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OC COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND ANNOUNCES FIRST \$1M IN GRANTS DIRECTED TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TACKLING THE GROWING IMPACT OF COVID-19

36 Local Nonprofits Facing Critical Shortages During the Pandemic Receive Support in Assisting Orange County’s Most Vulnerable Communities

Newport Beach, Calif. (April 7, 2020) – The OC Community Resilience Fund is proud to announce its first grants totaling \$1 million to local organizations tackling the growing impact of COVID-19 on Orange County’s most vulnerable communities.

36 organizations responding to surging community needs arising from the pandemic were selected for first-round grants. The funding will provide support for medical services through community clinics, access to food and childcare, as well as support for the homeless and other vulnerable populations. First-round grantees include:

211 Orange County	Goodwill of Orange County	Miracles for Kids
Anaheim Family YMCA	Human Options	OC United Together
Boys & Girls Club of Buena Park	KCS Health Center	Project Independence
Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove	Laguna Beach Community Clinic	Project Kinship
Boys & Girls Club of Westminster	Laguna Beach Seniors, Inc.	Santa Ana College Foundation
Bracken’s Kitchen, Inc.	Laguna Food Pantry	Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Colette Children’s Home, Inc.	Latino Health Access	Serve the People Community Health Center
Community Action Partnership of Orange County	Lestonnac Free Clinic	Solidarity
Community Health Initiative of Orange County	LGBTQ Center OC	South County Outreach
Delhi Center	Livingstone Community	The Eli Home
FACES	Development Corporation	WISEPlace
Families Forward	Mariposa Women and Family Center	
Family Health Matters	Mercy House Living Centers	

“Our organization has been impacted deeply during this unprecedented time and we are so grateful for this much-needed funding from the OC Community Resilience Fund,” said Nicole Suydam, president and CEO of Goodwill of Orange County. “While our stores and donation sites are closed, our mission is still very much open. Without any revenue coming from our retail stores, this funding will provide the vital

support we need today to continue serving the most vulnerable people in our community and ensure the long-term viability of our mission to meet an even greater demand for our workforce development services on the other side of this crisis.”

The OC Community Resilience Fund was launched on March 16 as a rapid response to the challenges being faced by the Orange County nonprofit community related to COVID-19. Fueled by an outpouring of generosity from the Orange County community, the fund is nearly \$2.8 million towards a goal of \$3 million in contributions. To date, more than 200 applications have been received from local nonprofits. The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) and St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund are covering 100% of the administrative costs associated with this pooled fund, so all contributions go directly to those who need them most.

“These organizations are on the front lines of helping our neighbors, our friends and our communities experiencing the deepest impact of the growing pandemic,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. “Philanthropy serves a critical role in ensuring that vital services continue to be available to our most vulnerable residents during this crisis. I am in truly awe of the generosity of our community.”

“We are incredibly grateful for this generous gift from the OC Community Resilience Fund that was brought to life to support our community through this unprecedented time of need,” said Harald Herrmann, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. “We are also proud of the ways in which nonprofits within our community are coming together to maximize impact. This funding will be used to move food out to those who need it most.”

To learn more and contribute to the Fund, visit: <https://charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/>. Questions on the grant opportunities can be directed to ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org.

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 \$690 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top one percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit oc-cf.org or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF’s 2019 annual report [here](#).

About St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund

The St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund makes strategic investments in the health and well-being of communities across the Western United States. The Fund works to reduce health disparities and promote equity by investing in systems-level impacts on community health issues, and strengthening partnerships and collaboration. Our investments fall into the following four categories: building capacity and partnerships, promoting justice and community leaders, investing in best practices and new ideas, and caring for the vulnerable. For more information, please visit: <http://stjosephcpf.org/>

About Charitable Ventures

Charitable Ventures was launched in 2007 to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits and to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector. As a regional incubator, Charitable Ventures has fiscally sponsored more than 60 community projects and regional initiatives since inception. In 2020, Charitable Ventures anticipates sponsoring more than 35 active projects on track to raise between \$14 and \$16

million, and is the region's Administrative Community Based Organization for the 2020 Census. Visit charitableventuresoc.org for more information.

About Orange County Grantmakers

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