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San Manuel Donates \$35,000 to the Youth Action Project to Benefit Local Youth

San Bernardino, Calif. – The non-profit Youth Action Project has received a \$35,000 donation from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

The money will benefit YAP's programs that serve local high school and college students. YAP provides academic support, mentoring and positive youth development activities for high school students in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. YAP, which is based in San Bernardino, also provides work experience and professional development for more than 50 volunteers each year, most of them local college students.

"This funding will provide a substantial long-term benefit to our operation and the San Bernardino community," YAP CEO Joseph Williams said. "The tribe's support and generosity means a lot to us. Fundraising is a challenge for every non-profit in the current economy, so it's exciting to receive such a large contribution."

San Manuel Chairman James Ramos has been a strong YAP supporter over the years. A member of the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, Ramos has provided encouragement to the college students who volunteer for YAP and has contributed his own money generously to YAP.

"San Manuel has always looked beyond the borders of the reservation contributing resources and time to benefit the greater community," said San Manuel Chairman James Ramos. "We hope our support will likewise motivate youth to become involved and stay involved in the life of the community."

"San Manuel and its leadership consistently give back to the community, and we're thrilled to be one of the many beneficiaries of their good will," Williams added.

The Youth Action Project, which administers an AmeriCorps program in San Bernardino, works to help San Bernardino's youth develop the skills and habits needed to experience economic and social success. This is done primarily through tutoring, mentoring and positive youth development for local high school students. For more information: www.youthactionproject.org.