Students struggling to attain a college degree now have a better chance at succeeding through the newly created Graduate Success Program of The Community Foundation.

Partnering with the San Francisco-based College Futures Foundation, the Foundation will be awarding need-based scholarships and providing support services to students at targeted high schools when it begins in 2018. The Foundation is one of seven community foundations in California chosen to partner with College Futures as part of its statewide initiative to improve college graduation rates for low-income and underrepresented students.

Today, only 38% of Riverside and 33% of San Bernardino high school students have completed the coursework required to attend college. Of those eligible, too few succeed.

“It is imperative to increase college attainment for low-income students residing in Riverside and San Bernardino counties in order to move the needle forward in the ‘well-being and opportunity’ index,” said Celia Cudiamat, Executive Vice President of Programs for The Community Foundation.

The Foundation is currently working with donors to build these scholarship funds in an effort to ensure students gain needed financial aid and college resources. It is also partnering with schools and educational programs (CSUSB/Upward Bound and UCR/Trio) to provide a full range of support, including counseling services and access to additional grants and public funds.

For donors interested in joining the Foundation in building a brighter future for Inland region students, you have the option to make a one-time gift or annual investment, establish a named fund, or make a gift in your will, trust, or estate plan. With your help, the Foundation can provide scholarship dollars and related services to students for whom it makes the greatest difference.

For more information on the Graduate Success Program, visit thecommunityfoundation.net/graduate-success.
President’s Message

This time last year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the legacy of our founders Charles and Clara Brouse and the sure footing they created that has allowed the generous contributions of past donors and those of future philanthropists a place to grow and continue to benefit Inland Southern California, in perpetuity.

No doubt the Brouse’s would marvel at the growth in assets, as we approach the $100 Million mark, the growth in service area from the city of Riverside to a two-county region of 27,000 square miles and most importantly, the nearly $100 million in grants and scholarships that has been distributed.

The growth continues as we increase our knowledge of the needs in our region and work alongside local leaders on the varying strategies to address them. Outlined in this issue of Philanthropy Matters, The Graduate Success Fund, and The Women’s Giving Circle Fund, are two examples of how a growing network of partners and experts has enabled us to play an active role in effecting positive change in vital areas of the region.

We know that with growth comes change in many forms. At the end of 2017 we will say farewell to three of our outstanding board members: Andrew J. Jaramillo (High Desert), whose dedication to the High Desert and passion for education is evident in word and action; Pat Spafford, (San Bernardino) our Board CFO, who has been a guide and a resource for all matters of The Foundation’s finances; and Stanley M. Grube (Corona), a 16-year board member and tireless champion for the Youth Grantmakers Program. The contributions of these men have been invaluable; we can't thank them enough for their years of support, guidance and wisdom.

And finally, we look forward to the growth and opportunities that await us in 2018 as we welcome a new CEO. We’ve been growing and changing for 76 years now, and as our tag line says we’re “Here for Good” -- we're glad you’re here with us. ■

— Paula Myles
Interim President/CEO

Youth Grantmakers News

Youth Grantmakers Give $30,000 to Nonprofits

The Community Foundation’s Youth Grantmakers program, which teaches philanthropy to high school students through grantmaking, celebrated this year with 15 nonprofits chosen to receive a total of $30,000!

With representatives from 15 high schools in both counties, 68 Youth Grantmakers make up the Riverside, San Bernardino and Coachella Valley programs. Since the inception of this program, Youth Grantmakers have awarded $200,000 to deserving nonprofit agencies.

In recognition of their outstanding work in the region, the Riverside Youth Grantmakers were nominated and awarded the Inspiring Youth of the Month Award by the Riverside Youth Council. The presentation took place during the Riverside City Council Meeting on October 10th.

The Youth Grantmakers program continues to grow and empower youth to become active agents of change through the practice of philanthropy. This year, two of our Youth Grantmakers, Carlos Vidrio and Zainab Qadir, really embodied the program’s mission. Chosen from 187 applications, they participated in the 2017 Bank of America Student Leaders Program, in which they worked eight-week paid internships with local nonprofits. As a result, these Youth Grantmakers not only helped to fund nonprofits, but also served as active community leaders who engaged in hands-on service.

Through the Youth Grantmakers program, The Community Foundation will continue to grow philanthropists, like Carlos and Zainab, who are committed to transforming this region now and into the future.

For more information about the Youth Grantmakers Program, please contact Denisha Shackelford at dshackelford@thecommunityfoundation.net. ■
The Community Foundation recently awarded $345,000 in grants to 35 deserving nonprofits in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The grants were made possible by the Community Impact Fund and Field of Interest Funds at The Community Foundation. Capacity building grants like the Community Impact Fund are designed to help nonprofits grow and be sustainable. The Field of Interest Funds support nonprofits that serve the best philanthropic use in a variety of specific program areas and geographic areas.

The 2017 Community Impact Fund grantees: Academy for Grassroots Organizations ($20,000); ASYMCA ($7,500); Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire ($25,000); Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City ($10,000); Camp Alandale ($7,500); Child Advocates of San Bernardino County ($7,500); Christopher’s Clubhouse ($7,500); Menifee Valley Community Cupboard ($10,000); Janet Goeske Foundation ($20,000); Mountain Communities Boys and Girls Club ($7,500); Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation ($4,000); Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. ($7,500); Stroke Recovery Center ($25,000); Studio 395 Foundation ($4,000); Thessalonika Family Services ($20,000); Variety – the Children’s Charities of the Desert ($2,000); Walden Environment Inc. ($20,000)

The 2017 Field of Interest Funds grantees: Assistance League of Riverside ($5,000); Dora Nelson African American Art & History Museum ($2,214); Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. ($1,374); Assistance League of San Bernardino ($10,000); Child Advocates of San Bernardino County ($10,000); Coachella Valley Rescue Mission ($6,595); Pacific Clinics ($8,000); Women’s Breast Cancer Resource Center ($5,000); CancerPartners ($10,000); Olive Crest ($10,000); Operation Safe House Inc. ($10,000); VIP Tots Inc. ($10,000); DesertArc ($10,000); Friends of The Desert Mountains ($10,393); Neuro Vitality Center ($7,300); Variety – the Children’s Charities of the Desert ($10,000); Victor Valley Community Services Council ($10,000)

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, The Foundation is able to continually support the programs of nonprofits serving Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The Power of the Purse

The Community Foundation Women’s Giving Circle (WGC) launched in September as a way to engage women in the Inland Region in the power of community philanthropy.

On September 21, the Foundation hosted an inaugural event at the Riverside Art Museum, where more than 50 women joined together for an evening of inspiration, philanthropy and connection. The guest speaker was Finance and Philanthropy Expert Claudia Sangster of Northern Trust.

A fund of The Community Foundation, WGC is a group of philanthropic women who participate in philanthropy through education, grantmaking, and various community activities. Through collective giving and collaboration, the giving circle is committed to improving the economic security of women and their families in the Inland region while uniting a diverse group of effective women philanthropists. The annual contribution is $1,000 and all goes to local nonprofit organizations.

The group plans to make their first check presentation to a deserving nonprofit in January 2018.

“Our goal is to really make an impactful contribution for the economic security for women.”

-Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds

Founding Members: Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, Lynn Bogh Baldi, Nefertiti Long, Gloria Macias-Harrison, the Honorable Cheryl Brown and Vici Nagel.

For more information on the Women's Giving Circle and how to become a member, contact The Community Foundation or visit www.thecommunityfoundation.net/womensgivingcircle.
Check out the photo gallery of these recent TCF events: YG Ceremony at Grier Pavilion in Riverside; Spring Donor Event at Quakes Stadium in Rancho Cucamonga and Women's Giving Circle Launch at Riverside Art Museum. Go to www.tcf1941.net to see more.
**Giving Back**

**Make an Impact for Today and Tomorrow!**

Because of donors like you, each year The Community Foundation awards millions in grants to benefit our community and important causes around the world. Through the generosity of our donors, in 2017 the Foundation gave $5.7 million in grants to date. Of this amount, $210,000 was recently granted through the Foundation’s Community Impact Fund.

You can make an impact and help the Foundation make life better for all in the region by giving to the Community Impact Fund. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables the Foundation to respond to the community’s most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

The Here for Good Fund also supports the day-to-day operations of the Foundation. With your support, the Foundation will remain well-positioned to help you and all of our donors do good work forever.

Please consider a gift to these permanent charitable funds as part of your year-end giving. You can make a gift during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate or other assets. The Foundation is here to help and offers a variety of tools to assist you in achieving your charitable goals.

If you would like further information on end-of-year planning strategies, please contact the Philanthropic Services Team.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of our community!

**Donor News**

**Supporting Young Adults in San Bernardino County**

Teresa Taylor and Judy Takano have long been advocates of education. They previously worked as teachers at Chaffey College when they decided to start an institution to help students through vocational and certificate programs. Years later, they co-founded Career Institute, an organization that specializes in career, education and life planning.

In 1999, Teresa Taylor and Judy Takano established the Career Educational and Advancement Donor Advised Fund at The Community Foundation for general charitable uses and purposes. Among other things, grants from their donor advised fund have been made to support Success Institute, a nonprofit organization seeking to enrich the lives of young adults, ages 18-24, in San Bernardino County by connecting them to education, leadership opportunities, and the community. In addition to providing leadership programs and scholarships, the organization supported youth grantmaking in cooperation with The Community Foundation, and Career Institute.

In 2016, they decided to open the Education, Careers and Lifeplanning Donor Advised Fund at The Community Foundation for general charitable uses and purposes. Grants from this fund have been made to support Success Institute as well as the Redlands Area Interfaith Council.

Both women continue to be passionate supporters of education and have directed their giving in ways that helps young adults in San Bernardino County pursue opportunities for learning and growth.

To learn more about how to establish your own fund at The Community Foundation, please visit www.thecommunityfoundation.net or call 951.241.7777.

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**Make an Impact for Today and Tomorrow!**
Give BIG San Bernardino County

Give BIG San Bernardino County returns on November 28!

The Community Foundation is proud to host Give BIG San Bernardino County, an exciting 24-hour web-a-thon benefitting nonprofits in San Bernardino County and the people they serve. It’s the biggest day of giving, and a chance for people to make a real impact!

Give BIG would not be possible without the support of the County of San Bernardino and new Title Supporter, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Give BIG is also grateful for contributions received from Southern California Edison, Cardenas Markets and the California Endowment.

Donors are encouraged to go online and give to their favorite local causes and celebrate their donations on social media using #GiveBIGSBCounty. These donations provide critical funding to help nonprofits address the challenges county residents face.

Find out more about Give BIG San Bernardino County at www.givebigsbcounty.org and donate to your favorite nonprofit on November 28!