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**Supreme Court of the United States
Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
to Visit United Way of Santa Fe County Agua Fria location**

*Justice Ginsburg will read to children and families participating in
United Way of Santa Fe County programs*

Who: SCOTUS Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

What: Justice Ginsburg will highlight the importance of early literacy and the positive impact high-quality early childhood education and care programs for working families and will read to children. Justice Ginsburg will be reading to families participating in United Way of Santa Fe County programs. **THIS PRIVATE EVENT AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

When: Tuesday, August 16, 2016; from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Where: United Way of Santa Fe County (UWSFC), Agua Fria location: 3164 Agua Fria Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507

SANTA FE, NM – Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will visit United Way of Santa Fe County at Agua Fria on Tuesday, August 16th, from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Justice Ginsburg will read *Go West* by New Mexico author Joel Nakamura to children and families participating in United Way of Santa Fe County (UWSFC) programs. The focus will be the importance of early literacy and reading to babies and young children.

The event will also highlight the positive impact of high quality early childhood education and care programs for working families and how it can empower mothers to stay in the workforce and advance their education.

“We are thrilled to have Justice Ginsburg join us to read to the families participating in our early childhood programs,” UWSFC President and CEO Katherine Freeman said. “We take a two-generation approach in our programs, focusing on empowering parents and caregivers. Justice Ginsburg is a trailblazer, fighting for equality, women and working families. She is an inspiration.”

Early childhood education and care is the sole mission of United Way of Santa Fe County, with a commitment to ensuring that every child receives an opportunity to succeed in school and in life. UWSFC is committed to engaging the entire community, bringing together people and resources to create opportunities for children and families to achieve their dreams and aspirations.

United Way of Santa Fe County at Agua Fria, in the former Agua Fria Elementary School building, houses all of UWSFC home visiting and parent support programs including: Great Start Family Support; the First Born[®] Program; Family, Friends and Neighbors; and community workshops and classes. The facility is a partnership with the Santa Fe Public Schools.

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JUSTICE GINSBURG BACKGROUND

Justice Ginsburg was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1933. She married Martin D. Ginsburg in 1954, and has a daughter, Jane, and a son, James. She received her B.A. from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and received her LL.B. from Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund L. Palmieri, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, from 1959–1961. From 1961–1963, she was a research associate and then associate director of the Columbia Law School Project on International Procedure. She was a Professor of Law at Rutgers University School of Law from 1963–1972, and Columbia Law School from 1972–1980, and a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California from 1977–1978. In 1971, she was instrumental in launching the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and served as the ACLU’s General Counsel from 1973–1980, and on the National Board of Directors from 1974–1980. She was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980. President Clinton nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat August 10, 1993.

UNITED WAY OF SANTA FE COUNTY BACKGROUND

Beginning in 2004, UWSFC has served approximately 6,000 families by using a two-generation approach, supporting both the children and families in a series of high-quality early childhood programs designed to prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. Through the New Mexico Early Childhood Development Partnership, UWSFC advocates statewide for effective early childhood policies focused on high-quality and accountability.

UWSFC operates a pre-kindergarten program for three- and four- year-old children at the United Way Early Learning Center at Aspen on the campus of Aspen Community Magnet School.

UWSFC recently purchased Kaune Elementary School in the Casa Linda neighborhood from the Santa Fe Public Schools. The building will be renovated to become the United Way Early Learning Center at Kaune and will serve children and families with onsite care and education for children beginning at six-weeks through age five. The project is a partnership with UWSFC and the Santa Fe Public Schools, CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, Presbyterian Medical Services, Santa Fe Community College, and the Santa Fe Community College. Phase two of the project will include continuing education and learning opportunities for early childhood workers.

To learn more: www.uwsfc.org or call 505-216-2975. If you are interested in participating in early childhood programs call 505-819-5483.