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United Way announces grants to help Families, Homelessness

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REDDING, CA — United Way of Northern California (UWNC) announces its annual grant allocations to non-profit organizations, awarding a total of \$100,000 to 28 North State community agencies for distribution in calendar year 2018.

All projects funded align with United Way's mission to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our communities. Grants totaling \$67,500 were given to programs aligned the Prosperity Initiative, a collective impact project led by United Way. The Prosperity Initiative seeks to better lives by improving financial stability, workforce readiness and youth development in Shasta County.

Other grants focused on basic needs, supporting food programs, domestic violence services, drug and alcohol treatment and homelessness initiatives.

"It is important that we band together to help families make ends meet, to help our youth build great futures, and to fight homelessness," said Larry Olmstead, president & CEO of United Way of Northern California.

"This funding is just one of the ways United Way seeks to help," Olmstead said. "We are willing to sit at the table with any and all people and organizations who are seeking constructive solutions that will create better lives in the North State."

Grant awards range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and recipients span across eight counties in the North State.

Examples of programs receiving funds to fight homelessness include the Pathways transitional living program from Red Bluff's **Poor and the Homeless (P.A.T.H.)**, which provides a safe and sober living environment to help homeless men become stable and self-sufficient; the **Human Response Network**, which provides Trinity County residents with short-term emergency rental assistance and utility disconnection prevention assistance; **Unity in Recovery**, which operates homes in Glenn County that house homeless individuals and those in transition; and **Empire Recovery Center's** Detox Program, which helps addicts in Trinity and Siskiyou counties recover from alcohol and drug abuse.

Examples of programs receiving funds to help youth and families include **Youth Violence Prevention Council of Shasta County's** Peer Court program, which allows first time juvenile offenders the opportunity to avoid the traditional juvenile justice system and instead have their case heard before a jury of their peers, giving them a chance to clear the offense through successful completion of the program; **Lassen Family Services'** Domestic Violence Program, which provides a 24 hour domestic violence/sexual assault shelter for victims and their children; **Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County's** Koomtes Program, which helps facilitate after school programs, soccer leagues and other youth enrichment activities; and **Plumas Rural Services'** Mohawk Resource Center, which serves as a community hub for those in Plumas County and provides access to a variety of programs, services and support.

Grants were also awarded to:

- Anderson Teen Center
- Boy Scouts of America, Golden Empire Council
- Catalyst Mentoring
- Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE)
- Compass ShiningCare
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Siskiyou County
- CrossFit Redding Youth Athletic Club (CRYAC)
- Disability Action Center
- Family Service Agency of Tehama County
- Golden Age Center
- Help Central, Inc. (2-1-1 Butte)
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS)
- Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention
- Shasta Builders' Exchange, The Trade School
- Shasta Family YMCA
- Shingletown Medical Center
- Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center
- Tehama County Police Activities League
- Torres Community Shelter
- Turtle Bay Exploration Park

About United Way of Northern California:

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income and health of all residents in the community. UWNC raises funds for non-profit agencies and operates two 24/7 human services helplines: 2-1-1 Shasta and 2-1-1 Tehama, collectively known as 2-1-1 NorCal. UWNC also operates Volunteer NorCal, a website that connects volunteers to agencies (volunteernorcal.org), and currently coordinates the Prosperity Initiative, a collective impact project that promotes financial stability and youth enrichment. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit www.norcalunitedway.org.

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