



L.L. Foundation
FOR YOUTH



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Greetings,

2025 was a busy year for the L.L. Foundation for Youth as we continued to support our grantees through challenging times and uncertainties. This report highlights some of the successes we have had this past year, and we are proud to have supported these organizations that do such important work.

At the L.L. Foundation for Youth, we believe every young person deserves the chance to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. That is why we proudly support organizations that provide safe housing, quality health care, access to the arts, enriching camp experiences, and meaningful educational and vocational training. These programs do more than meet immediate needs—they help build brighter futures, strengthen confidence, and inspire the next generation of community leaders. We are deeply grateful to our partner organizations for carrying out this vital work every day.

The legacy of our founder, Leonard "Lenny" G. Leff, continues to inspire our work with organizations that empower youth during the formative ages of 13 to 26. It is our greatest hope that young people **feel heard, seen, and understood**. Our commitment to this mission is unwavering, and every initiative we champion reflects Lenny's enduring vision.

Service to others is not just an act of generosity; it is a privilege that allows us to contribute to the world, striving to make it a better place. I have had the honor and pleasure of serving on the board of the L.L. Foundation for Youth for the past five years and I'm honored to serve as President beginning 2026.

With gratitude,

Sarina Kaye

CEO, L.L. Foundation for Youth

Our 2025 Grant Contributions



\$2,650,000

in cash distributions



46

total grants funded



\$57,609

was the average
amount of all grants
disbursed in the
given year

2025

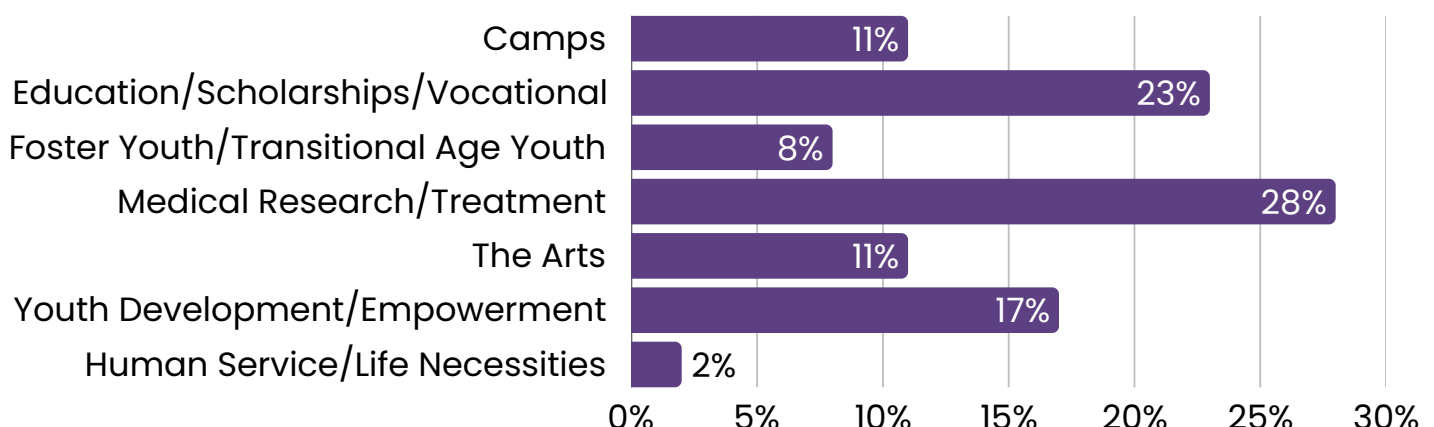
Funding by Program Area

In 2025, our grantees made significant strides across several key program areas, with the largest focus in Medical Research and Treatment, representing **28%** of funding. We also continued to prioritize Education, Scholarships, and Vocational Training, which accounted for **23%**, reflecting our belief that access to learning and career pathways is essential to long-term stability and success.

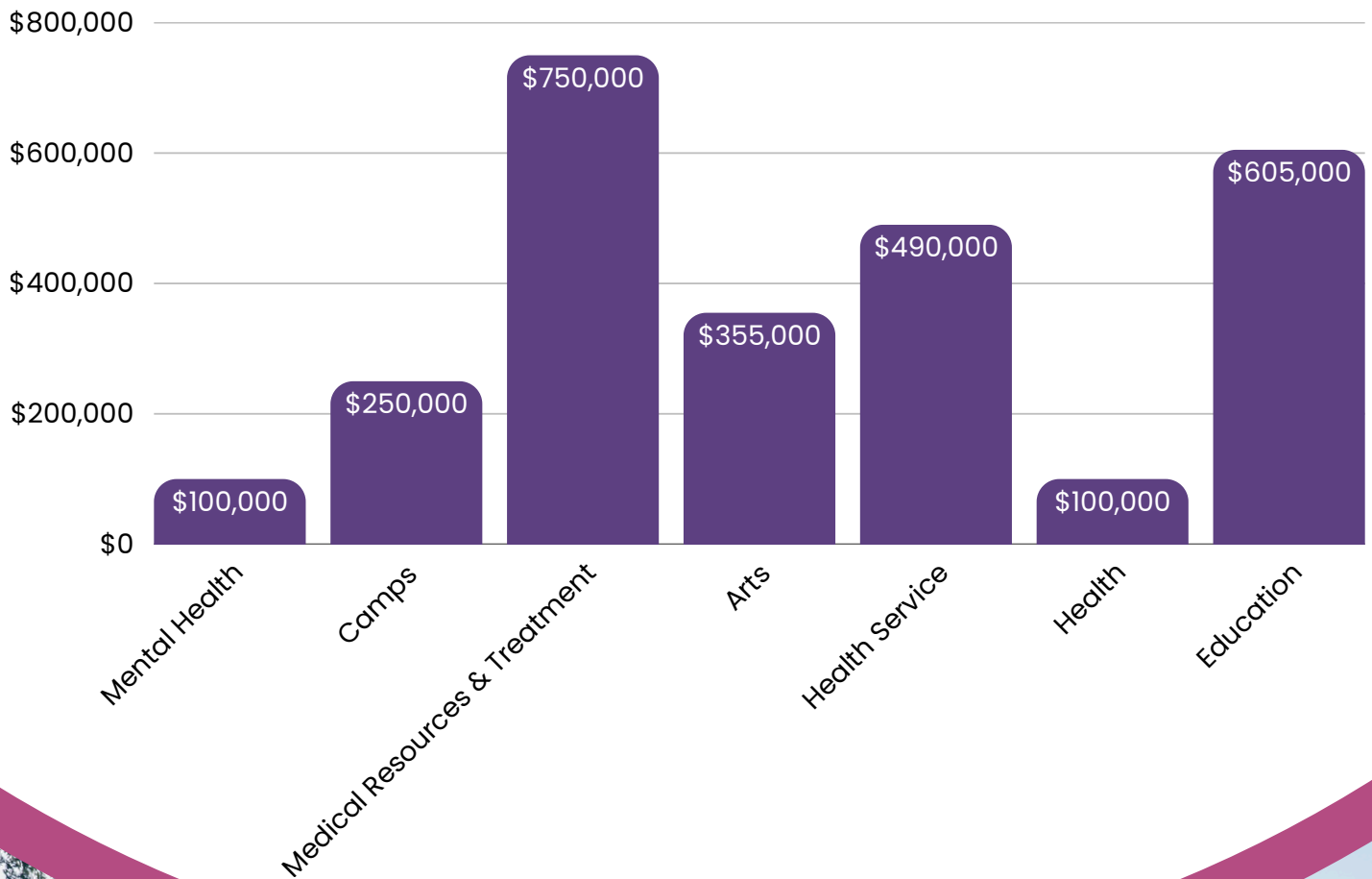


Youth Development and Empowerment remained a meaningful area of investment **at 17%**, supporting programs that build confidence, resilience, leadership, and life skills for young adults. Our grantees focused on Camps and The Arts, each representing **11%**, continued to create spaces for connection, expression, exploration, and personal growth. We also supported organizations serving Foster Youth and Transitional Age Youth **at 8%**, as well as programs addressing Human Services and Life Necessities **at 2%**.

Through our grantees' work across each of these areas, our goal remains the same: to ensure that disadvantaged and disabled young adults feel seen, heard, and supported as they transition into adulthood.



Funding by Organization Type



RAD
CAMP



Investment by Organization Size

CENTER THEATRE GROUP



52%

24 of 46 orgs funded have
operating budgets
under 5 million

24%

11 of 46 orgs funded have
operating budgets
between
5 – 25 million

24%

11 of 46 orgs funded have operating budgets
over 25 million

Serving California

INYO COUNTY

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Big Pine (1)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY 39

Los Angeles (19)

Lancaster (2)

Pasadena (2)

Santa Monica (2)

Hermosa Beach (2)

Culver City (2)

Manhattan Beach (1)

North Hollywood (1)

Encino (1)

Chatsworth (1)

Woodland Hills (1)

Sherman Oaks (1)

San Pedro (1)

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ORANGE COUNTY 04

Anaheim (1)

Santa Ana (1)

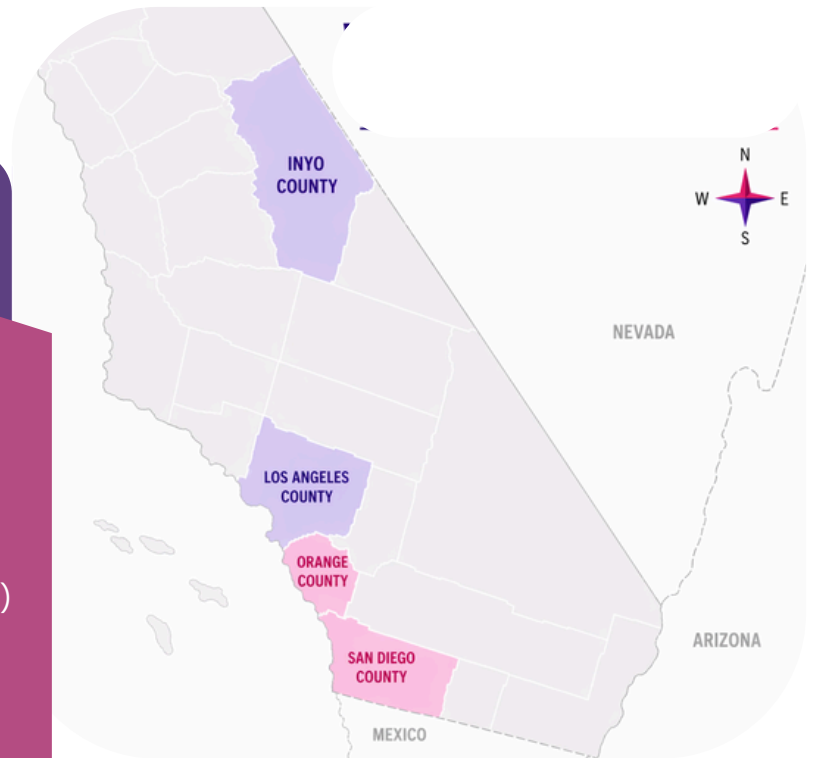
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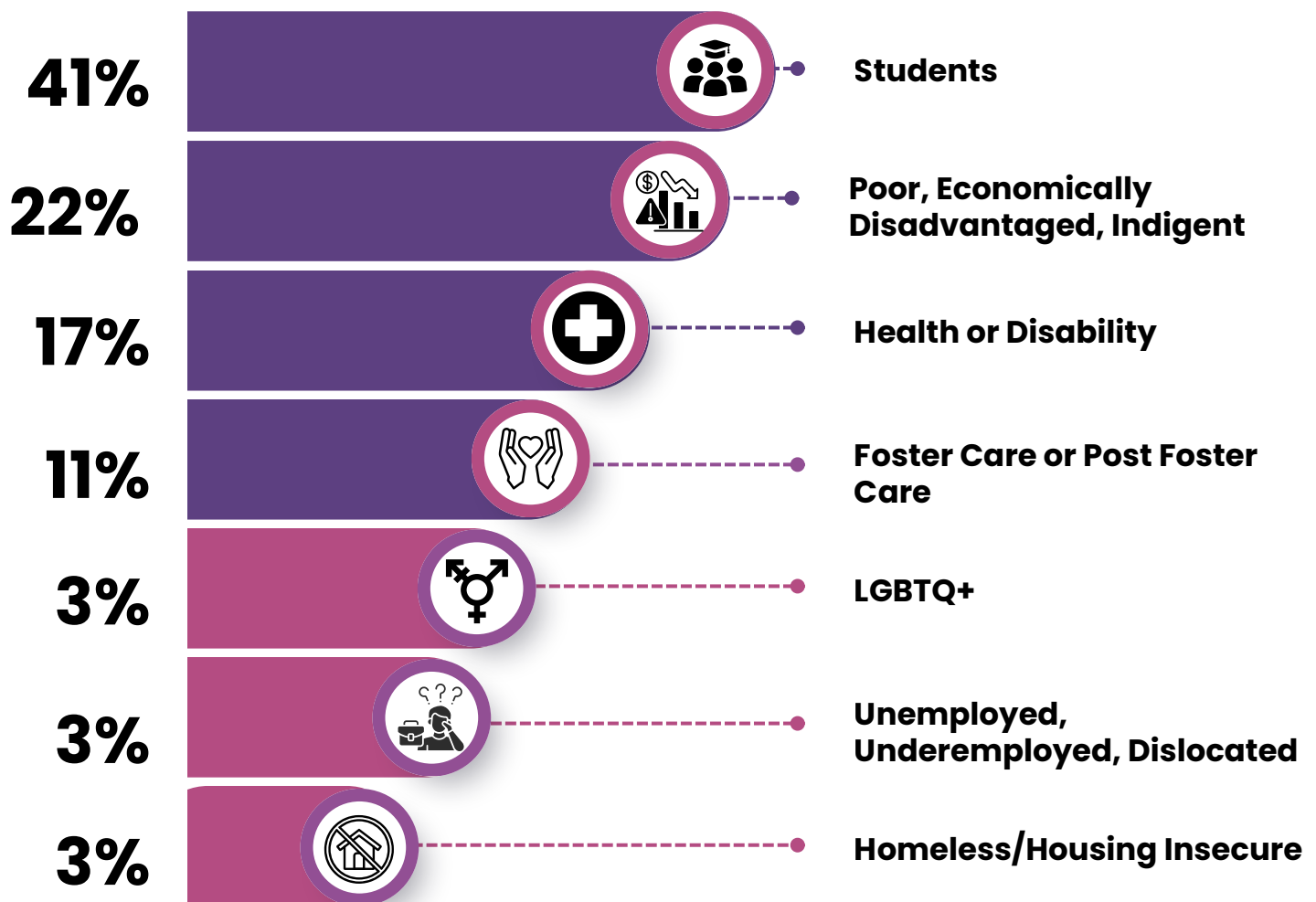
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In 2025, we provided support to **46 organizations** delivering programs in California. **45 grantees** focused on regions in Southern California including Los Angeles County, Orange County and San Diego County. Notably, we maintained our presence across all eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs) in Los Angeles, underscoring our commitment to providing support at both the local and regional levels.

The Youth We Serve

The youth our grantees serve come from a wide range of diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique experiences and perspectives.



Supporting Mental Health Through The Arts & Creativity



Antelope Valley Partners for Health

Community Collaborative Promoting Health and Wellness

Program: Youth Mental Health and Wellness

As part of our Antelope Valley Initiative, **LLFY supported Antelope Valley Partners for Health in their Youth Mental Health and Wellness Program 2.0** which served youth and young adults 13–26. The program incorporates art, theater and video production to address depression, anxiety and trauma. Working with local high schools, AVPH provided guidance, counseling and support to seniors who utilized video production to emotionally and authentically raise awareness about the ubiquitous threats of Fentanyl and how to avoid it through *Together Over Fentanyl*.



Program: Creative Healing Arts

LLFY has supported the arts and mental health through recurring grants. Since 2022, **LLFY has supported Rancho San Antonio's Healing Arts Program** which utilizes songwriting, music recording, and production to help young men (Foster Youth/TAY) process trauma, develop resilience, and vocational skills.



Program: Creative Wisdom Tools

LLFY has supported Indivisible Arts since 2022, **The Creative Wisdom Tools Program serves students of Da Vinci RISE High** at Richstone Family Center. The program provides students with tangible “life tools” designed to increase resilience, utilize creative expressions, and reduce substance use.

Grantee Highlight: Cedar Sinai

Million Dollar Milestone

Early, consistent investment in innovative research and clinical project benefiting young adults yields remarkable returns including reduction in post renal transplant morbidity.

LLFY has actively supported the Cedars Sinai Guerrin Children's Hospital Renal Transplant Rejection in Adolescents Project from 2022 to present with annual funding of \$250,000. The project focuses on both research (biomarker use in early detection of transplant rejection) and clinical work focused on supporting the transition from pediatric to adult medicine for young adults ages 18-26.

The goal: Reduction in post renal transplant morbidity. During this time the work has expanded from initial research to a thriving project with young lives saved, and outcomes and transition protocols presented at U.S. and International conferences.

Insight from Dr. Helen P. Pizzo, M.D.

"The early and consistent funding of LLFY allowed us to hire essential staff, expand our research efforts, go deeper with the Transition Protocol, expand our scope of projects, generate data, publish our findings, and present at National and International conferences.

As the relationship grew, we have advanced evidence and protocols to improve long-term kidney transplant outcomes and quality of life for young people moving into adult care at Cedars-Sinai and around the world."



Key Takeaways and Trends

- Focused funding in Southern California (greatest emphasis on LA County)
- Slightly more programs serving primary population of youth ages 13-17 were funded
- Total dollars granted in 2024 and 2025 remain the same
- The number of grants and average grant size remained nearly the same from 2024-2025.



- Total Cumulative Giving as of December 31, 2025 is \$14.52M
- Initial seed investments in underfunded or small programs, supported through repeat funding, have produced program growth, breakthroughs and/or "donor momentum" (Autism Partnership, Cedar Sinai Nephrology and City of Hope Young Adult Cancer Survivors)
- Consistent support for the Camps and Arts Programs

Our Grantees

TRANSFORMING LIVES



A Place Called Home

A **Place Called Home** Teen & Young Adult Services (TYAS) department provided vocational preparation, career and college guidance, scholarships, mentoring and life skills classes to support a positive transition to adulthood, for 300+ youth from ages 13 to 22. A portion of funds served students who attend RISE High School at APCH, an on-site charter school in partnership with Da Vinci Schools, reaching youth in foster care.



ALS Network
(Golden West Chapter)

ALS Network L.L. Foundation for Youth Fund supported youth and young adult family members impacted by ALS, including young caregivers.



Antelope Valley Health Partners

Antelope Valley Health Partners focused funding on Youth Mental Health and Wellness (AV-YMHW) targeting youth ages 13-26.



Autism Partnership Foundation

Autism Partnership Foundation was able to facilitate a free registered behavior technician (RBT) training program which benefited both the young adult trainees and the youth they served.



Boys & Girls Club LA Harbor

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH) Workforce Development Center expanded their Career Bound/Workforce Development Program from high school students to include young adults ages 18-24.



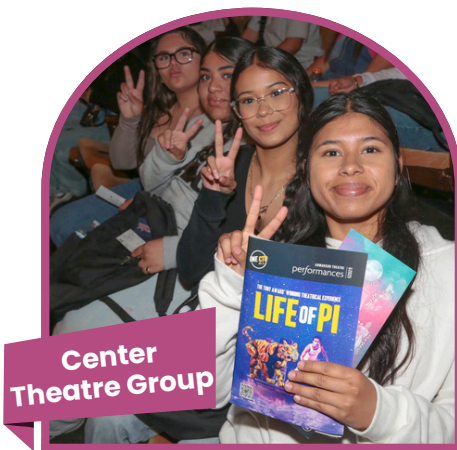
Braille Institute

The Braille Institute was able to hire additional staff and facilitate in-person programming for student activities and parent workshops, transportation for off-site adventures, assistive technology, career readiness, and remote activities.



Cedars Sinai Hospital

Cedars-Sinai Pediatric Nephrology department was able to evaluate new methods to detect early-stage transplant rejection and develop a protocol to help prepare patients in transitioning to adult care. This research supported detection of renal transplant rejection in adolescent patients to improve long-term graft survival.



Center Theatre Group

Center Theatre Group received funding for its Education & Community Partnerships Program Student Matinees which introduced thousands of students to world-class theatre productions; provided hundreds of educators with tools to integrate high-quality arts education into classrooms and offered equitable opportunities for students from traditionally marginalized communities.



Childhood Leukemia Foundation

Childhood Leukemia Foundation continued their Keeping Kids Connected iPad Program which has distributed iPads since 2011 to educate, empower and elevate the spirits of pediatric oncology patients.



Children of the Night

The Children of the Night supports teens and young adults moving to mainstream society by offering 24-hour services 7 days a week, support with medical services, mental health services, assistance with educational advancement (i.e. online zoom tutoring, applications for FAFSA, etc.), job placement, and much more.



Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles: In 2025, LLFY redirected funding to the Division of Adolescent and Adult Medicine (DAYAM) to support general operations in response to changes in federal funding.



Children's Ranch Foundation

Children's Ranch Foundation was able to fully fund their Lulu Xochi Calderon Program which provided young adults impacted by developmental, social/emotional and learning challenges with the opportunity to work at the Ranch. The young adults benefited greatly from having a dedicated space and support staff responsive to their needs.



City of Hope

City of Hope's Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Program and Patient Navigation offered therapeutic and psychological interventions for AYA from diagnosis through survivorship, including oncofertility treatment, resource navigation, and support activities.



Coalition for Engaged Education

Coalition of Engaged Education's C/Hope program supports justice-system impacted youth, by providing ongoing mobile case management and a variety of academic, employment, legal, healthcare linkages, advocacy support, ongoing enrichment opportunities, and financial education for ages 14-26.



Community Partners FBO Benkadi

Benkadi offers schools West African drum, dance, and culture programs, providing students with a unique and enriching experience. Benkadi delivers outstanding teachers, authentic instruments, and a state standards-compliant curriculum.



Cristo Rey Orange County High School's Corporate Work Study program provides every student with valuable, real-world work experience and professional mentoring in conjunction with a challenging college-prep academic program.



Deep Springs College was able to continue their instructional work and their signature Summer Program, welcoming new students. The program remains an essential experience across multiple generations of Deep Springs students and alumni.



DUBLAB used funding to support its ongoing education programming and early career support for young adults (18-24) which includes an apprenticeship program, internships, and volunteer opportunities.



East West Players expanded their Theater for Youth program centering on notable AAPI historical figures and social issues, which reached over 11,000 youth and families and brought a touring production into schools, community colleges, and community centers



Tikvah Etta & Lazear Israel Center for the Developmentally Disabled dba ETTA was able to fund a new position of Case Manager/Navigator to assist neurodiverse young adults who are making the adjustment to independent living for the first time.



Exceptional Children's Foundation Kayne Eras School Production Class has continued video, film, and sound production technique instruction for students with special needs.



Foundation for Women Warriors Women Veterans Transition and Emergency Services Program provided emergency financial assistance stipends and child care assistance stipends to women veterans and active-duty servicewomen ages 18-26.



Fulfillment Fund College Success Program provides scholarships for students from low-income families over a 4-year period along with individualized case management and support services.



Golden Heart Ranch provides enriching programs for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through activities like camps, ranch days, and special events.



Hillsides

Hillsides Youth Moving On provides workforce development, mental health care, and wraparound support for transition-aged youth in Pasadena and East Los Angeles.



Hope Loves Company

Camp Hope Loves Company is a three-day, overnight retreat for youth and young adults, who have or have had a loved one battling ALS.

Indivisible Arts

Indivisible Arts funded their youth development program which enhances social emotional learning as students cultivate creativity, consciousness and connection through art at a collaborative artists studio and on local South Bay campuses.

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center "DŌ (THE WAY): Traditional Japanese Arts for Young Adults" trains a cohort (ages 18-24) in four Japanese art forms by providing hands-on experience and cultural insights.

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of L.A.

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles's Teen Talk Program addressed teen suicide prevention via their peer-to-peer support app. Youth were trained to provide peer support through text, with training and services highly targeted in Antelope Valley. Certificates were offered following training.

Los Angeles Opera Company

Los Angeles Opera focused its funding on developing the future generation of a diverse artistic workforce by creating opportunities for high school and college students to learn and work alongside professionals through its Leadership Academy and its Youth Artist Training Academy.

Lost Angels Children's Project

Lost Angels Children's Project utilized a multi-year grant to facilitate their 12-week vocational training program and to provide financial assistance with life necessities.

Motivating Our Students Through Experience

LLFY's grant to **Motivating Our Students Through Experience (MOSTe)** supported a college tour program for young women from low-income backgrounds. The program included comprehensive academic and personal growth-focused programming designed to celebrate the young women in their programs and capitalize on their strengths.

Notre Dame High School

Notre Dame High School was able to continue the successful role of a designated learning specialist who coordinated all of the support services and accommodations for students with learning differences.



**Our Big Kitchen
Los Angeles**

LLFY funded **OBKLA'S Youth Engagement Initiative** to increase involvement of youth and young adults (ages 13-26) focusing on four micro-communities: middle school, high school, at-risk, and transitional age youth.



**Our House Grief
Support Center**

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center Family Support Program and Camp Erin LA Bereavement Support focused on adolescent campers ages 13-17 who were experiencing grief. All the campers had experienced the death of a parent, sibling, best friend, grandparent, or someone else significant in their lives.



**Pacific Asian
Counseling
Services
WTC 2025**

Pacific Asian Counseling Services PACS TAY Access to Mental Health Services Project was able to provide youth across LA with mental health counseling, individual rehabilitation, and targeted case management. Pacific Asian Counseling services was also able to facilitate services on-site and in-person at select schools via funding applied to non-reimbursed travel time and expenses of counselors.



**Pasadena
Playhouse**

Pasadena Playhouse's Musical Theater Boot Camp provides young actors between the ages of 13-17 with the opportunity to hone audition skills and gain valuable insights into the professional theater industry.



**Playa Sunrise
Rotary Club
Foundation**

Playa Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation's Scholarship Program provides opportunities to graduating High School seniors to apply for an initial \$1,000 scholarship to defray the costs of higher education: University, Junior College or Trade School.



RAD Camp

RAD Camp hosts overnight summer camps for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities, provides life-changing volunteer experiences and allows respite for caregivers.



**Rancho San
Antonio**

Rancho San Antonio Creative Healing Arts program provides a space for at-risk youth to process their trauma through therapeutic creative expression including music production, allowing them to "heal and be heard".



**REINS Therapeutic
Horsemanship
Program**

LLFY's grant to **REINS** supports the Equine Assisted Mental Health Program for Youth which supports the physical, mental, and emotional health of at-risk youth ages 13-26.



Sycamores

Sycamores Palmdale Learning Lab provides free, after-school tutoring, academic assistance, college and trade-school preparation support, food, and referrals to low-income and first-generation students at our Palmdale Family Resource Center.



The Colburn School

The Herbert Zipper Scholars program offers tuition-free music education at **Colburn School** for talented low-income students, including private lessons, ensemble participation, and a personalized curriculum to support their artistic growth.



The Eli Home, Inc

The Eli Home CARP - Children of Addicts Recovery Program-provides transitional shelter for homeless recovering mothers together with their children.



The Painted Turtle

The Painted Turtle Summer Leadership Program designed for young adults 16-18. The program provides connection, community, education, and personal growth through various leadership workshops and activities. The Young Adult Leadership Weekend is focused on young adults ages 18-25 who were previously diagnosed with serious illnesses in childhood. During the weekend they focus on important life skills (i.e. financial wellness, resume/cover letter writing, and much more).



We Benefit Children

We Benefit Children fka The Water Buffalo Club was able to provide backpacks filled with school supplies, pleasure-reading books, clothing, shoes, and other necessities at the start of the school year. WBC also supported former foster youth attending college with school supplies and basic needs.

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