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OC COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF \$1M IN GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING GROWING NEEDS DURING COVID-19

Fund Has Now Deployed \$2.045 Million to 88 Local Nonprofits Assisting Orange County's Most Vulnerable Communities

Newport Beach, Calif. (April 20, 2020) – The OC Community Resilience Fund announced its second round of grants totaling just over \$1 million to local organizations tackling the continued and increasing impact of COVID-19 on Orange County's most vulnerable communities. The Fund has awarded \$2.045 million to 88 grantees in just two weeks.

The second round of grant recipients was selected from a pool of 191 applications, reflecting the need in our community. Funding decisions were guided by several factors including the immediate and current provision of essential services such as shelter, food distribution, childcare, medical and mental health services to vulnerable residents; the ability to distribute emergency funding to vulnerable individuals; organizational capacity to reach the most underserved; and the opportunity to leverage other streams of revenue and coordinated support efforts.

"Thanks to support from the Resilience Fund, the Laguna Beach Community Clinic continues to provide continuity of care, both on-site and via telehealth, to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Jorge Rubal, CEO and Medical Director of the Laguna Beach Community Clinic. "We've also been able to step up our frontline service by offering targeted COVID-19 testing and sharing fact-based information with our community at large."

"Our patients and their caregivers are extremely grateful to the OC Community Resilience Fund and OCCF for this funding," says Joanna Richardson Jones, CEO, Alzheimer's Family Center. "Before COVID-19, only one percent of national philanthropic dollars went to senior-related causes, meaning the most fragile of seniors are all too often left without help. The funding will help us to create a 'program without walls,' where we can function safely and continue to advance our mission of serving elderly patients across Orange County."

A full list of nonprofits receiving funding along with their current focus in responding to the pandemic can be found [here](#).

"The disruption and uncertainty local nonprofits are experiencing as they fight to sustain their missions is unparalleled. They are suffering immediate revenue loss from cancelled events and planned fundraising activities—and predicting future declines—while demand for their services to our most vulnerable communities continues to grow," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF).

Read the [Fund Evaluation Report](#) to learn more about the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on local nonprofits and all those they serve.

The OC Community Resilience Fund was launched on March 16 by OCCF in partnership with St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund, Charitable Ventures and OC Grantmakers, along with a number of local foundations, and the first round of grants was distributed on April 1. OCCF and St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund are covering 100% of the administrative costs associated with the Fund, so all contributions go directly to those who need them most. Additional contributions will be accepted on an ongoing basis, and a third round of grants will be announced in early May.

“We gratefully celebrate reaching nearly \$3.5 million in Resilience Fund contributions,” stated Hoss, “but realize that as the needs of our community continue to grow, so must our efforts to meet those needs.”

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

Orange County Grantmakers is a community of philanthropists committed to improving outcomes for Orange County and beyond. Our mission is to advance social impact by supporting, strengthening and building adaptive leadership across our nonprofit and philanthropic community.

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