize some of the community's valued donors and volunteers.

The annual meeting is a time for AUW to thank the members of the community that have contributed greatly to the organization's efforts in supporting the community. Some of the award recipients included City of San Bernardino, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, BNSF Railway, California Highway Patrol, Target, VNA and Hospice of Southern California, County of San Bernardino, and San Bernardino City Unified School District.

AUW's new board chair, Kevin Lang, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration/CFO, Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, called attention to the organization's longevity. He stated that the organization is strong and doing well in the current economic situation. He also emphasized the organization's 100 plus years of service and its continuing presences in the community for many years going forward.

Pat Spafford, CPA, Powell and Spafford, LLP, was recognized as the Outstanding Community Volunteer. This award is presented to someone who desires to change the community for the better. Mr. Spafford has served on the board of directors for the past 10 years and on as many as eight committees concurrently. He helped to lead the organization through a strategic change that shifted the organizations focus to address specific local issues and gaps in service.

For more information on how to become more involved with the AUW, please call (909) 884-9441 or visit [www.ArrowheadUnitedWay.com](http://www.ArrowheadUnitedWay.com).

AUW is a volunteer driven organization that has been actively supporting health and human services in the area for over 117 years. Established and led by prominent respected community leaders, it is one of the oldest United Ways in the country.

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