



*Through Collaboration Helping To Put The Resource "Puzzle" Together*

## Executive Director's Report **June, 2011**

### MISSION STATEMENT

Hearts & Lives is committed to building stronger communities by filling unmet needs and providing support to local agencies and families.

**Tax I.D. 20-0867845** ~ Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) 3.

### VISION

To improve the quality of life of all Rim Community mountain residents, especially low-income and disadvantaged individuals/families, and to provide a model to other communities. This is accomplished by:

- (1) Building a community of support.
- (2) Educating the community.
- (3) Participating in coalitions with other advocates.
- (4) Continuing to seek new resources and partnerships.

### Update:

#### **\*\* July 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- Last day of employment for Bev Rios, Director of Case Management
- Julie Burnette will report aboard to replace Bev Rios. [In addition to her duties leading case management she will also be assisting with grant writing]
- Board/Staff Retreat at Pine Mountain Camp: 7 am – 3 pm.

**\*\*** We are continuing with preparations for our relocation from Blue Jay to the Mary Tone facility in Crestline.

### I. First 5:

1. Our request to adjust various line items on the FY 11-12 budget was approved. First 5 budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 is \$186,625.
2. We finished well ahead of the figures for this contract year. Final records show 196 Case Management sessions conducted vs. 12 month goal of 105 (exceeded contract by 87%)
3. The new State Budget recently approved vs. the one vetoed by Gov Brown has several changes; one of which is of importance to us as **the \$1 billion in revenue shift from First 5 commissions has been removed.**

**NOTE** ~ We will be partnering with Community Action Partnership of Kern County to offer the services of WIC (Women, Infants and Children) to qualifying residents of the Rim Mountain Communities. This should be operational sometime in August and will be operated out of the Crestline office.

The purpose of WIC is to facilitate communication between local health care professionals and WIC dietitians and nutritionists for improved patient access to health and nutrition services. Food will be made available to qualifying mothers. San Bernardino County WIC office estimates that there are approximately 1,900 families living in the San Bernardino Mountains that qualify for WIC benefits. Of this total 20% (approx 380 are not taking advantage as they cannot get “down-the-hill”). By offering WIC services at our Crestline office we should be able to help many more individuals than are currently being helped.

## **II. Rim Communities Resource Network:**

**Note:** Attached: “Draft” minutes from meeting held June 8, 2011

H & L hosted the “**Community Health & Safety Fair**” on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Rim High School, Lake Arrowhead.

## **III. Grant update:**

### **McCormick Foundation Awards Grant:**

Only \$10,921 of 220,900 remains to be distributed. Grant completion date is September 20, 2011. CERT and school safety supplies are “in place”

### **Edison**

Applied for \$20,000 grant to help establish “One Stop Service” at Mary Tone School. Emphasis of this grant being on education. We should hear within next 2 weeks regarding the result of our application.

### **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 29.**

Will hear mid to late July how much of our requested grant for \$60,000 will in fact be funded. These funds are made available to help community residents with food, utility and mortgage/rental payments.

**Bank of America** – “Neighborhood Excellence” grant results will be made known in October.

## **Upcoming Calendar:**

**7/13 2:00 pm ~ Rim Resource Network Meeting ~ Fire Station #91 173 S. State Highway 173**

**7/15 7:00 am – 3:00 pm Board/Staff Retreat – Pine Mountain Camp, Lake Arrowhead**

### **Tentative:**

**8/ 3 3:30 pm ~ Board of Directors Meeting ~ Coldwell Banker Conference Room, Blue Jay**

