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**Providence Saint John's and the Saint John's Health Center Foundation
provide \$2 million in grants to local nonprofit groups
caring for those in need**

SANTA MONICA (Feb. 2, 2023) – Living the Providence tradition of outreach to the under-served, Providence Saint John's Health Center and the Saint John's Health Center Foundation recently provided grants totaling more than \$2 million to 33 programs across the Westside.

The funding services the most vulnerable – those who experience homelessness, abused women, children from low-income households, those battling mental illness or chronic illness and others who may fall between the cracks.

“Through the Community Impact Fund, our goal is to support our local health care partners in improving the health of our community,” said Wendy Merritt, senior director, foundation relations. “Every year, we assess how effective our support has been in helping these local charities achieve their missions of improving the lives of those in need, while also reviewing new applicants to see if we can expand our impact.”

The founding Sisters of Providence and the Sisters of Charity, who established Providence Saint John's Health Center before transferring the sponsorship in 2014 to Providence, were committed to helping the poor and vulnerable – the elderly, orphans, immigrants, the chronically ill and those with mental illnesses among them. Each year Providence Saint John's and its affiliates and partners, often collaborating with other nonprofit organizations, reach tens of thousands of people in our communities and beyond.

The bulk of the funding – \$1.4 million – was provided by the foundation to 28 programs, some of them linked to the Santa Monica hospital and serving those in need. Those programs are:

- Child and Family Development Center for its perinatal wellness program
- Cleft Palate Center, for speech scholarships
- Providence community benefit programs for homeless care coordination
- Saint John's Cancer Institute, surgical oncology fellowship program

Additionally, the Providence Saint John's Community Health Investment department provided \$675,000 in grants to five organizations with deep roots in the Santa Monica and surrounding areas.

- The People Concern providing respite beds for those experiencing homelessness
- Venice Family Clinic for its street medicine program for unhoused
- Westside Family Health Center for women’s health services
- St. Anne’s Catholic School to fund a nurse for student health services
- The Salvation Army Santa Monica Core for its street outreach team aiding those who experience homelessness

Reflecting the mission of its founding religious sisters, the foundation also contributed to:

- Cancer Support Community LA, cancer care
- Growing Hope Gardens, Food Gardens that Empower
- Meals on Wheels West, Community Connections
- Pacific Palisades-Malibu YMCA, Teen Impact Program
- St. James Inn, temporary housing of patients
- Sojourn Domestic Violence Program, services for abused women and their children, as well as
- The People Concern, Westside Interim Housing and Wellness Program
- U.S. Vets, outreach services for homeless and at-risk veterans in West Los Angeles
- Saint John’s Physician Partners, providing free at-home blood pressure monitors
- Bandini Foundation, veterans program
- Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica, for healthy lifestyles and social-emotional health programs
- Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters, wellness mentoring program, navigational support
- Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, The Landing at St. Robert’s Center
- Claris Health, family preservation and reunification programs
- OPICA (Adult Day Care and Counseling Center) –Spirit Builders
- Safe Parking LA, housing stabilization and retention
- Safe Place for Youth, health and clinical programs
- Santa Monica Education Foundation, student wellness programs
- Santa Monica Family YMCA, Big Bear Camp youth scholarships
- St. Monica Catholic Schools, for health and wellness program
- UCLA/VA Family Resource and Well-Being Center, transition to housing for veterans
- Vision to Learn, for free screenings, exams and glasses
- Westside Food Bank, for food purchases
- WISE and Healthy Aging, for adult day Spanish language and Live Alone Expansion

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About Providence

Providence is a national, not-for-profit Catholic health system comprising a diverse family of organizations and driven by a belief that health is a human right. With 52 hospitals, over 1,000 physician clinics, senior services, supportive housing, and much other health and educational services, the health system and its partners employ more than 120,000 caregivers serving communities across seven states – Alaska, California, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, and Washington, with system offices in Renton, Wash., and Irvine, Calif. Learn about our vision of *health for a better world* at [Providence.org](https://www.providence.org).

About Providence Southern California

Providence Southern California is the region’s largest health system with 11 hospitals, more than 100 clinics, outpatient centers, TrinityCare Hospice and its TrinityKids Care pediatric hospice, Providence High School, home health care services, eight wellness centers, telehealth and numerous physician groups in its Southern California Region. Providence is committed to an enduring mission of outreach to the poor and vulnerable, and last year

contributed \$485 million in services, programs and charity care to those in need.