

## Nominated Charities 2024/25

### **Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor**

Boys and Girls Clubs serve 2,700 youth daily at 20 locations throughout the harbor communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and Harbor Gateway (Torrance, Lomita & Gardena). Focused programming on academics, arts, and athletics provides structure and success for students in school. Premier programming includes STEM, Robotics, 3-D Animation, and Video and Music Production which ensures learning is fun and focuses on careers, which is deeply needed in our communities. Within College Bound, the university pathway program for high school seniors, celebrated 99% on-time high school graduation rate; 95% college acceptance; \$6M in financial aid and scholarships awarded! Additionally, Career Bound prepares teens for the workforce. Their commitment to great futures for their members is leading to meaningful quality of life, purpose, and motivation to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

**Primary Request: \$20,000 for Community Food Pantry Program serves 2,000+.**

BGCLAH opened a daily community food pantry after the pandemic. This program provides staple foods for families such as eggs, milk, meat and more for free. We encourage families to cook healthier meals by offering fresh food items and posting recipes that incorporate those items.

**No federal Funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary request: \$20,000 Career Bound/Workforce Development serves 310 kids**

Development program with multi-organizational collaborations, dedicated to identifying, mentoring and providing pathway opportunities to guide our youth and young adults towards a prosperous and rewarding future in the work force. Ages 16-24.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### Cancer Support Community

Cancer Support Community South Bay (CSC South Bay) programs offer much needed emotional and educational support to cancer patients, survivors, and their family members all free of charge. For the last 35 years, their support programs have provided hope, healing and emotional wellness to cancer participants and their loved ones as they navigate a stressful and devastating time in their lives. They are integral to the support of cancer patients in active treatment, those returning to wellness post-treatment, and long-term survivors, as well as their family members, caregivers, and other loved ones, from ages 5 and up. A lot of time and resources go into supporting the families that are affected by cancer, so every dollar that is donated is used, often when a patient loses the cancer battle, their families leave national cancer charities money instead of locally. Last year 25,000 families were helped.

**Primary Request: \$20,000 for Supporting Kids and Teens Impacted by Cancer to Improve Their Overall Emotional Wellbeing Programs. Serves 200 children annually.**

CSCRB offers nine support programs for kids and teens impacted by cancer. These programs are led by professionally licensed therapists with a licensed coordinator overseeing the kids/teens programs and special events. CSCRB provides extensive professional emotional support for kids and teens impacted either themselves by a cancer diagnosis or through a loved one's cancer diagnosis. Their specialized programs help support kids and teens to thrive in school, social and home settings while experiencing a difficult and challenging time in their lives.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary Request: \$10,000 for Improving Overall Emotional Wellbeing for Kids and Teens Impacted by Cancer with Age-Appropriate Support Programs. Serves 200 children.**

CSC South Bay's goal is to continue providing psychosocial and emotional support to cancer patients and their families free of charge to improve a family's overall wellbeing when impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### Community's Child

Community's Child's purpose is to end child hunger in our community & improve health, social & academic development; to provide impoverished children & families with supports necessary to acquire successful educations and move out of poverty; to provide homeless women & children a safe structured shelter to heal from trauma and obtain the skills to become self-sufficient. Community's Child provides impoverished South Bay children with free weekly nutritious groceries, annual school supplies, laptops and tutoring services, new books, health, dental and vision screenings and services, masks, hand sanitizers, clothing, shoes, diapers, and hygiene products, Zoom support and counseling services.

**Primary Request \$20,000 for their Healthy Bags – Nutrition and Health Program. Serves 2,500 food for insecure children per week.**

The program provides weekly delivery to schools and/or has children & families pick up nutritious groceries, personal care items, school supplies, and laptops and provides access to counseling and educational programs.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary Request \$14,550 for their Transitional Shelter Rehabilitation. Serves up to 10.**

Transitional shelter for homeless women and children. Provides up to 2 years of safe and structured living for homeless women and children. Replacement of gates and fence would ensure the children's safety when they are playing in the yard

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### International Bird Rescue

International Bird Rescue is a global conservation organization based in California for birds in a changing world. Since 1971, Bird Rescue has responded to over 250 oil spills and other wildlife emergencies, caring for more than 160,000 birds on six continents. Bird Rescue aims to give a voice to waterbirds through conservation, advocacy, and wildlife literacy that builds empathy and encourages action.

Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. Our vision: we dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

Millions of birds die every year due to Human-Wildlife Conflicts such as injury from fishing (hooks, nets, and lines), human cruelty, illegal shootings, habitat disruption, starvation, pollution, and climate change-induced hazards such as the accelerated spread of infectious diseases.

Education is essential for better long-term outcomes for people and for wildlife. We provide environmental education for 1,000 students annually through on-site field trips to our Center. Many of these students come to us in partnership with the Point Fermin Outdoor Education Center which provides opportunities to underserved LAUSD schools.

#### **Primary Request 20,000 for Wildlife Center Avian Rehabilitation, Research, and Education**

##### **Impacts 1,000 children and 1,500 birds**

Our specialty veterinary hospital in San Pedro rescues and rehabilitates 1,500 native aquatic birds annually and releases them back into the wild. This daily work maintains and develops our facilities and skills (enabling us to respond rapidly to crisis events as they occur) and is the basis for our environmental education programs for children.

Despite the challenges shared above, intervention and education make a difference. It is why we are a first-line responder at the local, regional, and international level. Our long-standing experience and proven results helped establish the global best practices for the fields of both wildlife emergency response and clinical wildlife medicine.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

#### **Secondary Request \$7,200 - Bird Helpline Impacts 500 Birds**

Through our free Bird Helpline, members of the general public have an immediate, practical, ethical, and effective means to reduce animal suffering. When they encounter an animal in distress, they are able to speak with one of our staff, or a specially trained volunteer, who diagnoses their problem and responds with best practices, in real time.

We use these 1:1 opportunity to provide personalized ANIMAL RESCUE TRAINING, describe what immediate-and-actionable steps are appropriate for the specific animal-in-question, and offer callers a choice about participating in future conservation activities, such as ongoing monitoring, citizen science, or debris clean-up and removal.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### Los Serenos de Point Vicente

The purpose of Los Serenos de Point Vicente is to assist and support the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' objectives for the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, (PVIC) (a museum that features exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula), Abalone Cove Shoreline Park, Forrestal Nature Preserve/Ladera Linda Community Center and the Trails at Trump National.

Los Serenos member's mission is to provide interpretive and educational services to the broad and surrounding community with the focus on children regarding the unique features and natural and cultural history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and adjacent waters by means of docent-led tours, special events, workshops, and classes.

#### **Primary request: \$4,200 for their Whale of a World (WOW) Impacts 420 children**

The Whale Of a World (WOW) outreach program was initially started in 2007 with a grant from the California Coastal Commission and has continued with funding from other Community Foundations and Corporations. The goal of the WOW outreach is to use the allure of the ocean, its animals, and the PVIC Museum to impact youngster's attitudes towards education, conservation and to make them aware of their environment and how their actions now will impact their future and that of the wildlife around them. The program is open to local Title I elementary school children, grades 2 through 6, and provides the opportunity to visit one of three sites, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, the Abalone Cove Shoreline Park or the Forrestal Nature Reserve.

Thousands of local children enjoy the coastline and coastal waters every day. However, most of them, especially low socioeconomic disadvantaged children, are unaware of how their daily activities can endanger a species or destroy habitat. Just the act of not properly disposing of garbage can impact the plants and animals on and off our shores. The program will educate these children to preserve, for the future, our coastal resources. It is important that young children are involved in the concept of conservation at an early age so that they understand what makes life possible, how life evolves and changes, and how life forms interact with one another. It is hoped that this understanding will inspire, motivate, and encourage them to value and preserve this national treasure for future generations. The Los Serenos Docent's field trips provide an opportunity for the children to learn about the plants and animals that live in and near our coastal waters. Your generous donation of \$4,200 will cover the cost for 7 buses plus other program expenses which will allow approximately 420 underserved students to take advantage of our program.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

#### **Secondary Request: \$3,000 for WOW Program Impacts 300**

As above, the same project. Serves 300 children and 5 buses

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### **Manes for Movement, Inc.**

Manes for Movement's mission is to help improve function and positively change the lives of children and adults with disabilities using Equine (horse) Assisted Therapies and Activities. Currently they offer a full continuum of services from recreational adaptive horseback riding lessons to medically based therapy interventions like Hippotherapy that address functional goals, such as walking, talking, sensory processing, and more. We currently serve children as young as 18 months old through adulthood with a variety of neurodevelopmental, genetic, and psychological diagnoses. Manes for Movement is the only therapeutic riding facility within 40 miles of the South Bay that provides both medically based Hippotherapy services, and recreational Adaptive Horseback Riding to the community under the same program roof. In 2021 Manes for Movement provided over 1200 hours of direct service hours to children and adults with disabilities.

**Primary Request \$15,000 for their Equine Assisted Therapy and recreational Programming. 2,000+ program hours.**

Their current programming includes- 1. Medically based Hippotherapy sessions directed by licensed physical and occupational therapists 2. Feeding therapy and Assistive Technology training with a licensed occupational therapist 3. Recreational adaptive horseback riding lessons overseen by a PATH Intl certified therapeutic riding instructor 4. Ground based therapeutic horsemanship programs 5. Adaptive Riding Horse Show team that participates in local horse shows and competitions.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary Request \$10,000 for their Therapy Horse Veterinary and Farrier Sponsorship. 2000+ program hours.**

The health and care of the horse therapy herd is essential in order for us to provide our life changing services to children with disabilities and special needs. One key aspect of maintaining herds health and wellness is regular veterinary and farrier care. Maintaining a whole herd for one year is at least \$9,000, not counting emergency care.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

## Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles

MMCCLA operates an animal rehabilitation hospital for sick and injured pinnipeds, primarily California sea lions, harbor seals and northern elephant seals. Their goal is to ultimately release patients back to the ocean. They also provide educational opportunities for the public through their educational docent lead tours. Their patient viewing pools are open to the public free of charge. Each year approximately 12,000 people of all ages visit MMCCLA to learn about marine mammals and ocean conservation.

### **Primary Request \$20,000 for Marine Mammal Rescue, Rehabilitation and Education**

**Children Impacted: More than 2000 students participate in our Ocean Ecosystem Field Study program. More than 6000 students participate in field trips annually. More than 8000 children visit the Center annually with their families. Wildlife Impacted: Respond to 750-1000 reports of marine animals in distress annually.**

Support for MMCC will help us respond to hundreds of sick and injured marine mammals from our local beaches and provide them with quality care to assist in their recovery and eventual return to the wild for a second chance at life in the ocean. Additionally, this support makes it possible for our organization to continue our critical work of ocean conservation by inspiring thousands of students and members of the public to care for and take actions that ensure a healthy ocean for marine mammals and humans alike.

MCC is the only organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating marine mammals that strand on beaches throughout the South Bay. Additionally, our center is the only one of its kind in Los Angeles County where children and families can visit free of charge and see these wonderful animals and learn more about them and what we can do as a community to protect them and their ocean home.

Objective 1: Grow and strengthen the stranding response program to ensure continued marine mammal rescue and response in LA County and ensure MMCC's capacity to rapidly respond to projected annual increases in marine mammal strandings in Los Angeles County. Objective 2: Continue to grow the number of participants and the quality of program experience for MMCC's diverse educational programs for both schools and our community. Objective 3: Enhance Visitor engagement through new exhibits, signage, and, most importantly, through our visitors' interactions with MMCC education volunteers.

We were hit really badly recently with a significant number of seals and sea lions that were affected by the Domoic Acid. Our financial resources and our staff and volunteers were stretched to our limits, we really appreciated Las Candelistas' help.

### **Federal Funding - Less than 1% - a \$29,000 grant**

### **Secondary Request \$10,000 For Ocean Conservation Education Impacts over 2,000 children**

We know that how people perceive and relate to the ocean is pivotal to whether we can successfully engage them in marine conservation. To enhance our efforts in our local region, the Marine Mammal Care Center is continuing to strengthen our collaboration and curricular alignment with participating LAUSD schools. We are also enhancing our community engagement efforts and focusing on visitor and meaningful community engagements that inspire people to protect marine mammals and our shared ocean home. **No Federal Funding**

## Providence TrinityCare Hospice Foundation

Providence TrinityCare Foundation has compassionately entered the lives of individuals faced with the realities of suffering, loss, death, and grief, to offer expert care and education, while respecting each person's choices, values, and beliefs for more than 40 years. They take pride in the fact that they never turn anyone away due to their ability to pay. In the late 90's, TrinityCare began receiving an unusual number of calls for hospice for children. Hospice at this time was based on adult illnesses with anticipated outcomes. TrinityKids Care was created in 2001 to help children with life-limiting illnesses live as normal lives as possible, for as long as possible, in their own homes. TrinityKids Care is the only pediatric hospice and palliative care provider serving Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

**Primary request \$10,000 for equipment for palliative care patients. 220 children served.**

Mobility aids can significantly impact the quality of life for children in pediatric palliative care. Wheelchairs, walkers and crutches help children move around more independently, reducing their reliance on caregivers. These aids enable children to participate in more activities, social and recreational, which can improve their overall well-being.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary Request \$10,000 Expressive Therapies for Children in our services. Serves 400 children.**

**Massage therapy** promotes relaxation and decreases anxiety, improves pains, and aches, alleviates discomfort, tactile and sensory stimulation, lower heartrate/blood pressure, improves digestion, increase range of motion and overall well-being.

**Music Therapy:** help children and their families manage pain and stressful situations, encourages socialization, self-expression, communications, and motor development.

**Art Therapy:** improves overall well-being and contributes to lowering anxiety and stress and improving self-awareness.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**



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### Rainbow Services

Rainbow Services provides shelter and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, empowering them to move beyond trauma, towards safety and stability.

Rainbow is dedicated to helping low-income survivors of domestic violence and their children escape crisis, overcome trauma and establish independent lives free from abuse. We provide trauma informed shelter and a comprehensive array of support services to support the many, unique needs survivors and their children face in this pursuit. Our programming includes a 24 hr Spanish/English hotline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing advocacy, case management, support groups, legal services and children enrichment services all of which are offered in Spanish and English at no cost. By incorporating best practices, such as the trauma-informed care and Domestic Violence Housing First models, Rainbow empowers survivors to reclaim their independence, empowering them to become authors of their own story.

**Primary request \$10,000 for Building Healthy Relationships – Teen Dating Violence Prevention. Impacts 1,000+ added**

This program offers 1,000+ middle and high school-age youth age-appropriate education about teen dating violence. The program aims to educate teens on how to identify relationship red flags, support themselves or someone they know who may be experiencing violence and access local resources when needed. The program regularly engages teens year to year to establish healthy relationships over time, while collaborating with school faculty and parents.

**100% federal funding is given to this project**

**Secondary request \$10,000 for Children’s Services for Youth Affected by Domestic Violence. Impacts 600 added**

Our children’s program serves 600 kids and offers trauma-informed childcare and enrichment activities for youth who accompany their survivor parent to Rainbow. Supported by program aids trained in trauma-informed care, crisis intervention and specialized needs, children can engage in age and grade-appropriate art activities, imaginative play, homework help and free choice recreation while their parent receives support services.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### South Bay Children's Health Center

SBCHC was founded in 1947 to fill the gaps in health care services accessible and available to low income and underserved children, teens, and young adults throughout the South Bay. In their earlier years the organization offered a variety of child and adolescent focused services including well-baby care, hearing and vision services, mental health, and dental care. Today, the primary focus is on improving the mental health and overall health and wellness of underserved and at-risk children, teens, and young adults through the provision of quality dental and mental health services - both high priority needs in the South Bay communities of Los Angeles. South Bay Children's Health Center serves the dental and mental health needs of low-income or at-risk children, teens, and young adults; empowering them to live healthy, productive, and happy lives.

**Primary request \$15,000 for their South Bay Children's Health Center's Dental Program. Serves 12,500 youth.**

The program offers high-quality preventative, restorative and emergency dental treatment and age-based anticipatory oral health education and guidance to underserved and low-income youth in the South Bay in the type of "dental home" environment recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. SBCHC provides accessible, quality, child and adolescent focused dental care that are affordable for local families in need in an environment that treats the entire family with the dignity and respect they deserve.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Secondary Request \$5,000 for their South Bay Youth Project Wilderness Leadership Challenge. Serves 12-15 youth.**

Redondo Beach youth have the opportunity to participate in a life-changing program that combines personal growth with teamwork, self-esteem building, and developing highly transferable leadership skills for the future.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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### South Coast Botanic Garden

Founded in 1960, South Coast Botanic Garden has the distinction of being the first public garden to be developed over a garbage landfill. The story of the Garden's "trashy past" is, in fact, South Coast's greatest asset, providing a platform to showcase land reclamation techniques and environmental rehabilitation, in addition to traditional botanic garden topics. Today, the Garden includes more than 2,500 plant species from around the globe. The gardens attracted 375,000 guests last year.

The Garden is in the midst of a grand transformation, which will bring a bold long-range vision plan to life.

As a way to reach a larger population, particularly underserved communities, we continue to offer a monthly free admission day, and EBT cardholders may visit the garden any day, free of charge. Therapists are also welcome to attend free with their clients as part of physical and mental therapy. The Garden is a hub for school and student visits and hosts an annual summer Destination Science camp for a hundred or more local youth.

#### **Primary Request \$10,000 for their Children and Family Garden – Serve 100,000 annually.**

Once the new Family Garden opens, it will host a myriad of hands-on activities for guests to enjoy. This will include STEAM components in Marine Fossil Dig, Rambling Woods, Ephemeral Streams, Root Climb, Pollinator Pathway and Bloom and Sprout areas. Family program development will consist of interactive and self-guided intergenerational activities, with additional resources for the divergent community. In addition to in-person learning via interpretive signage, there will be a complete educational curriculum for groups/teachers to have pre- and post- discussion and prompts to support any nature-based learning tied to the space. The educational component inside the new space will be significant. Funding support will help to cover the costs of materials and staffing for this program.

Children and families will have time together in nature, have an opportunity to be curious and awed, and will have an enhanced appreciation and improved understanding of the natural world and be encouraged to be positive environmental stewards.

**No Federal funding is given to this project.**

#### **Secondary Request \$5,000 for their Children and Family Programming. Impacts 25,000**

As seasonal events and exhibits occur, we tailor some of the educational offerings accordingly, such as the Butterfly 101 class that coincides with the SOAR exhibit, and our month-long Lunar New Year festival will include culturally inclusive craft-making workshops. Our ongoing SOAR butterfly spring/summer exhibit will continue to showcase the entire butterfly lifecycle, from our fascinating emergence chamber to the surrounding pollinator beds and the actual display inside the pavilion of hundreds of tropical butterflies. Coming soon will be guided tours paired with pre- and post- learning materials tied to our Hide and Seek art sculptures. These aspects of programming offer a chance for grownups and kids to connect over something fun that spurs curiosity and an appreciation for nature. In addition, we incorporate opportunities to focus on well-being and capitalize on our natural surroundings.

**No Federal funding is given to this project.**

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### Wyland Foundation

The Wyland Foundation, established in 1993, is a 501c3 charity committed to promoting, and protecting, and preserving the world's ocean, waterways, and marine life. Through community engagement and educational initiatives, the foundation inspires individuals to become proactive stewards of our marine resources. The ultimate vision of the Wyland Foundation is to create a world where clean water and a healthy ocean are perpetually sustained by informed and caring individuals worldwide.

**Primary request \$20,000 for their Climate Quest: Mobile Tour for Water, Energy, and Planet. Impacts 1,200 children in the south bay.**

Funding from Las Candalistas will allow us to redirect our new Climate Quest Mobile Tour into the South Bay to serve children within disadvantaged communities that are expected to be disproportionately affected by climate change. Climate Quest: Mobile Tour for Water, Energy, and Planet is a groundbreaking initiative designed to educate and engage students on the complexities of climate change, focusing on areas such as Hawthorne, Gardena, West Rancho Dominguez, and parts of Torrance.

Aboard the Wyland Foundation Mobile Environmental Education Center, students will embark on an interactive, multi-sensory journey that features a 250-square-foot 4K video array and custom audio-visual content, immersing them in Earth's climate system and sustainable strategies. This initiative integrates STEM-based curricula with live interactive experiences, targeting students in grades 4-8 from traditional and underserved schools. Climate Quest will educate children on how human actions impact the environment, from heatwaves to poorer air quality, leading to health issues like asthma and heatstroke. By incorporating climate science into the Wyland Foundation's educational model, this program helps communities achieve science literacy benchmarks, promoting better decision-making and a sense of agency, as well as urgency. As an enhancement to the existing mobile environmental science learning center, which has already reached over a million children, Climate Quest represents the Wyland Foundation's latest effort to deliver standards-based science education, fostering a more sustainable and thriving planet.

The following list of schools was prepared as potential candidates for the Climate Quest Tour based on Climate Assessment Mapping Tools, using heat stress index layers and poverty threshold overlays. These schools are located in areas that may have significant low-income population segments based on the CARB mapping tool and general demographic information. Disadvantaged Community School List:

**Lomita** - Lomita Math/Science/Technology Magnet School. Eshelman Avenue Elementary School.

**Hawthorne** - Jefferson Elementary School. Zela Davis Elementary School. Eucalyptus Elementary School.

**Torrance** - Towers Elementary School. Arlington Elementary School. Yukon Elementary School

**Secondary request, funding towards the same project**