

**ACT ANAHEIM COMPLETES INITIAL PHASE TO ADDRESS GAPS IN SERVICES
FOR UNDERSERVED ANAHEIM YOUTH AND OUTLINES FUTURE ROADMAP**
ACT Anaheim Announces 2017 Grant Recipients and Plans to Grow Future Impact

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Sept. 7, 2017 – Anaheim youth continue to face poverty, academic challenges and limited opportunities, but after three years of collective action, Accelerate Change Together (ACT) Anaheim has documented progress in changing the future for thousands of families living in Orange County’s hidden urban core. Buoyed by the success of the initiative as documented by a new case study, ACT Anaheim is charting its future course, including continued partnership with ACT funders and nonprofits, and a roadmap to expand its collective impact model. ACT Anaheim has also announced its 2017 grant recipients, bringing total grants delivered since 2014 to nearly \$6 million.

“ACT Anaheim was first developed to address barriers to success for at-risk youth in the city of Anaheim, and has already helped more than 12,000 Anaheim youth become college- and career-ready,” said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. “With three years of data informing our mission, ACT Anaheim and its network of funders and community partners have realized that only a long-term commitment can create a path to sustainable progress for the youth and families of Anaheim. ACT Anaheim is evolving to engage a broader group of stakeholders who will continue to focus on improving youth and community resilience through coordinated service delivery and effective partnerships.”

Formed in 2013 by The Disneyland Resort, Angels Baseball and the Anaheim Ducks, with Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) serving as managing partner, ACT Anaheim was designed as a collective response to the rising needs of Anaheim youth ages 13 to 18 impacted by poverty, academic challenges, and limited opportunities for meaningful work and constructive engagement in their community. The compelling mission and early success of ACT Anaheim quickly attracted the interest of additional funding partners, allowing the initiative to expand the program far beyond its initial scope.

Snapshot in Time Reveals Progress and Potential

As ACT Anaheim enters its fourth year, OCCF engaged FSG, a mission-driven consulting firm for leaders pursuing social change, to conduct an evaluation of the initiative by facilitating conversations with grantees and funders to assess impact to date and consider next steps.

FSG’s newly released case study, “ACT Anaheim: A Case Study of Collective Impact,” provides in-depth insight into the background and impact of ACT Anaheim, including initiative creation and execution, lessons learned, current progress and sustainable growth for the future. This snapshot in time from 2014 to 2016 demonstrates the critical urgency for continued investment in Anaheim’s youth as well as the areas of highest youth needs.

Although urgent needs continue to demand ongoing attention, ACT Anaheim has exceeded the initial goals established in 2014. Among the highlights:

- ACT Anaheim has served almost 12,000 youth plus an additional 3,200 parents and caregivers, and 1,000 other adults who serve as mentors.
- Fifty-five percent of youth served are female and 45 percent are male. Overall, the population is 70 percent Hispanic or Latino.
- The majority of youth served by ACT Anaheim programs align with the initial needs assessment of the initiative:
 - Fifty-six percent of youth served are 13-19 year olds who are being provided with the most intensive services.
 - Forty-four percent of youth served are 12 years and younger, as these students are often engaged in middle-school programs and other prevention programs.
- ACT Anaheim grantees also made advancements toward building their capacity by leveraging their initial investments with \$1.9 million in new dollars raised and \$410,758 in in-kind contribution generated for their ACT programs.

ACT Anaheim Eyes the Future, Adapts to Address Long-Term Barriers to Youth Success

OCCF has embraced report findings, among other data, to create a roadmap for the future of ACT Anaheim. Most notably, the initiative is transitioning into a collaborative in which ACT Anaheim nonprofit partners and other stakeholders, including schools, school districts, police and local government agencies, prioritize areas for continued work.

“The future of ACT Anaheim will be built on the collaborative relationships ACT has cultivated and the successes that have been achieved as a result ,” Hoss said. “We are looking at models to embed the leadership of ACT Anaheim more firmly in the local community and empower our partners to have greater roles in defining how to address challenges holding back youth in Anaheim. I’m excited to see ACT develop to its full potential over the long term, built on the core tenets of collective impact.”

2017 Grant Recipients to Build Community Capacity

As one of the first indicators of the new direction it will take as a full-fledged collaborative , ACT Anaheim introduced a new process for soliciting grant proposals in 2017. Instead of receiving individual proposals from each nonprofit partner, ACT Anaheim invited only one joint proposal, representing the collective vision of all of the ACT partners.

As a result of this successful process, ACT Anaheim is granting nearly \$1 million in 2017 to organizations to use in building sustainable capacity to close the gaps in services that have put Anaheim youth at a disadvantage in the past. Individual grant awards are as follows:

Organization	Amount
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County	\$120,000
Girls Inc.	\$120,000
Taller San Jose Hope Builders	\$120,000
Western Youth Services	\$120,000
Community Service Programs (CSP)	\$105,000
GOALS	\$105,000
Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim	\$75,000
Network Anaheim	\$75,000
Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation	\$45,000
Children's Bureau of Southern California	\$45,000
Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO)	\$22,500
OC Human Relations Council	\$30,000
Total	\$982,500.00

In addition to the individual grant awards, the collaborative also allocated \$30,000 to support evaluation efforts. As part of the collaborative proposal process, the ACT Anaheim cohort has expressed a desire to continue its data collection and evaluation efforts to better understand and document their collective impact.

For more information, please visit <http://fsg.org/blog/how-orange-county-community-foundation-increasing-youth-resilience>.

About Orange County Community Foundation

Founded in 1989, Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors to strengthen the local nonprofit sector and find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded \$425 million in grants and scholarships and ranks among the top 10 percent in asset size among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit oc-cf.org or call (949) 553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF's [2016 annual report](#).

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