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WEAVE™ Receives \$50,000 in Funding to Address Sexual Violence Experienced by LGBT Youth and Homeless Youth

Grant from Raliance, New Collaborative Initiative to End Sexual Violence in One Generation

Sacramento, CA – WEAVE, Inc. has been selected to receive a grant of \$50,000 in funding from Raliance, a newly launched, collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation. The grant will go toward addressing prevention and intervention of sexual violence experienced by LGBT youth and homeless youth and result in a toolbox suitable for replication in other communities. WEAVE, Inc. was chosen to receive this funding among a competitive pool of over 250 applications.

“WEAVE is honored to receive this funding, and to join Raliance in its work to end sexual violence in one generation,” said WEAVE CEO Beth Hassett. “This funding will allow us to partner with the LGBT Center and Wind to better understand the unique barriers experienced by LGBT youth and homeless youth who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation and violence and to better serve those who have experienced sexual violence. We are excited that our local work will create tools to be shared nationally, as well.”

The grant will fund a collaboration between WEAVE, the LGBT Center and Wind Youth Services to engage LGBT youth and homeless youth to better understand their needs as survivors of sexual violence and develop tailored prevention strategies for these high risk populations. In addition to providing expanded intervention and counseling programs, the grant will result in a toolkit of outreach and counseling resources that can be used in other communities to better serve LGBT youth and homeless youth.

Raliance was recently founded by three leading sexual violence prevention organizations – the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)-PreventConnect, and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV). Raliance will serve as the central hub for effective allocation and distribution of programmatic funding for sexual violence response and prevention efforts and as the go-to resource on sexual violence for policymakers, advocates, service providers and the media.

As its first initiative, Raliance has funded 27 projects – including WEAVE’s project – totaling nearly \$1.2 million in the first round of an ongoing grant program seeking to advance promising, replicable practices or policies that 1) improve the response to victims of sexual violence; 2) reduce the likelihood of perpetration of sexual violence; or 3) strengthen communities’ and organizations’ capacity to create safe environments. This initiative is made possible through a multiyear, \$10 million commitment from the National Football League (NFL).

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ABOUT WEAVE™: WEAVE, Inc. is the primary provider of crisis intervention services for survivors of domestic violence and sole Rape Crisis Center in Sacramento County. WEAVE’s mission is to build a community that does not tolerate domestic violence and sexual assault and provides survivors with the support they need to be safe and thrive. WEAVE’s vision is a community free of violence and abuse. Learn more at www.weaveinc.org.