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COVID-19 Grants Target Domestic Violence, Family Services *United Way Announces New Awards to 7 Agencies Totaling \$45,000*

REDDING, CA (May 1, 2020) – United Way of Northern California (UWNC) today announced a new round of grants to agencies providing vital services in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency. Seven North State agencies will receive a total of \$45,000, bringing the total UWNC grant outlay to \$142,000 since the onset of the crisis.

Awardees include:

- **Boys and Girls Club of Greater Shasta**, serving Siskiyou County, \$5,000 to subsidize membership fees for low-income families. This grant is supported by The Statewide Listos California for All Emergency Preparedness campaign
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley**, serving Butte and Glenn counties, \$5,000 for food and grocery cards for families
- **Chico Meals on Wheels**, serving Butte County, \$10,000 to support food and delivery services
- **Hornbrook Community Center**, serving Siskiyou County, \$5,000 for expenses associated with food delivery to vulnerable populations. This grant is supported by The Statewide Listos California for All Emergency Preparedness campaign
- **Lassen Family Services**, serving Lassen County, \$7,500 for domestic violence shelter operations in anticipation of increased need due to the crisis
- **Mercy Foundation North**, serving Shasta County, \$7,500 to support the Food Bank at Dignity Health Connected Living
- **Training, Employment & Community Help Inc.**, serving Plumas and Siskiyou counties, \$5,000 to provide five lunches per week to homebound seniors

“The COVID-19 crisis has affected every household and stretched the resources of non-profits working to provide critical services,” said Larry Olmstead, President & CEO of UWNC. “We are happy to support them in their work.” Agencies can apply for COVID-19 grants by visiting bit.ly/covidgrant.

Continued awards are dependent on the success of United Way’s fundraising efforts. Donations can be made online at www.norcalunitedway.org; by texting CORONANORCAL to 91-999; or by mailing a check to United Way of Northern California, c/o Coronavirus Relief Fund, 2280 Benton Drive, Building B, Redding, CA 96003. Donations are tax-deductible and will support the grant program and also 2-1-1 NorCal, which is providing vital, updated information and referrals for free during the COVID-19 crisis. Residents can access phone, web and text services 24/7 by dialing 2-1-1, or by texting CORONAVIRUS to 211-211.

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