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Press Release

Bank of America Giving Back

San Bernardino- Greg Hiltabidel, Lake Arrowhead Branch Manager for Bank of America, presented Doug Rowand, President of Arrowhead United Way, with a check for \$10,000 for the Children's Education Connection Program. This very generous donation will be utilized to ensure children living in shelters such as Salvation Army's Hospitality House will have the necessary tools they need to be successful in school. In this program, the children living in Hospitality House will receive support from a case worker provided by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. This grant will provide educational materials that will include internet access, books, computers, back packs, scientific calculators and incentives for the children.

The Children's Education Connection program will help the youth stay focused on their education. The goal of this program is for the case worker assigned to the child to follow up with the family throughout the child's education. Many times children have a hard time transitioning into a new school particularly if they are switching schools on a regular basis. The case worker gives the child stability which is imperative for success. If the

family leaves the area the case worker will contact the next school and ensure a new case worker is assigned to that child.

Through this program Arrowhead United Way and Bank of America will provide children with the tools needed to successfully finish school as well as the support and encouragement to continue on to higher education.

To learn more about this program and other local programs please visit our web-site at www.arrowheadunitedway.org and sign up for our newsletter.

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