Growing Philanthropy

NATIVE YOUTH
2017-2018 Youth Grantmakers
YOUTH GRANTMAKERS...“You Grow, We Grow”

Celia Cudiamat – Executive VP of Programs

It has been nine years since The Community Foundation launched the Youth Grantmakers Program in Riverside to encourage philanthropy among our local youth. Through this program, our young people become active agents of change, preparing them for responsive community leadership and practical hands-on service.

The Youth Grantmakers Program has truly grown over the years. We now have a Native Youth Program made up of students awarding grants to nonprofits serving the Temecula Valley. Established with an initial gift of $25,000 from the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, the program empowers Native youth leaders to participate in grantmaking. It further represents the interests and passion of the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN) to build a cadre of influential youth leaders and raise awareness of Native youth in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Youth Grantmakers (YG) across our two-county region strengthened their leadership skills as they participated in philanthropy. They learned about the issues youth face within their local communities and beyond through presentations and needs assessments; increased their knowledge on prevention/intervention practices via reviewing grant proposals and conducting nonprofit site visits; and practiced philanthropy by recommending grants to nonprofits who proposed effective and impactful solutions to youth issues.

Awarding a modest amount of money, average of $10,000 per YG program, to multiple nonprofit organizations is the capstone of the program. Since inception, over 250 Youth Grantmakers awarded over $324,000 to over 135 nonprofits that serve young people!

Thank you to Bank of America for their generous ongoing support of our year-end recognition ceremonies. Many thanks, as well, to our donors and the myriad of supporters of our YG programs.

Congratulations to our Youth Grantmakers!
Denisha Shackelford – Youth Grantmakers Program Advisor

As the Youth Grantmakers Advisor for all four programs this year (Riverside, Coachella Valley, San Bernardino and Native Youth), I’ve been given the opportunity to plant and instill within this fast-paced generation the principles of philanthropy. It’s such a rewarding feeling to see this generation start to think of the needs of mankind, their peers, and the communities they reside in.

I also had the opportunity to participate and witness firsthand this year these amazing young people in action. They participated in multiple community service activities, including:

- Senior Holiday Gift Giving Campaign in Indio
- Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Coachella Valley
- Ice Cream Social at the Ronald McDonald House in San Diego

It was in those moments, I knew the seed of service had been planted.

I would also like to congratulate our Youth Grantmakers on another successful year of giving and growing. Your spirit of philanthropy, engagement, and hard work is a true testament of greatness that resides within each of you.

Also, to our graduating seniors, I am so proud of you and wish you well as you matriculate to the next academic phase of your life. You are the future of philanthropy and we rest with assurance in knowing that we are in good hands.
On behalf of Bank of America, I congratulate you on completing your service as a Youth Grantmaker. The knowledge you have gained about the nonprofit sector; their roles and responsibilities and the grantmaking process and decision making will prove to be invaluable as you develop into passionate and caring adults as volunteers, board members and philanthropists. You will open your heart to those in our community who need you and need your voice.

As our next generation of leaders Bank of America supports and celebrates your accomplishments. It is our hope that this program has been a turning point in your development. Whether you recognize it or not, today you are different person than you were just a few months ago, with a different and broad perspective about society and our communities. We are counting on you to forge ahead with foresight and determination. Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination who understand the complexities of serving our community.

Once again, congratulations for dedicating your time to such a worthy program and best of luck on your future endeavors. I hope to see you in the board room of a local nonprofit someday.

Al Argüello  
Senior Vice President  
Market President, Inland Empire  
Enterprise Business & Community Engagement  
Bank of America
We are the inaugural class of the Native Youth Program that is made up of three high school students who are learning about the world of philanthropy and the importance of giving back. We are especially thankful to The Community Foundation and the Pechanga Development Corporation for giving us a platform to use our voice as Native youth leaders.

Just like our peers in Riverside, San Bernardino and Coachella Valley, we met every month to assess the needs in the community and identify nonprofit organizations making an impact on the youth in Temecula Valley. Furthermore, we based our decisions on the information we gathered throughout the grantmaking process.

We also participated in community service projects and were inspired by the continued support of the tribal leaders who empower us daily.

Along the way, we learned a good deal about each other and ourselves. We became close, recognizing each other’s passion and dedication, and instilling hope within the group that it is possible to make the world a better place. We all recognize that the Native Youth Program has given us opportunities and lessons that will benefit us for a lifetime.
Volunteering: Joint YG Community Service Project

As part of an annual tradition of the Youth Grantmakers program, students from all four programs participated in a joint community service activity this year. Last December the Youth Grantmakers partnered with the Riverside Office of Aging in Indio for their Senior Holiday Gift Drive. They collected blankets, socks, gloves, scarves, and gift cards that were given to local seniors during this holiday season.

It was during a joint meeting held in Banning where the students brought in their donated items. Two representatives from the Youth Grantmakers Coachella Valley Program presented the gifts to the Riverside Office of Aging who expressed their desire to team up with the Youth Grantmakers again. It was a great feeling for the Youth Grantmakers to know that their generosity brought a smile to a senior’s face during the holiday season.

Ronald McDonald House Ice Cream Social

It was during one of our Native Youth Grantmakers meetings that Luciano Alaniz, our Pechanga Youth Director, mentioned how we could go and volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. We all agreed and went back to our discussion on the grant review process. Well a month or so after that casual suggestion, we found ourselves all in a van headed off to San Diego to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Our group was signed up for the evening dinner shift. We were in charge of the “Ice Cream Social” and spared no expense – four different types of ice cream flavors and all the fixings to go along with it.

We were met by Ms. Tera Patton, the Meal Plan and Activities Coordinator. She showed us where our station would be and instructed us on how to set-up our area. There was also a church group there that provided the dinner meal for the families. That night the menu consisted of salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, cookies, and of course our ice cream bar. Ms. Tera informed us that all the food was donated and the group we were volunteering with that evening had prepared all the food. The church was impressed by our group and mentioned how nice it was to see young people giving back.

It was a great feeling to know that we were providing these families with a sense of normalcy. With tears in her eyes, a parent expressed her sincere thanks for the food that was provided. As we were leaving, we were already thinking about the next time we could come back and serve.
On December 3rd, members of The Community Foundation’s Youth Grantmakers Program met in Beaumont for a joint session focusing on “Diversity and Inclusivity.” The Foundation hosted the session as part of its ongoing work to engage young people in philanthropy. The session kicked off with welcome remarks from Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Carroll of Beaumont and Councilmember Art Welch of Banning. The students also heard from current board members, Gloria Macias-Harrison and Lynn Bogh Baldi. The conversation was facilitated by guest speaker Dr. Anthony Silard, President of The Center for Social Leadership and Assistant Professor of Nonprofit Management and Leadership at California State University, San Bernardino.

The group participated in several activities that required them to think about the impact and importance of diversity and inclusivity in both public and private spaces. One activity asked participants to share their personal experiences of being mistreated or times when they mistreated someone else because of their differences. Another activity had participants engage in a presentation exercise in which they had to take on the role of a Divisional Director for a clothing store in Los Angeles. Participants had to choose and build an argument for why the clothing store should diversify and were given two minutes to deliver their presentation. The students then discussed what they learned after the activities.

“I was pleased to see all the YG programs working together to reach a common goal of understanding, and respect for the differences we all possess,” said Denisha Shackleford, Program Coordinator and Youth Grantmakers Advisor.

This year, 101 Youth Grantmakers make up the Riverside, San Bernardino, Coachella Valley, and Native programs.
Heather Holmes, Community Relations Manager of Pechanga Development Corporation, worked very closely with our group to ensure that we heard from various nonprofits within the Riverside and San Bernardino region. Our first presenter was Patrick Murphy, Board Member of Pechanga Development Corporation, who shared the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians’ history. He shared insights on how the tribe entered into the gaming industry and the ways the monies have benefited our tribe as well as the surrounding communities. He spoke about the philanthropic giving of the Development Corporation and the various nonprofit organizations they have helped through their grant opportunities.

Kurt Burton with the American Red Cross of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties attended our February meeting and shared the work their organization has been doing within the two county region as well as the surrounding states. The American Red Cross is known around the world as the agency that is on the scene in the moment of a disaster or need. He shared how their work would not be possible without the support of generous donors and grant awards.

It was also great to have the Gaming Commissioner of San Manuel, Ken Ramirez, come and speak to us. He shared the history of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and how their relationship with Loma Linda Medical goes all the way back to the horse and carriage days. Jacob Mejia, Director of Public Affairs of Pechanga Development Corporation & TCF Board Member, was in attendance and asked Mr. Ramirez to share the role he played in having California Proposition 5, the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts Initiative (1998), passed. We found out that this initiative provides contributions to trust funds benefiting nongaming tribes, statewide emergency medical care programs, and programs benefiting communities near tribes if tribes retain monopoly on authorized gambling. Little did we know, the passing of this initiative further supports the mission to support the funding efforts of programs in the surrounding communities.
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Langston Fuller
Junior, Laurel Springs High School
Reading the grants and seeing what is exactly being funded has been eye opening because it shows us that we are making a difference. Learning important philanthropic traits as a youth will only shape me into a better person in the future.

Matthew Lozano
Junior, Great Oak High School
This program has made me realize the necessity of philanthropy in terms of funding nonprofits to provide the best goods and services to those in need.

Rubi Rivera
Sophomore, Great Oak High School
This made me realize that people want to make a change and we as a Youth Grantmaker can help.
In partnership with the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN), the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians made a founding contribution of $25,000 to establish the Native Youth Grantmakers Program.

“Supporting the Native Youth Grantmakers Program truly provides a platform for youth to voice and address challenges facing them through philanthropy,” said Heather Holmes, Community Relations Manager of the Pechanga Development Corporation.

The Native Youth Grantmakers Program is supported by the newly created Native Youth Fund at The Community Foundation. The fund was established to create a “leadership through philanthropy” training ground for Native American youth and create an understanding of the needs in the Native youth population.

“In seeding the fund for this program, Pechanga is effectively building a culture of philanthropy that will benefit this region for generations,” said Celia Cudiamat, Executive Vice President of Programs of The Community Foundation.

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"If you don’t think one person can change the world, you should get to know a Youth Grantmaker."

Diane S. Valenzuela
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