Twenty-two students from Aquinas High School, Pacific, Cajon San Bernardino have graduated from their Leadership Connection program. The Planning Company, young adults between the ages of 18-21 who currently has 18 high school students involved. Coachella Valley locations to our established program. This year, the Foundation added three Youth Grantmakers to our established program.

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More than just a grant writing program, this year, students will have the chance to better understand their community and emerge as a charitable leader in their own right. Your endowed gift to the Youth Grantmakers program will create a new beginning – An endowment fund established for our Youth Grantmakers program.

Matt Pitt, who serves on the Board of The Community Foundation, has issued a challenge to all local businesses and the community-at-large. To collectively match a gift of $28,000 from Riverside Construction Company, Inc. to seed the newly-created Youth Grantmakers Endowment Fund.

As 2014 comes to an end, The Community Foundation is encouraging everyone who wants to give of themselves to help create a better world. If you would like information on how to make a financial contribution to the Youth Grantmakers Endowment Fund, please contact Philanthropic Services at 951.241.7777.
Welcome to Our New Board Members

Dr. Patricia Brown-Hinds

Partnership’s Dispute Resolution Center with various projects. He is also assisting the City of Palm Springs and Riverside’s Community Action Search. Many non-profits in the Coachella Valley benefit from his expertise, including Palm Springs Air Museum and Desert Literary Society. He is also vice-chair of the Riverside Community Foundation Board, president of California Education for Youth and Chair of the California Legislative Commission on Children and Families.

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President of Brown Publishing & Communications and publisher of the family-owned community newspaper serving the Inland Empire for over 40 years. Dr. Brown-Hinds graduated from UC Riverside and earned her PhD in English. She currently teaches expository writing at Cal State University, San Bernardino. Her teaching and her work as a writer and editor have given her a unique perspective on the importance of education and a passion for helping others achieve their goals. As a board member, she brings her expertise and commitment to the mission of the foundation.

Dr. Jonathan Lorenzo Orba

A professor at the University of California, Riverside, with a strong interest in the music and its role in inspiring young people. He observed true spark and excitement in the students’ eyes. After tutoring for Music Changing Lives, Rafael started teaching in the Public Schools of Riverside County. He has participated in music education programs such as the All-State Band and Orchestra, and now works as a high school music teacher. He is currently finishing his doctorate in music education.

Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members

The Community Foundation would like to honor Bob Ayala, Andrea Davis and Goran Trink as they complete their service as board members. Thank you for your years of support, guidance and wisdom.

President’s Message

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Rafael Vaca

University of California, Riverside undergraduate student involved in 15 hours of volunteer community service work per year and 57% of UCR students volunteer in some capacity.

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The Community Foundation offers a range of programs and services that support local nonprofits and the people they serve. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and to contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in our community.

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With over 500 students participating this year, the youth are exposed to valuable life skills in teamwork, hard work, and discipline.

Tell them I’ll be there. I’ll bring the credit.

The Assistance League of Riverside provides educational and therapeutic services to over 400 children and families to meet their educational, social and emotional needs with special learning, emotional and developmental needs.

I’m now in my third year and I like to volunteer and help people. "When I was young, I wished that there was someone to teach me how to speak in public." Rafael Vaca

"I didn’t set out to create a non-profit," said Vivianne. Initially, she was simply providing a place for her friends to volunteer. "When I was young, I realized that I could do something to help others."

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This academic year, Youth Grantmakers across our two-county region will be recognizing their leadership skills as they participate in philanthropy. They will be conducting surveys to determine the current concerns and needs of their peers, attending visits of local nonprofit organizations, limiting to nonprofit presentations during their monthly meetings, conducting a community service project, and awarding grant funds to ensure that the needs of youth in their community. In the process, students learn to read and analyze a grant application, respectfully debate the most critical needs while learning to listen to others’ perspectives, and prioritize the many worthwhile requests.

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Youth Grantmakers have awarded more than $100,000 to deserving non-profits through their five-year partnership with The Community Foundation, with over 30 sessions offered, 20 of which were added this year. We expanded our volunteer footprint, welcoming 265 non-profits participating in Give BIG in San Bernardino County, exceeding the goal of recruiting 150 participating non-profits. Goals were also exceeded with over 200 volunteer hours dedicated to Give BIG San Bernardino.

In 2014, our long-standing Youth Grantmakers program in Riverside County, the County of San Bernardino, and the High Desert. The endowment was established for our Youth Grantmakers program.

We sincerely thank Matt Pim and Riverside Construction Company, Inc., for their leadership gift. And we encourage our community and the community-at-large: To collectively match a gift of $28,000 from Riverside Construction Company, Inc. to create a better world.