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ST. LOUISE RESOURCE SERVICES EARNS \$50,000 GRANT FROM KAISER PERMANENTE FOR HEALTH AND NUTRITION EQUITY

Jan. 17, 2023, Downey, Calif.—St. Louise Resource Services (StLRS) was recently awarded \$50,000 of grant funding by Kaiser Permanente in support of their Health Insurance and CalFresh Education and Enrollment services.

St. Louise Resource Services' mission is to empower people to access health care benefits and social services that they need, and this grant will directly support this aim by expanding bilingual outreach and education efforts in marginalized communities across LA County. More specifically, project activities will take place in cities within the Kaiser Permanente service area, including South Gate, Pico Rivera, Paramount, Norwalk, Maywood, Lynwood, Downey, Cudahy, Bell Gardens, Bell, and Los Angeles.

For the past 6 years, StLRS has served thousands of families through free services aimed at increasing awareness of healthcare benefits and social programs, as well as application assistance, case management, and advocacy.

Through their continued outreach and involvement in the community, StLRS staff sees firsthand the challenges afflicting community members to accessing these critical basic resources. Some of the obstacles include language barriers, stigma and fear surrounding social services, and the complex system they need to navigate to access these programs.

“We are grateful for the confidence Kaiser Permanente places in StLRS with this grant,” expressed StLRS Executive Director Lydia Ramirez. “Their support means that they are our partner in our mission of improving health and equity in our community. By expanding bilingual awareness and assistance, we will be able to increase enrollment into health and nutrition benefits provided by private and government-sponsored programs like Medi-Cal, Covered California, Kaiser Child Health Plan, and CalFresh.”

With the generous grant from Kaiser Permanente, StLRS will be able to continue to expand its efforts to provide quality and compassionate services to disadvantaged communities.

About St. Louise Resource Services

St. Louise Resource Services is a non-profit organization located in Downey, serving Los Angeles County, that empowers individuals to access healthcare benefits and other social services they need. Accessibility and inclusion are important to StLRS; thus, StLRS provides free and confidential services in English and Spanish to individuals regardless of race, religion, age, gender, or national origin.

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