

## **ACT ANAHEIM AWARDS \$750,000 TO 12 LOCAL NONPROFITS AND ANNOUNCES NEW PATH FORWARD**

*New Funding Model Will Help Organizations Better Invest in the Future of Underserved Anaheim Youth*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., August 13, 2018** – Accelerate Change Together (ACT) Anaheim recently awarded more than \$750,000 to 12 local nonprofit organizations committed to improving the lives of Anaheim youth who face poverty, academic challenges and limited opportunities. The collaborative of 22 funders has now awarded a total of \$6.8 million in just four years, positively impacting more than 18,900 youth, 5,900 parents and 3,600 other adults across the Anaheim area.

Entering its fifth year, ACT Anaheim also announced plans to further its future impact through the creation of a Collaborative Strategy Fund, with \$50,000 allocated to support innovative approaches to collective evaluation, grant proposals and engaging new funders. The Collaborative will also host its first joint fundraising effort on October 24 with a 24-hour online Giving Day fundraiser.

Formed in 2013 by The Disneyland Resort, Angels Baseball and the Anaheim Ducks, with OCCF serving as managing partner, ACT Anaheim was designed as a collective response to the rising needs of Anaheim youth ages 13 to 18 impacted by poverty, academic challenges and limited opportunities. Its compelling mission and early success quickly attracted the interest of additional funding partners, allowing the initiative to expand the program's scope.

“We’re excited to see the collective impact that ACT Anaheim has made in just four years, helping Anaheim youth reach their full potential by becoming college- and career-ready,” said Shelley Hoss, president, Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF). “With this new collaborative approach, we’re able to strengthen the presence of ACT Anaheim in the local community and empower our partners to have greater roles in defining how to address challenges holding back at-risk youth in Anaheim.”

### **2018 Grant Recipients to Build Community Capacity**

Beginning in 2017, ACT Anaheim introduced a new process for soliciting grant proposals. Instead of receiving individual proposals from each nonprofit partner, ACT Anaheim invited only one joint proposal, representing the shared vision of all ACT partners. The ACT Anaheim Collaborative continued their commitment to this shared vision for 2018.

In addition to committing \$50,000 for the Collaborative Strategy Fund, ACT Anaheim awarded more than \$700,000 in 2018 to help 12 organizations build sustainable capacity and close current gaps in services to Anaheim youth. 2018 individual awardees include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, Girls Inc, Taller San Jose Hope Builders, Western Youth Services, Waymakers (formerly CSP), GOALS, Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim, Newtork Anaheim, Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation, Children’s Bureau of Southern California, Orange County Congregation Community Organization and OC Human Relations Council.

To learn more about ACT Anaheim, visit: <https://www.oc-cf.org/act-anaheim/>.

**About Orange County Community Foundation**

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded \$560 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top 2% in grantmaking activity among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.org) or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF's 2017 annual report [here](#).

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