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SUPERVISOR HOSTS “MEET THE FUNDERS” FORUM FOR NON-PROFITS

SAN BERNARDINO – 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales is hosting a funders forum to help local non-profit organizations secure dollars from major foundations.

The “Meet the Funders” Forum, featuring a panel of grant-making foundations, will be held Friday, February 13th, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Behavioral Health Resource Center located at 850 E. Foothill Boulevard, Rialto.

Representatives from major funding institutions will meet face to face with local non-profits primarily serving the County’s Fifth District residents. The funders include: Archstone Foundation, California Wellness Foundation, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Programs, Union Pacific Foundation, and the Weingart Foundation.

Studies show that local community based organizations (CBOs) are not getting a fair share of available grant funds. The intent of this free event is to help local CBOs increase their fiscal capacity and sustainability.

Daniel Foster, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Community Foundation serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, will moderate a panel discussion to educate local organizations on how to effectively approach these foundations for grants focused in the areas of health and human services, education, community and civic engagement, youth, and the arts.

Through this workshop, Supervisor Gonzales hopes to enable the continued empowerment of non-profits toward economic independence and long-term sustainability.

“San Bernardino County non-profits need to get their fair share of the financial pie,” said Fifth District Supervisor Gonzales.

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“I sponsor these workshops to help our local charities establish a direct link to important funding sources, thereby increasing their opportunities of attaining the financing they need to continue to provide much needed services for our residents,” said Gonzales.

Last year’s funders event was extremely successful as more than 129 nonprofit organizations attended the forum and workshops. As a result, they reported to have generated approximately \$538,000 in grants and leads from event presenters.

The February 13th forum will also include two training sessions covering salient board development issues, and effective research data techniques to support grant proposals.

To register and view the agenda, go to the County Grants Office webpage at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/GrantsOffice/>. For more information, call (909) 387-0281 or (909) 387-5301.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the City of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the City of Fontana.

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