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County Supervisors award two Give BIG donation pledges

SAN BERNARDINO – Supervisors Josie Gonzales and James Ramos will each donate additional funds to Lighthouse Project, Inc. of Big Bear in reward for reaching out to garner the highest number of individual donors during Give BIG San Bernardino County.

Supervisor Ramos personally pledged an **additional \$1,500** to the third district nonprofit with the highest number of unique donors. Supervisor Gonzales pledged \$1 for each Facebook "like" she received before the end of the Give BIG campaign to the nonprofit with the highest number of unique donors. She received 505 likes and has now offered to increase her donation to a total of **\$1,000**.

Both donations will go to the **Lighthouse Project Inc.** of Big Bear which received donations from **222 individuals**. The supervisors will deliver their checks in person to the Lighthouse Project at a later date.

"I am so proud of my district for bringing over 130 nonprofits to the table. Lighthouse Project really stepped up under the leadership of Michael Perry," said Supervisor Ramos. "While I congratulate you for your hard work, I also challenge you to continue to cultivate new donors to support you in your efforts to create a child honoring community in Big Bear."

"Our local nonprofits and residents really came together and helped make the County's first Give BIG year a huge success. Lighthouse Project earned every dollar by reaching out and spreading the message, my congratulations to them. I give my deepest thanks and appreciation to the over 2,400 individuals that gave and helped make a real difference in our community," said Supervisor Gonzales.

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The Give BIG San Bernardino County web-a-thon raised a total of \$548,214 (including \$34,000 in sponsorships) from 2,465 individuals making 3,533 donations to the participating 262 nonprofits throughout our county, exceeding the goal of raising \$300,000. The Supervisors thank the Community Foundation for its partnership in making this day of giving such a success.

More information on the Give BIG results can be found at www.givebigsbcounty.org.