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## **ACT Anaheim Announces \$1.5 Million in Support for 10 Local Nonprofits; Brings Three-Year Total to \$5 Million**

**Newport Beach, Calif. (June 15, 2016)** – Accelerate Change Together for Anaheim (ACT Anaheim), announced \$1.5 million in funding to benefit 10 Orange County nonprofits addressing gaps in services for underserved Anaheim youth. These awards bring total grants delivered through ACT Anaheim to \$5 million in the first three years of the initiative.

ACT Anaheim is a collaboration among business, community and nonprofit leaders who have rallied together to serve vulnerable youth and families in Anaheim. ACT was sparked by the [2012 Anaheim Youth Services Assessment](#), which showed the youth of west Anaheim at significantly higher risk for poverty, gang involvement and school dropout than their peers. In 2014, with inaugural funding from the Disneyland Resort, Angels Baseball and the Anaheim Ducks plus support provided by OCCF, ACT's managing partner, and its donors, 10 nonprofits received a total of \$1.5 million in grants. The compelling mission and early success of ACT quickly attracted the interest of new funding partners in 2015, allowing OCCF to expand to 14 grantees and a total of \$2 million in grants for ACT II. With the infusion of \$1.5 million in support for Anaheim youth for these ACT III grants, the total investment in Anaheim of \$5 million has surpassed the ACT founding partners' initial three year goal of \$3 million.

### **Two-year Program Results**

In its first year ACT grantees doubled their goal of reaching 1,500 youth and served more than 3,000 youth and nearly 1,000 adults by delivering college and career readiness, violence and gang prevention, mentoring, leadership development, service learning, mental health, teen pregnancy prevention and substance abuse prevention. During the second year ACT Anaheim has served 7,000 new youth and families (5,000 youth and 2,000 adults). From academic tutoring and mentoring, to STEM and STEAM education, to prevention education on substance abuse, violence and teen pregnancy, ACT Anaheim is reaching a broad audience of youth. There are also hundreds of youth receiving targeted workforce development support, and case management for their most challenging issues. Parents are being provided with education and support, and hundreds of adults are supporting youth through mentoring.

“All of our initial hopes and aspirations for the impact of ACT Anaheim have already been exceeded” said Shelley Hoss, president of Orange County Community Foundation. “Not only are we seeing transformation in the lives of participating youth and families, but our nonprofit partners have leveraged their ACT Anaheim funding by raising nearly \$2 million in additional support over the past year to advance their work in Anaheim, in addition to \$350,000 in in-kind contributions. That is lasting impact that will only continue to grow from here.”

### **2016 Grantees**

According to Hoss, in the first two years, ACT Anaheim supported the enhancement and expansion of direct services to youth; collaborative relationships among funded nonprofits; developed capacity for leadership, evaluation and sustainability; and begun to engage local business to build awareness of this effort.

“As we embark on ACT III, we seek to not only ensure that the youth most in need are being provided the right kinds of services in a coordinated manner, but that the organizations will be able to sustain their programs and efforts long-term,” she said.

2016 ACT grantees were selected based on their ability to:

- Build programs that are not only impactful, but sustainable.
- Target services to the most vulnerable populations, where there is the greatest opportunity for life-changing impact.
- Strengthen the network of Anaheim nonprofits to help fuel collaboration and strategic alignment of services.

### **Statement on behalf of Disneyland Resort, Anaheim Ducks and Angels Baseball:**

“ACT Anaheim realized success early on and continues to expand through new business relationships and a growing circle of funders. In our third year, our goal is to not only grow the current impact of the initiative, but plan for a sustainable future for these vital programs benefiting Anaheim youth and families.”

### **About ACT Anaheim**

Launched in November 2013, Accelerate Change Together (ACT) Anaheim is an initiative managed by the Orange County Community Foundation dedicated to meeting the needs of youth in Anaheim. With inaugural funding from the Disneyland Resort, Angels Baseball, the Anaheim Ducks and the Orange County Community Foundation, ACT Anaheim aims to provide a targeted philanthropic response to the challenges of serving youth in California’s 10th largest city. To learn more, go to [www.oc-cf.org/ACTAnaheim](http://www.oc-cf.org/ACTAnaheim). For information on becoming an ACT funding partner, please contact Todd Hanson at [thanson@oc-cf.org](mailto:thanson@oc-cf.org).

**Congratulations to the 2016 ACT Anaheim recipients:**

Organization	Program Name	Description of Planned Activities	Funding Amount
<p><b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County</b></p>	<p>Beyond School Walls, Workplace Mentoring</p>	<p>Delivers life-changing programs for vulnerable youth by matching them with mentors who provide academic, social and behavioral support. In addition to their core program, this year's ACT grant will also support their Beyond School Walls Workplace Mentoring program being conducted in partnership with Anaheim Union High School District.</p>	<p><b>\$200,000</b></p>
<p><b>Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim</b></p>	<p>EMPOWER program</p>	<p>Provides transportation to the Club for at-risk Anaheim youth; provides referrals to intervention programs, and incorporates college and career readiness programming.</p>	<p><b>\$125,000</b></p>
<p><b>Children's Bureau of Southern California</b></p>	<p>Youth Engagement Initiative</p>	<p>As the lead agency for two Family Resource Centers – Anaheim Harbor and Family Oasis – this organization's Youth Engagement Initiative provides a full array of programs including parent education, family enrichment, after-school homework clubs, computer workshops, domestic violence counseling, support groups and legal assistance.</p>	<p><b>\$75,000</b></p>
<p><b>Community Service Programs</b></p>	<p>Anaheim Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP)</p>	<p>Works in partnership with the Anaheim Police Department's Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) to provide case management of youth at risk for gang involvement, truancy, school dropout and juvenile delinquency.</p>	<p><b>\$175,000</b></p>

<p><b>Girls Incorporated of Orange County</b></p>	<p>Anaheim's FUTURE Collaborative (Fulfilling Underserved Teens' Unique Requirements through Empowerment)</p>	<p>Conducted in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education's ACCESS program and the City of Anaheim, this program aims to prevent teen pregnancy and reduce gang membership, bullying and violence by helping at-risk youth set and achieve goals and build trusting relationships with peers and mentors.</p>	<p><b>\$200,000</b></p>
<p><b>GOALS</b></p>	<p>GOALS for Anaheim</p>	<p>Support will provide youth satellite modules in distressed neighborhoods to extend the reach of mentoring programs for at-risk youth and will also expand the Cadets Summer of Service project.</p>	<p><b>\$175,000</b></p>
<p><b>Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation</b></p>	<p>ACT Arts Program</p>	<p>Teens from the Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Anaheim and libraries in two areas of Anaheim (Central and West) will participate in visual and digital art classes based on exhibitions at the MUZEO and the Muckenthaler. These classes will be tied to field trips to college design programs and careers in digital design.</p>	<p><b>\$75,000</b></p>
<p><b>Network Anaheim</b></p>	<p>Network Anaheim</p>	<p>A collaboration including the Anaheim City School District, Anaheim Union High School District, Anaheim Family YMCA, Western Youth Services, and the City of Anaheim to improve the well-being of children and families in Anaheim by transforming the way services are delivered to our most vulnerable residents. This grant includes a sub-grant of \$25,000 for the Anaheim Family YMCA to support their partnership with Network Anaheim.</p>	<p><b>\$125,000</b></p>

<p><b>Taller San Jose Hope Builders</b></p>	<p>Meeting the Needs of Older Youth and Strengthening Families in Anaheim</p>	<p>Will expand services to distressed neighborhoods in Anaheim by recruiting and training local youth with skills for expanding their employment and post-secondary education opportunities. Their Medical Careers and Construction training programs will be offered for the first time through their new location in Anaheim, opening in September 2015.</p>	<p><b>\$200,000</b></p>
<p><b>Western Youth Services</b></p>	<p>Outreach &amp; Engagement for Mental Health Services</p>	<p>Will build on its successful collaboration with Anaheim Achieves, the Anaheim Family YMCA and Anaheim schools. Their ACT grant will fund critical mental health programs which build protective factors and reduce risks for youth through teen circle support groups, education workshops, individual support and case management, and parent education classes.</p>	<p><b>\$200,000</b></p>
		<p><b>TOTAL GRANTED</b></p>	<p><b>1, 550,000</b></p>

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