



The Tustin Community Foundation makes a Difference in our Community Every Day Through Community Grantmaking

The following 93 organizations & schools received a grant from TCF (since 2008):

The **American Academy of Pediatrics Orange County** received a grant to purchase children's books for their health clinics in the Tustin area.

American Legion Tustin Post 227 received funds to continue companionship visits to veterans in need, sponsor high school representatives to Girls & Boys State and conduct dignified disposal of unserviceable flags on Flag Day. Another grant supported the **Veterans Relief Fund** to help pay unexpected bills incurred by Tustin area veterans in unusual situations.

The **Assessment & Treatment Services (ATSC)** received funding to provide family counseling sessions to help divert children and youth from risky or unhealthy behavior.

Assistance League of Tustin received funding three times for their *Operation School Bell* program to provide school uniforms and basic school supplies to financially disadvantaged K-12 grade students within the Tustin Unified School District and a grant to help provide collared school uniform shirts to all **Currie Middle School** students. They also received a grant to fund the **Project Today** program, a unique collaborative relationship between the Assistance League of Tustin, the **Tustin Unified School District** and **California Youth Services**. Participation in this intervention program is part of a comprehensive educational strategy to steer students away from alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. It has been determined that participation in Project Today has successfully reduced occurrences of school suspensions. Another grant supported their **Children's Crisis Residential Program** and the **CYP Youth Shelter** to provide each student with basic toiletries, support holiday based events and other year-round activities. The Youth Shelter offers a short-term crisis intervention residential program with the goal on family reunification.

Barbara Benson Elementary School received a grant to purchase library bound fiction and nonfiction books for their school library.

The **Beckman High School Autism Program** received funds to help cover the costs of community outings for students who are struggling with moderate to severe Autism Spectrum Disorder, considered English Language Learners and whose families are currently at poverty level. These experiences will ultimately give these students equal access to participate with the rest of the class in obtaining these valuable life skills.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County twice received a grant to help fund the direct program costs associated with recruiting new mentors, making new matches, and supporting existing matches that provide adult role models to at-risk youth who reside within the greater Tustin area and a grant to support the **High School Bigs Mentoring** program matching qualified **Tustin High School** students with elementary and middle school youth. This program provides an opportunity for the younger student to have an older friend as a positive peer and role model and helps the mentor gain experience to become a future community volunteer and leader.

The **Blind Children's Learning Center** received funding to support bilingual and bicultural early intervention services in their Infant Family Focus program.

A **Box of Hope** is a collection of thoughtfully selected items for police officers to present to families immediately after suffering the loss of a child. **Box of Hope** was started by a Tustin mother after the loss of her two children to provide comfort and assistance to a family during an unimaginably difficult time and provide officers with a tangible way to offer support and show a genuine concern to grieving families. This heartfelt grant to the **Tustin Police Foundation** funded 50 Boxes of Hope and it is the hope of the Tustin Community Foundation that they will never be used.

Boy Scout Troop 33, Tustin received funding to help cover the material costs for Eagle projects done in Tustin that would benefit the community.

The **Boys & Girls Club of Tustin** received funds that were matched to purchase 2 slightly used 15 passenger vans to assist with outreach to some of the neediest youth in our community, twice received funds to help create an endowment fund to provide membership and transportation scholarships to youth located in the southwest portion of Tustin and also received a grant to provide membership scholarships for the entire 2016-2017 school year to 100 youth from Tustin's neediest families.

California Carvers Guild #2 received funding to cover increased facility rental charges enabling them to continue to offer free woodcarving instruction to anyone in the community and to donate carved canes to disabled veterans.

California Youth Services purchased an Alco-Sensor FST® Breathalyzer for use in their **Juvenile Alcohol & Drug Education (JADE)** program. Over 300 of our local at-risk youth and their parents attend the JADE program each year to help families affected by substance abuse and delinquent behavior problems.

Proceeds from two grants to **Child Creativity Lab, Inc.** provided STEM kits, on-site STEM Launching Pad workshops for all 3rd Grade Students at **Guin Foss, Benson and Loma Vista Elementary Schools** to provide children with stimulating, hands-on tools to explore and discover creativity as an essential element in critical thinking, problem solving, and innovation leading to a passion for science, technology, engineering or the humanities.

City of Tustin Parks & Recreation accepted a grant to support programs for over 1100 Tustin area youth attending the Little Folks, Camp Tustin and Teen Tustin 2015 summer camps.

The **Clinic in the Park** twice received a grant to expand their outreach by providing transportation and healthy snacks for families from all **Tustin Unified School District Title I schools** to the Clinic where children and their families were connected to safety net health screenings and medical and dental resources.

The **Community Action Partnership of Orange County** received funds to expand the community garden, offer summer Zumba classes and provide resources on the importance of health and exercise to families at **Thorman Elementary School**.

The **Council on Aging** received funding to conduct community outreach to meet the needs of underserved and disadvantaged older adults in the greater Tustin area through their **Caring Connection Friendly Visitor Program**.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are needed in the greater Tustin area. This investment will help recruit, train and support volunteer advocates who will protect the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected in Tustin. These volunteers will make sure our youth in crisis are not lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes.

Proceeds from grants to **Dance to your Heart's Delight** offset expenses accrued for their community donated performances of the Nutcracker ballet. Through this community outreach, 726 people were able to see a real ballet at no cost. Tickets were distributed through local nonprofit organizations, including the **Boys & Girls Club of Tustin**, the **Tustin Area Senior Center** and the **Child Abuse Prevention Center**.

Divine Choices received funding to facilitate free "Stewards of Children" awareness/prevention workshops (the Crime Prevention Program of the Year) for up to 100 Tustin police officers.

Elijah's Gift Food Distribution Program received funds to help eliminate hunger in the greater Tustin area by providing food for the disabled, elderly and families in need.

Families Forward received funding to help provide transitional housing and support services to homeless families in the greater Tustin area.

A grant to **Family Promise of Orange County** was used to help open a new transitional home in Tustin for homeless families where entire families will be able to remain together as they get back on their feet.

First Tee of Orange County received 2 grants to support their **Golf Fore Life Skills** program where modified, introductory golf equipment, including clubs, targets and balls, were purchased and used to impact the lives of more than 600 Tustin elementary students through a curriculum that teaches life lessons and leadership skills through the game of golf. Additional funds were used to provide training to the **THINK Together** personnel at **Beswick, Estock, Heideman, Lambert, Thorman and Veeh** elementary schools.

The **Foothill High School College & Career Center** provides a place for students and parents to receive education and resources specific to the areas that create barriers for their educational success. The CCC gives families hope on how to further their education and gives students the tools to use when communicating with college representatives or potential employers. A grant from the Tustin Community Foundation was used to fund a speakers' series for students and their families.

The **Foothill High School Instrumental Music Guild** received funds that were used to pay for the reconditioning of old band uniforms and the purchase of new uniforms as needed.

Food insecurity is an important issue in Tustin. Three grants to **Fresh Start Charity** paid for necessary truck and trailer repairs and purchased additional non-perishable food and personal hygiene items that are needed but not regularly donated. This program has allowed families to stay off the streets because they could take the money they were spending on food and apply it to rent.

A grant to **Giving Children Hope** added another Tustin Unified school to the **We've Got Your Back** program where backpacks full of nutritious food are distributed to homeless children and their families every Friday to ensure they have food during them the weekend.

Grandma's House of Hope was awarded 4 different grants to support their **Nana's Kids** program that helps provide food and wrap-around programs to support disadvantaged school age children at the **Tustin Family and Youth Center**. Each child receives a bag with enough food for 14 meals covering 2 weekends including healthy, non-perishable meals that can be prepared in a motel room with limited kitchen or even in a car.

The **Grandparents Autism Network** received funds for their **Special Needs Acceptance Book Project** to distribute books and teacher's guides that introduce children to the challenges faced by those with special needs to all TUSD elementary schools. The book covers a range of disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, asthma, blindness, deafness, emotional and behavioral challenges and learning disabilities like dyslexia and ADHD.

Greater Orange County Youth Services received funding for their **Life Skills Development Program** to support employment, budgeting, and credit awareness education to disadvantaged youth in the greater Tustin area.

Guin Foss Elementary School received a grant to purchase an outdoor volleyball net, 20 pairs of knee pads, one coach clip board, five volleyballs, one ball bag, one score board, 20 uniform jerseys and a coach's stipend for 4th & 5th grade after-school volleyball program.

Helen Estock Elementary School PTA received funds to provide partial scholarships to low-income 5th grade students enabling them to attend Outdoor Science Camp.

Helping the Behaviorally Challenging Child received a grant purchase to purchase marketing materials and program literature for 3 community outreach events and tuition assistance for 20 students to participate in CPS classes.

High Hopes Neurological Recovery Group, Inc. was awarded funds to help brain-injured adults living in Tustin attend High Hopes who otherwise would not be able to receive services.

Hillview High School was awarded a grant to pay for bus transportation for students to tour local colleges and university campuses and to take seniors to volunteer with the **Special Olympics**.

Human Options twice received funding to provide case management, counseling and needed supportive services to domestic violence victims living in low cost, long term transitional housing in Tustin to help these families achieve self-sufficiency and lead violence free lives.

The **Illumination Foundation** received a grant to support their efforts to provide long-term sustainable housing solutions and comprehensive services to homeless and motel families with children in Tustin.

Laura's House twice received financial assistance for their emergency shelter and support services program to help meet the needs of individuals and families in our community impacted by domestic violence.

Laurel House, Orange County Area Emergency Teenage Housing received funding for their **T.E.E.N.** Program - Teenagers Empowered, Equipped and Nurtured to Succeed, to provide counseling to at-risk teens and their families.

LEAP Learning Center received funds to tutor academically at-risk 2nd-5th grade students who attend Tustin Unified schools in North Tustin.

The **Legacy Foundation** awards scholarships to local special education students and received a grant to cover the cost of a community meeting with school officials, past scholarship awardees and their families, Legacy Foundation donors and Board Members to determine how their program and be expanded and enhanced.

ListoAmerica Inc. received funds to purchase Raspberry Pi computers and accessories and a 2nd grant to purchase Micro:bits, a tiny hand held programmable computer, use in coding and computing to give them the flexibility to teach larger quantities of students physical computing in after-school workshops for underserved students in the **Tustin Unified School District**.

The **Loma Vista Parent Teacher Organization** received funds to purchase a piano keyboard for their music program and another grant to support the **Garden Learning Center** where students and their families are educated on where food comes from as they personally experience the process of planting a seed and caring for it all the way to their plate.

Mary's Shelter received a grant to purchase new baby cribs that will comply with the new federal safety standards and they also received financial support for their effective **Prenatal Care Services** Program to empower and equip vulnerable teen mothers and their babies for lives of hope, dignity and self-sufficiency.

Mercy House Transitional Living Center twice received funding to assist with the cost of ongoing case management to the women at their Regina House to help eradicate their plight of homelessness and assist them in the following areas: Financial Literacy, Wellness Program and Learning Matters.

Miracles for Kids received funding to provide financial support for low-income families in Tustin who, as a result of their child's treatment for a life-threatening illness, struggle to maintain stability and meet basic financial obligations such as rent/mortgage, transportation, utilities and medical insurance payments.

The **Miss Tustin Scholarship Program** received funding to restart their pageant in the 1990s to provide scholarship money to young women from the ages of 17-24 from the greater Tustin area and recently received funding to help with increased pageant costs.

Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) received funds to pay for the cost of towing their **Crashed Car** exhibit to various public areas in Tustin to provide a vital visual illustration of the dangers of impaired driving.

Myford Elementary School received funding to purchase a World Book Encyclopedia and Dictionary Set for their school library.

North Tustin National Charity League received funds to increase their support of their programs with the **Blind Children's Learning Center** and the **Boys and Girls Club of Tustin**.

Olive Crest received a grant to purchase small appliances, such as microwave ovens, for the foster and probation youth homes in their **Transitional Housing Placement Program** located in Tustin Legacy.

Hunger and lack of nutrition result in reduced academic achievement; test scores are lower; absenteeism is higher and there are more grade repeats. Nearly 2,500 low-income students in the Tustin city parameters qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. **OneOC** and their **AmeriCorps** volunteers used this grant to provide healthy snacks for the neediest students in Tustin's schools to make sure no local child goes to sleep hungry.

The **Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center** received a grant to support the **Well Program** to directly connect needy Tustin area families to necessary mental health support and community resources.

The **Orange County Food Access Coalition**, received a grant for their Harvest Club program to equip teams to harvest surplus fresh fruits and vegetables from backyards in the greater Tustin area and divert this often-wasted food into approximately 53,320 servings of fresh food to feed neighbors in need. A 2nd grant was awarded to support outreach efforts to increase the number of harvests as well as the number of deliveries within the community.

For two years in a row the **Orange County Rescue Mission** received a grant to provide 2013 meals for homeless individuals and their families living in the community of greater Tustin was awarded to the

The **PADRE Foundation** (Pediatric-Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education Foundation) received funding to help educate children with diabetes and their families who reside in the greater Tustin area on how to live with diabetes. PADRE offers monthly educational and support classes including a Caregiver's class; which helps grandparents, relatives, and babysitters gain knowledge about diabetes safety.

Proceeds from this grant were used to provide direct services for Tustin veterans through **Patriots & Paws Provisions for Patriots** program to cover expenses in transportation, rent and household items.

The **Pioneer Middle School Library** received funding to purchase research materials that support 7th grade Visual and Performing Arts curriculum and 6th and 7th grade Social Studies standards.

The **Raise Foundation**, Orange County's designated **Child Abuse Prevention Council**, received funding to support their *Caring for Kids* community program to help meet the basic needs of disadvantaged families living in the greater Tustin area.

Robert Heideman Elementary School, a Tustin Unified Title 1 school with a majority of ESL students, received a grant to purchase recently published books and replace worn, high demand books in their school library. This grant application made TCF aware of the need for library books in all our Tustin schools and led to a community book drive where over 6000 books and more than \$1500 was collected to purchase books for every school in the school district.

SOCAL Aquatics Association received funding to purchase a much-needed pace clock to help with training, benefiting all 217 SOCAL members who range in age from 5 to 83.

Special Olympics Orange County twice received funding support for Special Olympic program sites at **Currie Middle School**, the **Tustin Boys & Girls Club** and Community Team sites within Tustin. Participation is open to anyone age eight and older, and programs are designed to serve all ability levels, all at no cost to participants and another grant to help cover the increase cost of transportation to competitions for their Tustin area Special Olympians.

St. Cecilia School (a designated Red Cross Center) received funding to purchase a Tri-Mode Solar Power Pack and a Solar Survivor Watermaker to provide a renewable source of energy for power lighting and communications equipment and to convert non-drinking water into potable water for the community in the case of an emergency.

Sunday Suppers received a grant to purchase food for their free Sunday evening meals for people in our community who are hungry. 1/3 are elderly men and women, 1/3 are families with children and 1/3 are homeless. They received additional funds to purchase a new stove hood and the required fire suppression system.

The **Salvation Army Pioneer School of Music** received funding to award scholarships to youth in the greater Tustin area who are unable to afford music lessons and a grant to purchase musical instruments that are age appropriate for the two to five year olds attending Creators Corner Pre-School.

The **Seneca Family of Agencies** was awarded a grant to support the **Children's Mental Health Clinic** in Tustin, which provides in-home and on-site mental health services to an annual average of 250 children, siblings, and caregivers.

Theatrical Productions, Inc. received funding to provide free theatre tickets to local charitable youth organizations including **Boys and Girls Club**, and the **OC Youth Center**.

Tustin Aquatics received funding to repair or replace existing water polo goals used by youth and high school students in the greater Tustin area.

The **Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts (TACFA)** received grants 4 years in a row to add additional low-income schools to their **Art Masters** program to help students learn to recognize artistic elements, become better observers, expand their vocabulary and gain a lasting appreciation of art. Another grant supported their **Konzerts for Kids** program by covering the cost to provide transportation for TUSD 4th grade students to attend a South Coast Symphony Orchestra concert.

The **Tustin Area Senior Center** received financial support to help subsidize the senior meal program offered at the Center in partnership with **Community SeniorServ**, funds to purchase a Wii console and games for their senior fitness program and a grant to help cover the cost of 2 free Senior Dental Clinics held at the **Hurtt Family Health Clinic** at the Orange County Rescue Mission.

The **Tustin Area Senior Center Fund** received a grant to supply special lotions, body care products and face creams to homebound seniors and those without families living in local assisted living facilities in greater Tustin in support of their **Adopt-a-Grandparent** program and the **SmileMakers** program at the **Council on Aging**.

Tustin Eastern Little League (TELL) received funds to purchase new pitching machines and machine pitch baseballs which benefited the approximately 750 players each year.

Tustin Dollars for Scholars runs a popular food booth at the City of Tustin's summer **Concerts in the Park** to raise funds to provide renewable 4-year college scholarships to Tustin students. TDFS used one grant to purchase a 20x10 foot canvas pop-up printed with their name, logo and mission statement to shade their workers and increase knowledge of their organization and another grant to replace a BBQ grill. A 2nd grant supported the Scholarship Award fund.

The **Tustin Family & Youth Center** received funds to help purchase backpacks, school supplies and copies of the popular book *The Giving Tree* for their Kids Corner Preschool graduates with a goal of giving them the best possible start in school, funds to purchase a Wii console and games for their youth fitness program and an additional grants to purchase hygiene kits, including shampoo, bath soap, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes, 1250 toothbrushes for the **Holiday Basket Program** given annually to needy families in the Tustin community.

Tustin Girls Softball received a grant to purchase new nets for the batting cages at Columbus Tustin Park and help fund a new pitching machine.

The **Tustin High School Baseball Booster Club** received funding to purchase much needed new netting in the batting cages that are used by the Tustin High School Baseball teams and Tustin area youth attending winter and summer baseball camps and funds to kick-off their Scoreboard Fund as they were the only team in our district and their league without a scoreboard.

The **Tustin High School Dance Team Booster Club** received a grant to cover all costs to bring the art of dance to the **Boys & Girls Club of Tustin** by performing their Spring Show at the Club for members and their families and then putting on two free dance camps for all interested Club youth. Tustin High has an All-Male Dance Team in addition to the regular Team. In addition, youth attending the **Tustin Family and Youth Center** received scholarships to the Dance Team's week-long summer Dance Camp at Tustin High. Another grant was used to purchase costumes for use over many years.

The **Tustin High School Girls Soccer Booster Club** received a grant to purchase reusable uniforms and warm-ups for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity soccer teams.

The **Tustin High School Girls Softball Booster Club** received a grant to replace 10-year-old team softball uniforms.

The **Tustin High School Grad Night Committee** received funding to help defray the costs of bus transportation to Grad Night 2008.

The **Tustin High School Instrumental Music Organization** received funds to repair existing school owned instruments and purchase much needed new instruments.

The **Tustin High School Soccer Booster Club** received funding to purchase much needed new soccer goals for the Tustin High School Boys and Girls Soccer programs.

The **Tustin Host Lions Club – Beckman High School Leo Club** received a grant to purchase Eyeglass Collection Boxes, a cash box to be used at events, prizes for the City of Tustin Easter Egg Hunt game booth and fund to help grow the program so additional students can participate and experience the rewards of community service.

The **Tustin Police Department** originally received funds to purchase the **Santa Sleigh** that visits all Tustin neighborhoods during the holiday season and later received a grant for its repair and upgrade.

3 Foundation grants to the **Tustin Police Officers Association Cares Program (TPOACares)** provided staffing, participant t-shirts and 26-mile Completion Medals for their 9-week ***Run with a Cop Program***. Their program at Heideman Elementary School was so successful that the TPOA expanded their officers across more schools and touched the lives of more children in the community. Participants not only run but are given a series of challenges to reinforce healthy eating, physical activity, proper sleep habits and "being a good citizen." The **Tustin Police Foundation** received a grant to help defray the cost of the ***Team Kids*** staff salaries, materials, and t-shirts for each of the 4th and 5th grade participants at **Heideman, W.R. Nelson, Veeh and Thorman Elementary Schools**. The staff handles all the paperwork and administrative details, so the Tustin Police Officers can devote their time solely to the children. The event features a school-wide Kick-Off assembly with police and fire fighters, community leaders, and parents, weekly challenges and an end-of-challenge school-wide carnival. Every 4th and 5th grade volunteers receive specially printed t-shirts identifying them as Team Kids Leaders.

Tustin Pride received funding for their programs including: *Angels in Tustin, Student Poster and Essay Contest, Graffiti Removal, Shopping Cart Collection*, etc. **Tustin Pride** became a fully funded program of the Tustin Community Foundation in 2013.

The **Tustin Public Schools Foundation (TPSF)** received funding for their ***Save Our Sports (SOS)*** program to help fund after school sports programs for middle school students in the TUSD and funding for their Tutors for Tustin program to help middle and high school students in the academic middle succeed in taking rigorous classes and to prepare for college admission. TPSF also received funding for the tutorial component of their ***AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)*** program that helps prepare students in the mid-range of academic achievement (between 2.0 and 3.5 Grade Point Average) for admission to four-year universities and colleges.

The **Tustin Unified School District** received funding to replace both home and visitor field benches at **Northrup Field** on the Tustin High School campus. Benches are used by Tustin, Beckman and Foothill High Schools during football season and by Tustin High School during cross county, lacrosse, soccer and track seasons.

Tustin Youth Baseball Association (Tustin PONY Baseball) received funding to help subsidize their ***Everybody Plays Program*** - Although Tustin Pony offers youth baseball programs to the entire City of Tustin, most players come from the area surrounding Thorman Elementary and Currie Middle Schools and are severely financially disadvantaged. Tustin Pony does not want to turn any players away because of cost.

Veterans First was awarded a grant to help with outreach to Tustin area veterans and their families and to help fund their ***Safe Haven*** emergency shelter.

Women Helping Women received a grant to support their Professional Apparel component of their ***Employment Success Program*** to provide Tustin residents with 2 complete business outfits and help them re-enter the workforce.

The **Young Mens Christian Organization of Orange County**, known as the YMCA, received a grant to purchase work stations for students to use to do homework in the after-school tutoring facility at **Estock Elementary School** in Tustin.