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## **Project Self Sufficiency Foundation to Award \$40,000 in Recognition Awards to PSS Clients**

**Who:** The Project Self Sufficiency Foundation Board and staff will present \$40,000 in awards to Project Self Sufficiency clients this Friday. This year the Foundation had a record number of applicants and 32 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students. Donors will present checks to scholarship winners. Staff and PSSF Board members will award Certificates of Achievement, Student of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards.

This year's keynote speaker is Jason Mercado, CEO for Sweet Mission Cookie Company. Sweet Mission Cookie Company creates delicious cookies and gives people hope through their mission of helping those in need.

**When:** **Friday, June 24, 2016 from 5:30-7:30pm**

**Where:** First Christian Church, 1207 Main St, Huntington Beach

### **Background**

Project Self Sufficiency is in its 32nd year of serving low income, single parents and helping them to achieve economic self sufficiency through education and training. Project Self Sufficiency offers intensive case management, working with homeless or housing insecure families and provides access to comprehensive resources which allows parents to focus on educational goals for success. Approximately 675 local families have been assisted through Project Self Sufficiency over 32 years.

Several clients will be graduating with honors and receiving their Associate's Degrees and Bachelor's Degrees. Many past participants have continued with their education to pursue Masters level programs, gained self esteem and full time jobs and careers in nursing, human services, criminal justice, accounting, teaching, and positions in the medical field.

The Assistance League of Huntington Beach will also award \$15,000 in scholarship awards to nine PSS clients whose applications were outstanding.

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