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SUPERVISOR GONZALES GIVES $20,000 TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SAN BERNARDINO – Local youth after-school programs that help improve communication skills, encourage healthy lifestyle choices, academic achievement and prepare high school students for college are recipients of the 5th District Supervisor’s annual awards.

In October 2008 San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales allocated $10,000 for her third annual After School Program Mini-Grants Awards. Non-profits were called to apply for mini-grants up to $2,500 to purchase needed supplies.

Four programs operating in the City of San Bernardino will share the funds equally. They are:

- Inland Behavioral and Health Services
- Ujima Learning Solutions, Inc.
- Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy
- Youth Action Project, Inc.

“These programs address a dire need in our communities for more youth programs that keep kids busy learning how to be better students and well-rounded individuals,” said Supervisor Gonzales. “I will continue to support after-school programs because they are an integral part of the village we need to raise our children.”

Last month Supervisor Gonzales also allocated an additional $10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of San Bernardino for its after-school Triple Play program. Approximately 1,200 youth ages 5-18 from the west San Bernardino and Delmann Heights club sites participate in the multi-faceted program that promotes nutritional health, fitness and ethical values.

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