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**Arrowhead United Way Funds Lutheran Social Services**

Big Bear Lake, CA – Lutheran Social Services of Southern California's (LSSSC) Big Bear Lake location received \$33,000 from Arrowhead United Way (AUW) for the Boys 2 Men and Community Counseling programs.

The Boys 2 Men program focuses on distressed boys ages 9 to 12. The program provides mentoring during 3-day camps for boys to assure long-term relationships with positive adult male role models. The mentors will teach the boys about respect, honor, and being a productive member of society.

The Community Counseling program provides a low-fee sliding scale to working poor families for mental health services including therapy, anger management groups, life skills training, psychiatry services, resource referral, and parenting classes. Working poor families are hard working families that cannot afford health services, but do not meet Federal low-income guidelines.

LSSSC is a nonprofit agency that has delivered social services that affect outreach and social justice for more than 60 years. The agency focuses on work that improves the quality of life for people with limited options; promotes mental, physical, and spiritual healing; encourages human growth and development; and provides continuums of care for those in need.

AUW is a volunteer driven organization that actively supports health and human services by focusing on youth services, family services, and basic needs. These services address the underlying causes of the community's issues and create lasting change. The organization was established over 118 years ago and is led by prominent respected community leaders; it is one of the oldest United Ways in the country.

AUW encourages individuals to become more involved in the community by giving, advocating, and volunteering. For more information about how to become involved with AUW, please call (909) 884-9441 or visit [www.ArrowheadUnitedWay.org](http://www.ArrowheadUnitedWay.org).

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