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2018 Helping Hands Grant Program overview

The Anaheim Community Foundation HELPING HANDS grant program focuses on strengthening youth, residents and community through supporting community-based organizations. Through Helping Hands, we are helping local charities to expand their social impact through the generosity of Anaheim residents, businesses, and funding partners. Since 2008, ACF has awarded 182 grants to 87 individual charities, totaling over \$250,000. The Foundation gives special consideration to applicants demonstrating a multiple agency approach to problem solving, and/or augment the requested Helping Hands grant with matching dollars and volunteer labor. In the spring of each year, local nonprofits are invited to apply for Helping Hands grants.

Each year, Helping Hands strengthens the community by supporting community-based organizations in the following funding priorities:

- Helping residents in need
- Engaging at-risk youth
- Promoting healthy living
- Arts, culture and learning
- Emergency assistance

In 2018, ACF's Helping Hands program provided grants to advance the social impact of 18 organizations:

4 Girls

Awarded \$500 to host 100 middle school young women at the Oct. 2018 Anaheim Empowerment Workshop. The event also engages 60 high school mentors, adult mentors, and volunteers. Goals are to build self esteem and empowerment. The mission of 4GIRLS is to inspire and empower middle school girls to identify themselves as authentic, confident, and resilient, preparing them for real-life success. <http://www.inspiration4girls.org>

Altrusa International

Awarded \$1,000 to promote literacy with over 100 school-age youth through Creative Writing Projects. Altrusa is a 501(c)4 Social Welfare Organization that provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills by participating in a community service project or addressing important needs in Orange County. <https://altrusaanaheimca.org>

Anaheim Arts Council

Awarded \$500 to assist with the 26th annual Anaheim Children's Festival on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Pearson Park in Anaheim. The Festival engages youth and families in drawing, dance, music, and other arts and culture activities. The mission of the Anaheim Arts Council is to enrich quality of life by fostering, supporting, and promoting local arts and culture in collaboration with individuals, organizations and businesses. <https://www.anaheimartscouncil.com>

Anaheim Ballet

Awarded \$750 to support the "StepUp!" program, Anaheim Ballet's Educational Outreach program committed to the promotion of classical ballet. Funds provide ballet classes for 12 low-income students, followed by a performance at Pearson Park Amphitheatre for 500+ attendees. Anaheim Ballet promotes personal growth, motor skills, wellness, motivation, peer appreciation, and more. <https://www.anaheimballet.org>

Anaheim Fall Festival

Awarded \$500 to assist with the annual Anaheim Fall Festival & Halloween Parade. For almost 100 years, this event has brought our community together to create an annual parade & festival, enjoyed by nearly 50,000 attendees each year. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Anaheim Fall Festival is a source of community pride and togetherness. <https://www.anaheimfallfestival.org>

Anaheim Family YMCA

Awarded \$1,000 to help 60 underserved youth to participate in the YMCA's Swim & Water Safety Program. The program provides kids with a vital life-saving skill and promotes physical activity, confidence, and connection with other youth. The YMCA focuses on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. <http://www.anaheimymca.org>

Anaheim Public Library Foundation

Awarded \$1,000 to provide "Art On The Go" Kits to elementary-age children in high priority neighborhoods (low income, high density). Through Bookmobile visits and availability in smaller branches, these kits engage youth in hands-on art activities that promote creativity. Anaheim Public Library promotes literacy, lifelong learning, and a love of reading through traditional print materials as well as virtual services. <http://www.anaheimpubliclibraryfoundation.com>

Chance Theatre

Awarded \$500 to support the "Speak Up and Take a Chance" Summer program. The program uses story circles, improvisation games and writing exercises to teach the fundamentals of storytelling. Over five weeks, students will work collaboratively with their peers from around the county to write, design, and perform a new play. The mission of Chance Theatre is to contribute to a more connected, compassionate, and creative community. Chance Theater is dedicated to the creation of exciting theatrical experiences, taking artistic risks, and collaborating with gifted artists on passionate and provocative plays and musicals. <https://chancetheater.com>

Children's Bureau

Awarded \$500 to support the Anaheim Harbor and Family Oasis Resource Centers, provide resources to residents to raise healthy children. By focusing on the unique needs of the neighborhoods they serve, these centers strengthen families and help provide safe, nurturing environments where children can thrive. The Children's Bureau's mission is to protect vulnerable children through prevention, treatment, and advocacy. <https://www.all4kids.org>

Kiwanis Club

Awarded \$500 to support the Ross School Reading & Mentoring Program. The program engages Kiwanis members to read weekly with first-graders at Ross Elementary School and provides books at no cost to the students. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim is dedicated to supporting youth leadership, providing meals to Special Olympics athletes, providing scholarships to high school students, and assisting local nonprofits. <https://greater-anaheim.kiwanisone.org>

OC Child Abuse Prevention Center

Awarded \$1,000 help 200 Anaheim residents through the Basic Needs program, providing critically-needed household items to families required by the Orange County Social Services Agency to allow a child to be placed with relatives and extended family members. The OC Child Abuse Prevention values every child's right to grow up in a safe and nurturing home environment and serves children and families in crisis to prevent and break the cycle of generational child abuse.

<https://www.brightfutures4kids.org>

OC Conservation Corps

Awarded \$500 to help provide supportive services for disenfranchised youth, including transportation assistance, job training, crisis prevention, and community improvement projects. The Orange County Conservation Corps serves young, at-risk adults through employment, training and educational programs that build self-sufficiency and benefit the community through conservation-related projects.

<http://www.hireyouth.org>

Pathways of Hope

Awarded \$500 to benefit children and adults at the Via Esperanza shelter through weekly life skills classes and related supplies and equipment. The mission of Pathways of Hope is to lead community efforts to provide access to food, shelter, and housing to those experiencing hunger and homelessness in North Orange County. <https://www.pohoc.org>

Pearson Park Amphitheatre

Awarded \$500 to help support the annual 2018 Summer Nights Under the Stars event, which brings together thousands of residents of every age and background to enjoy live entertainment at Pearson Park Amphitheatre. Over the summer of 2018, the event is free to kids under 8 and \$3.00 everyone else. Attending this theatre has been a tradition in Anaheim since 1933.

<https://www.anaheim.net/DocumentCenter/View/5131/PPT-Summer-2018?bidId=>

Project Access

Awarded \$1,000 for the "Pathways Our of Poverty" program, which provides low-income families with key activities focused on economic stability, health and wellness, youth education, and community building. The mission of Project Access is to give low income families the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty, become healthier, further educated and financially stable. <https://www.project-access.org>

Project Dignity

Awarded \$500 for "Feed the Need" program, which helps provide meals to homeless individuals and families living in motels. The goals of Project Dignity are to assist homeless families with food, backpacks, financial assistance, tuition, and hygiene items. <https://www.projectdignity.org>

Tiger Woods Foundation

Awarded \$750 for the College Bound Academy, focused on helping students apply for college, attend campus tours, attend learning lab meetings, prepare for ACT/SAT prep classes, and learn about financial aid. TGR Foundation empowers students to pursue their passions through education. <https://tgrfoundation.org>

Women's Transitional Living Center

Awarded \$1,000 to provide Community Education to victims of domestic violence, including resources to build self-esteem and empower independent living. With a vision of ending the cycle of violence and exploitation, WTLC's mission is to help individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation. <https://wtlc.org>