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**Nevada Women's Philanthropy grants \$490,000 to Lutheran Social Services
A \$30,000 NWP Founders Gift was awarded to Bridge Counseling**

Las Vegas (May 28, 2019) – Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) elected to grant \$490,000 to Lutheran Social Services of Nevada (LSSN) to help bolster food bank services on its Boulder Highway Collaborative Campus. The NWP Founders Gift for \$30,000 was awarded to Bridge Counseling.

"LSSN is a dedicated, innovative, creative organization that is effectively tackling many of the issues facing our community's homeless and lower-income populations," said NWP President Cindy Ellis. We are delighted to welcome them to the NWP Family."

The NWP Impact Grant will primarily be used to build an additional 2,000 square feet to expand the current 750-square-foot DigiMart™ Food Pantry at its Boulder Highway campus. The addition will allow it to serve an additional 5,000 food-insecure individuals annually.

"It has been a dream of mine for a long time to build a one-stop-shop where people in our community can come and get the assistance they need all in one place," said Armena Mnatsakanyan, Executive Director at LSSN. "The expansion was the final piece of the puzzle."

"We are grateful for the generosity of the women of NWP and their commitment to creating change in our community."

About Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services of Nevada's (LSSN) mission statement is to "express the love of Christ by serving and caring for people in need." The 23-year-old agency started serving the Southern Nevada community by providing food and clothing. It has since grown to become a grassroots organization known for providing a variety of dignifying and empowering services to diverse populations.

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 \$5.4 million with 25 nonprofit organizations in Southern Nevada to date. To learn more, please visit www.nwpsnv.org.

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