

Arrowhead United Way Honors Leadership Donors at Santa Fe Depot Donors Receive Signed Lithograph of Historical Landmark



Leadership (left to right): Margaret Hill, Mayor Patrick Morris, Doug Rowand, Kimiko Ford, Cheryl Brown

San Bernardino, CA, September 14, 2011 – Arrowhead United Way held its annual leadership recognition event at the San Bernardino History & Railroad Museum in the Santa Fe Depot to recognize members of the Leadership Giving Program. Members of this group consist of individuals in the community who give \$1,000 or more annually. Every leadership donor received a signed and numbered copy of the lithograph of the Santa Fe Depot by artist Teodor Dumitrescu; the original drawing was presented to Mayor Patrick Morris and City of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency, who sponsored the lithographs.

Event sponsors included the San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum, City of San Bernardino EDA, John Alan Winery/John and Kimiko Ford, Southern California Edison, and Inland Empire Job Corps. Event attendees were treated to a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and a tour of the historic landmark.

The Santa Fe Depot is a beloved cultural landmark in the City of San Bernardino. The Depot opened in 1918 after the original wooden structure (built in 1886) was destroyed by fire. The new depot, said to be "the finest in the west," featured mission style architecture with domes, towers, and a tile roof. As the railroad industry expanded and grew in importance to the country, so did its significance to San Bernardino. From the 1920's to 1950's, up to 85% of the city's population was employed by or dependent upon Santa Fe. By 1972, Santa Fe turned over its passenger travel to Amtrak, and today focuses only on freight service. Thanks to a \$15 million rehabilitation effort completed in 2004, the Santa Fe Depot has been restored to its former beauty and serves Metrolink, a commuter rail service, and houses the offices of Metrolink and SANBAG.

AUW is a volunteer driven organization that actively supports health and human services by focusing on education, income, and health. These services address the underlying causes of the community's issues

and create lasting change. The organization was established in 1891 and is led by prominent respected community leaders; it is one of the oldest United Ways in the country. A UW encourages individuals to become more involved in the community by giving, advocating, and volunteering. For more information about how to become involved with A UW, please call (909) 884-9441 or visit www.ArrowheadUnitedWay.org.