

YOUTH SERVICES

ANGELS FOSTER NETWORK

Expanding the Caring Families Program

www.angelsfoster.org

PROJECT BUDGET: \$330,000

REQUESTED: \$50,000

ORGANIZATION ANNUAL BUDGET: \$2,257,622

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program meets an urgent and critical need in the SD community. The program is focused on supporting the ongoing efforts to recruit, train and approve additional Resource Families (those who foster), while continuing to support the current parents and families. Increasing the number of Resource Families allows them to help more children in the foster care system who are in need.

NEED/SOLUTION: There are roughly 3,000 children in foster care (1,200 of which are infant – 5 y.o.) in SD County. This number is at an all-time high due to the opioid epidemic. AFFN has turned away roughly 100 children this year. There are 10 agencies in SD providing foster families. Of those, AFFN is the only one to focus on Newborn to 5 years of age. They are also the largest private provider of homes in the county.

IMPACT: AFFN currently has 60 Resource Families and 29 in the approval stage. The biggest barrier to recruiting more families has been lack of funds for marketing the program and the organization. They estimate they need *60 additional* Resource Families to meet the current need. Funding will be used to recruit and support 30 additional families.

Details of how that breaks down: \$30K will be used to increase the ad spend from \$500/mo to \$3K/mo, \$10K will be used for content creation to be used in social media, \$5K will be used to craft 2 webinar videos to be placed on the AFFN website, \$5K will be used for foster parent support and retention. This includes an annual family picnic as well as the holiday party.

Without the funding, AFFN feels they cannot grow to meet the demand. They will be able to sustain at the same rate, however.

SITE VISIT NOTES: Attendees: Funds will be used to recruit 25+ more families to foster children and provide the training necessary to get a family ready to foster a child under 5 years old. This usually takes about 9 months for a family to complete all the many hours of training and paperwork. So far this year they have turned away 100 children who needed a foster home because they didn't have enough foster families available. The Executive Director is a former foster Dad and the organization's staff is very passionate about providing foster homes for children under 5 years old.

EMILIO NARES FOUNDATION

Ride With Emilio Program

www.enfhope.org

PROJECT BUDGET: \$156,301

REQUESTED: \$25,000

ORGANIZATION ANNUAL BUDGET: \$882,185

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The flagship and original program "Ride with Emilio", provides case managed transportation to and from cancer treatment appointments for children and their family members when they have no other options.

NEED/SOLUTION: Ride with Emilio currently serves over 200 children and their families who qualify for no-cost case managed transportation to approximately 4,000 vital cancer treatment appointments. Many of these families earn less than \$25,000 annually and either do not have personal transportation or do not have access to it during the day when appointments are scheduled. Public transportation puts the child's life at risk by endangering a compromised immune system. In San Diego, Ride with Emilio is the ONLY no cost transportation service available to these families.

IMPACT: A \$25,000 grant from RSFWF would help to ensure this critical need by funding roughly one-third of the Program Coordinator's salary and virtually all of the fuel costs for the year. With over 200 new cases annually of childhood cancer diagnosed at Rady's Children Hospital alone, there is an ever-growing need to serve the marginalized community that cannot afford to get to appointments regularly and on time. It is indeed a life-saving service. The balance of funding for the project will be provided by individual donors and other foundations.

SITE VISIT NOTES: Attendees: Robyn Hudgens, Jana Peck, Shari Sapp. We met Richard Nares (the founder), the program director and the driver of this no cost transportation for children with cancer. This vital service is professional and well organized. They have a great relationship with Rady Childrens Hospital and transport all their low-income families that need the service. They also have a room at the hospital where the families can wait and learn skills while their children are receiving chemo. Another part of the program is the healthy food bags they give out to the kids and the Port T-shirts the kids can wear to avoid taking clothes off while receiving chemo.

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NATIVITY PREP

Graduate Support Program

www.nativityprep.org

PROJECT BUDGET: \$457,274 **REQUESTED: \$50,000**
ORGANIZATION ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,753,151

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Nativity Prep Academy, in its 17th year, is the only tuition-free private school in SD County that serves 100% low-income students, all of whom represent the first generation in their families to possibly earn a college degree. They provide education to 240 students a year, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school and stay alongside them through their high school and college journey (they must maintain a min 3.0 GPA). All students qualify for free/reduced lunch program as a requirement for admission. The goal is to break the cycle of generational poverty through education and opportunity to attend college. The primary goals of the Graduate Support Program are:

- to assure all students enroll in and excel at the top private-independent, charter and Catholic schools throughout SD County
- to provide the resources and tools that enable them to get into college.

NEED/SOLUTION: 35% of residents in SE SD earn \$35K or less in a city that has some of the highest housing costs in the country. With increasing complexity in college applications and admissions along with financial hardships, low income students graduate rate is around 74% and college matriculation rate is 45%. By contrast, Nativity Prep graduates have a 99% high school graduation rate and matriculation of 85%.

IMPACT: \$50K grant would support 25 students in SAT tutoring (taught by USD staff) and provide for 7 need based High School scholarships for graduates to attend private High Schools in San Diego. They usually feed into one of the 4 Catholic Schools, Francis Parker or Bishops.

SITE VISIT NOTES: Attendees: Jana Peck, Robyn Hudgens, Mary Consalvi, Ann Sergott, Robyn Hudgens . We met the new director and a number of staff at the school of The Nativity Prep. This is an elementary and middle school. The kids are all first to go to college in their families and all will go to private High Schools in the area. We visited the classrooms and the environment was very orderly. they have been given a \$1,000,000 grant and are creating an endowment with this.

OPERATION HOPE -VISTA

Project Youth

www.operationhopeshelter.org

PROJECT BUDGET: \$65,700 **REQUESTED: \$25,700**
ORGANIZATION ANNUAL BUDGET: \$735,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Project: Youth Programing:

1. Mandatory after school tutoring and homework-get kids up to grade level
2. Youth Peer Leader Program-welcoming a new child with a peer to show him/her the ropes of daily activities fosters friendships and reduces anxiety.
3. Kid's Club Programing-all adults in the shelter are required to attend evening classes, which means that their children are assembled into age-appropriate groups for evening activities.
4. Summer and Extended Holiday Programing-provide extended hours for children to be in shelter and developed a curriculum that maximizes outdoor time with projects.

NEED/SOLUTION: Children experiencing homelessness suffer: including decreased likelihood of graduating high school, increased chances of incarceration, divorce, teen pregnancy and adult homelessness.

IMPACT: Funding of \$25,700 would go towards assisting 110 homeless children in after school youth programs, specifically homework assistance, getting up to grade standards and outdoor programs.

SITE VISIT NOTES: Attendees: Kathy Yash, Alchera Ayyad, Judy Oliphant, Gillian Gillies, Susan Hoehn, Tina Braswell, Anne Sergott. The organization's focus is on homeless families. There are many services provided as well as housing. There is a waiting list and the families are heavily screened and need to pass a drug test. Each family has their own room. The kids program provides tutoring to get kids up to grade level. Meals are provided 365 evenings a year.

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OUTDOOR OUTREACH

Services

www.outdooroutreach.org

PROJECT BUDGET: \$176,000

REQUESTED: \$50,000

ORGANIZATION ANNUAL BUDGET: \$302,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Outdoor Outreach invites the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund to consider a grant of \$50,000 to support the Leadership Program, which provides at-risk young adults ages 16 - 24 with opportunities to develop job skills, earn a paycheck, gain valuable work and leadership experience, and engage in their communities as mentors and advocates for other youth. Over the impact period June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019.

NEED/SOLUTION: Outdoor Outreach's "earn and learn" model differs from other programs in that we provide part-time work after school and on weekends and school breaks, catering to students' school schedules so low-income youth can earn a paycheck and build job skills while staying connected to school. Furthermore, Outdoor Outreach's physical location in our primary service area, southeastern San Diego, eliminates transportation barriers for youth getting to work.

IMPACT: Over one year, this program will engage a total of 1,255 disadvantaged youth in leadership training, mentoring, and outdoor programming. In-depth leadership training and employment will be provided to 25 young adults who will in turn provide mentoring and outdoor education programs to 1,230 middle and high-school age youth. When you invest in job and leadership training for 25 young adults, you're creating a thousand solutions to help those, and other youth, be resilient in the face of challenges, and confident in their power to make a difference.

Funds will be used to support program manager and instructor wages, equipment, trainings, and transportation..

SITE VISIT NOTES: Attendees: Pam Theodosakis, Kathy Sage, Robyn Hudgens, Nancy-Jo Capetta, Courtney Le Beau, Ann Sergott, Denise Walsh. We met the executive director and 2 of the graduates of the program (Ariel and Gabby) as well as the program coordinator, Mallory. This is an outstanding organization with great leadership creating leaders and providing jobs for the youth after the program. Grants also come from schools such as: El Cajon High School and The Monarch school (who we have previously funded) as they believe in the program. Kids who would otherwise have a minimum wage job are able to reach higher goals such as college and/or jobs with greater chance of advancement and thus not repeat the cycle of poverty.