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Nevada Women's Philanthropy grants \$500,000 to St. Jude's Ranch for Children *A \$62,5000 NWP Founders Gift was awarded to Goodwill of Southern Nevada*

LAS VEGAS (May 3, 2022) – Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) members elected to grant \$500,000 to St. Jude's Ranch for Children to fund a 2,450 square-foot welcome center and emergency shelter for children and youth, 18 years old and younger, who are victims of sex trafficking.

"NWP is honored to partner with St. Jude's Ranch for Children," NWP President Dawn Mack said. "Children who have been involved with human trafficking deserve an appropriate place to heal as they recover from this type of trauma."

The welcome center and emergency shelter will include a private entrance, medical examination room, and two bedrooms for after-hours placements or emergency needs. The welcome center will be part of a 6,350 square-foot administration building on St. Jude's planned \$25 million, 10-acre Healing Center.

"We are incredibly grateful for Nevada Women's Philanthropy's support of and investment in the Healing Center, a first of its kind project," said Dr. Christina Vela, Chief Executive Officer for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. "We acknowledge the courage of the women of NWP to stand with children who are victims of sex trafficking. This gift will have an exponential impact."

Goodwill of Southern Nevada will receive a non-restricted \$62,500 NWP Founders Gift. Goodwill received the NWP Impact Grant in 2012. It is the second non profit organization to receive both the NWP Founders Gift and the NWP Impact Grant since the organization was founded in 2005.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children and Goodwill of Southern Nevada were two of 39 non profit agencies that submitted grants to NWP this year. [For a short video of the NWP 2023 Grant Hearing and recipient announcement, please click here.](#)

About St. Jude's Ranch for Children

For more than 56 years, St. Jude's Ranch for Children has been a community of healing and hope for children and young people that are victims of abuse and neglect. The 501(c)3 non-profit organization helps children and youth, ages zero to 25, who have been abused, neglected, exploited and/or homeless, by providing safety, stability, and healing in a caring environment. St. Jude's Ranch for Children offers customized therapy, high-quality residential and transitional housing programs, and numerous supportive services, as well as opportunities to keep families and siblings together and spend time together when separated in foster care. The charity's ultimate focus is to break the cycle of abuse and help children and young people become thriving positive members of the community. For more information visit stjudesranch.org.

About NWP:

Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) is a member-driven, pooled-fund, large impact grant-making organization established in 2005 to address the needs of the Las Vegas community. NWP consists of philanthropically motivated women, united by a desire to address emerging issues that face the community in the areas of arts, education, environment, social services, and health. NWP has invested \$7.65 million with 30 nonprofit organizations in Southern Nevada to date. To learn more, please visit www.nwpsnv.org.

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