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El Dorado Hills Rotary Presents 3Strands Global Foundation with a Grant to Further the Reintegration of Survivors of Human Trafficking and Those At-Risk of Exploitation

Sacramento, CA (March 18, 2021) - 3Strands Global Foundation (3SGF) received a grant from El Dorado Hills Rotary, which will further propel the organization's work with survivors of human trafficking and those at-risk of being exploited.

3Strands Global Foundation was founded in 2010 with the goal to prevent human trafficking. 3SGF pursues this goal through the operation of two programs, each rooted in preventing exploitation: PROTECT Prevention Education and Employ + Empower (E+E), which provides pathways to employment and other direct services for survivors of human trafficking and those at-risk of being exploited.

"Financial instability is the number one reason that survivors of human trafficking re-enter a life of exploitation. Without sustainable jobs that provide for themselves and in some cases, family members, survivors and those at-risk are more vulnerable to becoming a trafficker's next target. The Employ + Empower program is a strong solution, presenting the opportunity for survivors to thrive in sustainable jobs," said Ashlie Bryant Co-Founder and CEO of 3SGF.

The Employ + Empower program operates in Sacramento, Yolo and El Dorado County to reintegrate survivors of human trafficking and those at-risk of being exploited through a holistic, direct services approach. Case Managers on the 3SGF team work to connect the survivors and at-risk individuals they serve (referred to as clients) to trauma-informed, sustainable employment. E+E provides clients avenues to grow, succeed financially, and pursue their long-term goals. In some cases, this may mean a client returns to high school to complete classes, enrolls in a food-service certification course, or begins taking college courses. These are just a few examples. The 3SGF team understands that no one client enters the program with the same exact needs and goals as another and therefore, each one needs to walk a unique path within the E+E program.

Prior to and throughout the pandemic season, El Dorado Hills Rotary has provided ongoing support to the E+E program. These clients come from diverse backgrounds with multiple risk factors including but not limited to: time in the child welfare system, homelessness, probation/criminal justice system exposure, and diagnosed disabilities.

El Dorado Hills Rotary has funded reintegration services for 21 survivors of human trafficking and at-risk individuals and has helped benefit employers and community members through the resilience, grit, and hard work of these E+E clients. In evaluating the services that these 21

clients were connected to, it is estimated that they were educated on and/or connected to 124 services and resources to eliminate barriers to employment and education. These services included connection to basic needs (food and shelter), mental health resources, and legal resources.

Additionally, 18 of these clients were successfully placed into jobs or education programs. Based on qualitative data shared by 3SGF Case Managers, these clients showed improvement in mental health, confidence, and self-worth through their journey with E+E.

The team at 3Strands Global Foundation is incredibly grateful for El Dorado Hills Rotary and their continued financial support as well as ongoing commitment to helping to serve the survivors and at-risk individuals in the Employ + Empower program.

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