

**2020 Grant Awards and
Celebration Banquet**

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Together
As One



**Cultivating Generosity
Grant Program**

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Dear Donors, Grantees and Friends.

I am in AWE! There have been miracles of service in the midst of the 2020 COVID pandemic. When we awarded grants to 11 charities in February, no one knew how dramatically we would be impacted. I am humbled to present this report, to profoundly thank Donors who made the resources available, and these Grantees for their creative response to the adversity of COVID in their plans and work. Many of these stories brought me to tears- of Joy!

It was just February 6, 2020 that we gathered to Celebrate with Grant Recipients, Donors and Friends. With the generosity of each Donor who contributed to the "Soaring Together as One" Grants Fund, we were blessed to distribute \$60,000 to 11 Charities and Churches. As promised, we are sharing the reports each Grantee prepared of funds spent and outcomes. Please take a few minutes to read their stories- and know that thousands are being impacted!

We are inspired and grateful for the partnership of generous Donors and the amazing work by Grantees! Your gifts have touched thousands locally and internationally as we continue to work together in our communities to deepen and grow these relationships. I'm sure you will be as moved as we are with the impactful work accomplished for Christian Impact. Despite Covid-19, and all this year has been, God remains on His throne!

Then, we are delighted to announce 2021's Cultivating Generosity Grant Program, titled "Inspiring Generosity"! The time is now to support the 2021 grant Program. Gifts can be made in the following ways before December 31st, 2020:

- Online (cfa.charity/cultivating-generosity)
- By check (Made out to CFA, memo Grant Fund and Mail to: 3390 Auto Mall Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91362)
- Donor Advised Fund (if you have one – email dana@cfa.charity)

Because of Covid-19, we have not yet scheduled our Annual Grants Banquet. Because this event is too important to move online, we are holding out hope that we'll be able to have our Grant Banquet. You can read more details here on page 28. We are anticipating hosting an event in the Spring of 2021. Please keep an eye out on our social media: cfa.charity, www.facebook.com/christianfoundationofamerica, <http://www.linkedin.com/company/christian-foundation-of-america>, or contact us at leslie@cfa.charity.

We look forward to *Inspiring Generosity* with you! Blessings,

Kathy

Katherine Saigeon
President and Executive Director
Christian Foundation of America



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Grant Summary

Organization	Amount Awarded	Outcome
Heritage Christian Schools	\$ 8,000	Purchased Bibles and musical instruments and initiated a Bible learning with music program. Additional curriculum development ongoing, as delayed by Covid-19, but not deterred!
Rescue Mission Alliance dba Lighthouse for Women and Children	\$ 8,000	Provided support for the Life Recovery Program and Emergency Shelter for women & children. Small portion used to remodel childcare room.
Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC SV)	\$ 6,300	Provided support, stability, and continuity during Covid-19 pandemic. Clinic operations have shifted, but we still serve unplanned pregnancies for life!
ACTION	\$ 5,000	Provided life sustaining groceries to over thirty projects. Provided supplies to help build ADA compliant modifications.
Children's Hunger Fund	\$ 5,000	Supported our Los Angeles Food Pak ministry – At 25 cents each, funds provided 20,000 meals for children and families in need.
Union Rescue Mission	\$ 5,000	Provided new 'Sprung Structure' that provided shelter, and then triage for those displaying symptoms of Covid-19.
Communitas International (formally Christian Associates)	\$ 4,000	Enrolled 270 Leaders in training program partnership. 42 projects in 7 Eastern European cities: 24 new church plants, 18 are strengthening their community for Christ through new missional communities or discipleship.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$ 4,000	Provided Bibles to student athletes, 2 school wide outreaches, and 2 events with a panel of local pastors, and 3 'see you at the pole' prayer meetings.
Forever Found	\$ 4,000	CFA grant supported Art Experiences and Equine Assisted Learning
James Storehouse	\$ 4,000	Supported At-Risk teens, teen parents in foster care, their precious babies, and foster care aged out youth. Obstacles were overcome and online classes were highly attended!
Sarah's House	\$ 6,700	Supported education for 8 families (15 children), including computers, books, printing, and driver's education.
Total Grant Awarded	\$ 60,000	



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Heritage Christian Schools

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Co-First Place Recipient of 2019 CFA GRANT



BIBLE IN MELODY

Winning the CFA Grant for the *Bible in Melody* project was one of the greatest blessings in 2019 for Heritage Christian School! The original idea was birthed from hopes to have the Bible accessible to our younger-aged students. Shadowing Pavlov's Classical Conditioning Theory, we chose to link fun musical experiences with the Bible. Thus, the children would naturally connect "fun times" with the Bible and therefore be diverted from the notion that the Bible is often too difficult and boring.

Upon receiving the acceptance news for the CFA Grant, *Laugh and Grow Bible* by Phil Vischer was selected to provide the basis of the *Bible in Melody* curriculum. Our music director joined the team to determine appropriate musical instruments that would promote excitement and fun while enriching our students' musical skills. A few musical pieces were composed by our music director to complement specific Bible stories. A total of 323 Bibles were purchased to be distributed to two year-old through seven year-old children. A bag of assorted instruments, 5 sets of boomwhackers, 4 sets of hand bells and 30 xylophones were purchased to accompany the Bible story.

Originally, *Bible in Melody* was scheduled to launch at the beginning of the new 2020-21 school year. However, due the global pandemic COVID-19, school was mandated to close in March 2020. As a result of the school closure, our attempts to develop a curriculum to accompany *Bible in Melody* are still in its developing stage. We wish to complete and publish a curriculum that will go alongside the Bible Story including music recordings, videos, and teacher training materials. Although the pandemic delayed our plans, it did not deter us from sharing the Word of God.

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TEACHER TESTIMONIES

"The children are enjoying bible melody time. They like reading the Laugh and Grow Bible for Little Ones and whenever I turn on the Bible theme song, they know its Bible time and get ready for it. The children are learning to follow along by turning to the right page and using their fingers to point to the pictures I tell them to find. Since each bible lesson is not long, the children are able to focus. Bible is no longer boring"

"It's been a pleasure implementing the new bible curriculum in the classroom the children are interacting and are excited to learn about God's word. Most of the time we implemented a song that would go with the Bible themes and we use various Instruments like tambourines and maracas and small bells."

"I just want to let you know about the Bible curriculum you provided for us. All I can say is that the kids love the Bible. The first thing I do at Bible time is to play the B-I-B-L-E song and the students know instantly that it is Bible time. They walk to their cubbies and grab their Bible and sit at the carpet. After story time, we sing and worship Jesus with instruments. Thank you for providing The curriculum to us."

"My 2-year olds love anything to do with music so having the two together is great! They seem to be enjoying the Bible time. Their faces lit up when I handed them their own Bible! They can't read yet but were definitely excited to be looking at the pictures."

"I have a bell that the kids now associate with "Bible in Melody" time. I ring it, they grab their Bibles and head to the rug. We then turn to the page we are on and the kids can follow along with the story as I read it. It's great to have the Bibles for the kids because they can understand it better as I read it. They know to take care of them as well, teaching them responsibility. We conclude our story with a song and instruments. It's a wonderful program that involves Bible stories and music as one. Thank you for bringing this to our classrooms. We are blessed to be able to teach our children about God's love."

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Our teachers quickly jumped in to launch this program to the best of their abilities given the circumstances. The concept was introduced to the teachers during orientation and they were thrilled that each child could own their own Bible for the first time. About a month into this program, *Bible in Melody* became one of their favorite times of the school day. Even our youngest children are eager to run to grab their own Bible and find their place on the carpet when they hear the Bible bell or the special tune each teacher has associated with the Bible time. Giving them their own Bible also teaches them to be responsible, treasure the Bible and handle it with care. Every *Bible in Melody* concludes with fun musical activities.

Currently, *Bible in Melody* is practiced in 11 preschool classrooms as of August 11, 2020. Starting September 1, 2020, a total of 5 Transitional and Traditional Kindergarten in-person classrooms and 7 virtual TK-2nd grade classrooms started implementing this program alongside their Bible curriculum.

Further along in the future, I wish to share this project with local schools and introduce *Bible in Melody* in foreign countries such as Sierra Leone. An initial connection was in process for this expansion prior to the pandemic. We hope to continue this endeavor as the circumstances permit.

Perhaps it was the Lord moving the hearts of the CFA members to grant such a generous donation to fulfill the vision to breathe in the Living Word of God in children at a young age so that they can continue to grow in fear and knowledge of God! May the Lord be praised and glorified as His Word spreads above and beyond our efforts.

With Prayers

Dr. Esther Choi, Ed.D. in Education

Elementary Principal of Heritage Christian School.





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Rescue Mission Alliance dba Lighthouse for Women and Children

Funds received from the Christian Foundation of America were used to support the Life Recovery Program and Emergency Shelter services of the Lighthouse for Women & Children. A small portion of the grant was also used to remodel our child care room so our young children can have a clean, bright environment while their mothers are participating in life changing classes and counseling.

From February through July 2020 the Lighthouse achieved the following results.

- 10,261 nights of safe shelter provided
- 31,354 meals served
- 745 clothing items given out
- 5 recovery program graduates
- 16 program participants employed
- 3 children reunited with their mothers
- 33 women & children moved into stable housing

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis grips our community and the world, the Lighthouse has been on the front lines and remains committed to providing food, clothing, and shelter to our neighbors in need. The people we serve are the most vulnerable during this critical time.

Through the Ventura County Rescue Mission, we have been able to develop deeper partnerships with the City of Oxnard, Continuum of Care, Public Health CV task force and have been commended for the excellent job we have done protecting our guests.

We have taken extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of our employees, volunteers, and guests. We have been working with public health to evaluate meal guests, staff are routinely screened as well. New program participants are quarantined two weeks before joining general population. Shelter guests stay in quarantined areas. Separate meals are provided for those in isolation.

A smaller number of women and children was served over the past eight months because of not bringing as many into our recovery program and emergency shelter as usual, due to restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were also more single women and women with only one child at our facility than usual. We were not able to do community outreach, which would have served more women and children.

In spite of having to limit our emergency shelter intake and halting our volunteers for several weeks, we have continued to serve our guests and use online tutors and volunteers to offer support to the women and children in our care. We have had a reduction in the number of people we have been able to serve during this time and had to cancel events open to the community, but we have been able to continue our normal services for the most part.

We have seen an increased need for shelter. Unfortunately, due to quarantine and social distancing it is much more difficult to accommodate all requests. We have reduced our emergency shelter for women at the Lighthouse by half to allow for social distancing. We are working to offer services which comply with guidelines



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while continuing to keep our guests and staff safe. We have had more demand on our resources to provide single use food service items (boxes, disposable plates and utensils, gloves, cups), cleaning and sanitation supplies, diapers, and hygiene supplies.

The Lighthouse is starting to use limited volunteers with strict safety protocols. There have been a few teachers and mentors coming on-site with strict PPE and distancing measures. One person comes in and does child care while our women have classes. She supervises the children as they play outdoors. Our remote volunteer tutors, teachers, and mentors are using Zoom and other technology to continue to meet the needs of our children and their moms.

Our thrift stores, which provide income to support our programs to assist the poor and homeless were closed from mid-March through May, eliminating a major source of revenue for the ministry. At the same time, requests for assistance increased as job losses mounted during the statewide shutdown. Our donors have been extremely supportive and generous during the pandemic. Even though we had to close our thrift stores for two and a half months, we have seen revenue pick up quickly as we were able to safely reopen. We see no financial obstacles to continuing the work of the Lighthouse if support levels do not drop off.

In April, John Saltee announced his retirement earlier this year after nine years as the Ventura County Rescue Mission's director (parent ministry of the Lighthouse). Our new director, Clayton Coates most recently worked for Morgan Stanley in the Wealth Management field after nearly 25 years as a pastor. He is also the president and co-founder of R1:16 Ministries, a nonprofit organization that aims to encourage people with the Gospel through inspirational videos, blogs, tools, and speaking events. Clayton has been married to his wife, Allison, for 19 years, and they have six children, ages 5 to 17.



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Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC SV)



Community Pregnancy Clinic

September 1, 2020

Katherine Saigeon
Christian Foundation of America
3390 Auto Mall Drive
Westlake Village, CA 91362

Re: Grant Award for Community Pregnancy Clinic

Dear Kathy and Board Members,

Who could have foreseen, back in January as we celebrated your decision to award our organization with a grant to support general operating expenses, the events that would unfold within months that are still affecting the entire world today?

The COVID-19 pandemic that closed down our state and the nation beginning in mid-March caused the Community Pregnancy Clinic to adapt, adjust, and persevere. Initially we transitioned to having staff work for home for about 5 weeks while we studied health department requirements, developed policies, and obtained the necessary supplies and equipment to meet CDC and Health Department guidelines. We began to use tele health technology to meet virtually with clients to bring support and compassion in the midst of what for many was a time of great personal stress and conflict.

Late April staff returned to the clinic and we began seeing clients in clinic again the following week. While we are doing things a bit differently it is only the how that changes, not the what or who! Pregnancy tests and ultrasounds are being done to share the truth of life within and women are being supported, encouraged and educated about topics including fetal development, health, nutrition, and parenting just to name a few.

Here are some of the statistics through August:

697	client appointments
131	pregnancy tests
166	ultrasounds
42	women considering or vulnerable for abortion
26	so far we know were vulnerable but have chosen life for their unborn baby!

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Additionally, we have seen a jump in the number of young families needing help with diapers and baby wipes. Whether young families could not find them in the stores or cannot afford to buy them we are meeting a need for at least fifty families every month that allows us an opportunity to love on these families, share Christ, and pray with them.

Your partnership helped provide stability to us during this unprecedented time. While our individual donor base has to-date been only minimally impacted, we have been unable, due to the pandemic, to apply for other grants that normally support our mobile clinic. God knew that your partnership would bring stability and continuity during a time of great change and uncertainty.

We are confident the Lord will continue to provide for this ministry as he has for the past thirty years. We are grateful to be able to continue to provide life giving, life saving help to women in unplanned pregnancies, and help countless other young families with practical help during these most challenging times.

Thank you for your partnership through the grant program. We are grateful to God for Christian Foundation of America and your donors who make this grant program possible. God bless you as you continue to seek to impact the Kingdom for today and eternity.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Lackey".

Jan Lackey
Executive Director



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Action

September 3, 2020

Christian Foundation of America 3390
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Westlake Village, CA. 91362



Dear Christian Foundation of America,

Thank you again to Christian Foundation of America for your generous grant to ACTION. When we were awarded the grant in February, who knew what changes would be in store for our community the next month, let alone the next six months. COVID-19 brought about unexpected changes to all our lives. As a majority of our Serve Every Day and Accessibility programs bring volunteers in to close contact with our clients, many of whom are elderly, we put a temporary hold on our programs.

God works in mysterious ways and uses all things to bring Him glory. Though our plans for our ministries may not have gone as planned over the last 6 months, our commitment to serving those most at risk has not changed. If anything, our commitment to the vulnerable in our community has grown even more.

While our regular Serve Every Day and Accessibility programs were put on hold, ACTION rolled out an emergency COVID-19 Game Plan, under Server Every Day, providing grocery delivery and phone companionship for our neighbors who were most vulnerable to COVID and found themselves homebound.



Over the last six months, ACTION has worked to coordinate volunteers with clients and completed over thirty grocery delivery projects. One of our goals during this emergency COVID-19 Game Plan, was to try and foster relationship building. As grocery delivery is an ongoing need for those who are homebound, ACTION's Project Coordinator has worked with our volunteers to build relationship with those we serve in an ongoing manner.

During this season of change and adjustment, a portion of the funds received from CFA were put towards our grocery delivery program. Specifically, towards the needs of essential items for our clients to stay safe during this season that would not otherwise have been budgeted for.

Over the last two months, as parts of Ventura County have reopened, ACTION revisited our Accessibility program and any current or in process requests. With most of the county shut down during the beginning stages of COVID-19, many of our demographic who have accessibility needs found themselves also isolated at home, or unable to leave without a proper ramp. Our Accessibility Team began reconnecting and completing projects that were in process.



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The funds received from CFA were put to use in order to acquire the required materials to build wheelchair ramps, safety bars, door enlargements, and many other safety and access related improvements. A most recent access related improvement project included a shower installation for a disabled man here in Ventura County. Our Accessibility Program is provided to residents of Ventura County who are unable to afford such modifications on their own. ACTION's ADA compliant ramps are installed in less time and at significantly lower costs than if done by a commercial construction service. With the funds to provide these resources and services, ACTION has been able to complete twelve accessibility projects across Ventura County in 2020 so far.



ACTION's mission to serve those most vulnerable in Ventura County has never been a more apparent need than what we have seen in these last six months of COVID-19. Through partnering with local agencies, empowering volunteers and mobilizing those volunteers, churches and businesses, we are seeing our community reach out to those most vulnerable. We are working to raise the awareness of social and economic issues in our communities, and in doing so creating a movement of volunteers going out and actively serving their neighbors.

To all at Christian Foundation of America, thank you for your generosity and being a part of all that ACTION is doing in Ventura County.

Sincerely, Veronica
Browning

Interim Executive Director veronica.browning@actionvc.org



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Union Rescue Mission

Report to the Christian Foundation of America, September 2020

This report outlines progress made as a result of the generous \$5,000 grant awarded to Union Rescue Mission (URM) by Christian Foundation of America in January 2020 to support the installation and operations of an emergency “Sprung Structure” located adjacent to URM’s downtown emergency shelter.

We are so grateful for your support, which helped us provide additional beds and access to services for women experiencing homelessness on the streets of Los Angeles. The new Sprung Structure has also played an unexpected role in helping with our COVID-19 emergency response efforts.



Photo: Exterior of the Sprung Structure

Project Description

The Sprung Structure was built in response to the increase of women experiencing homelessness on Skid Row. Completed and officially opened in November 2019, the new 4,100 square-foot, semi-permanent structure includes bathrooms and a large dorm-style sleeping area, allowing URM to quickly shelter up to 120 women every night. It also provides access to case management and URM’s onsite medical clinics – including medical, dental, and mental healthcare services. It offers women a first step off the streets and onto a path out of homelessness and housing placement. The new structure provides:

- 1) Access to immediate needs (hygiene supplies, clothing, food, and emergency shelter)
- 2) Access to case management support and linkage to onsite medical, dental clinics and mental health counseling
- 3) Referrals to long-term, Christ-centered solutions to homelessness including Hope Gardens Family Center or to partner agencies for transitional housing programs, as well as spiritual guidance, and supportive services for all women services

From Mid-December 2019 to March 2020, the Sprung served an average of 115 women each day/night. However, at the onset of COVID-19 in mid-March, the Sprung Structure was quickly pivoted to become an important triage for people showing symptoms as part of our coronavirus response.

Working with the LA Department of Public Health, the Sprung Structure has been used for a variety of COVID-19 response efforts – most recently to quarantine new guests as they wait to be cleared before entering the mission. It has played a vital role in helping us cope with the stringent new protocols for service provision. Since mid-March, the Sprung Structure has been impacting up to 45 people each day as part of our coronavirus response and quarantine activities.



Photo: Inside the Sprung Structure

Grant funds of \$5,000 were fully expended towards operational expenses including access to food, case management and linkage to a range of supportive services.



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COVID-19 Response

We want to give you a brief update you on our other COVID-19 response efforts – with the last six months being one of the most challenging periods in the history of URM. Our response efforts have been an enormous undertaking, but we have been amazed at God’s provision and for the way in which we have all rallied to overcome the challenges faced. Specific activities include:

Safety Precautions: All guests and staff have been educated on how to follow Center of Disease Control (CDC) CDC guidelines and we are regularly cleaning all areas inside our shelters. We require all staff to wear masks, observe social distancing, and those who can are working from home whenever possible. New hot water hand sanitizing stations have been installed and large quantities of safety supplies, masks, thermometers, gloves, food, cleaning supplies and hygiene items have been purchased. We will have a significant need for more of these items as this crisis continues.

Health Needs: Our clinic, which we are operating in partnership with the LA County Department of Health Services, is playing an important part in our response. Testing and quarantine areas have been set up for guests showing symptoms (utilizing the Sprung Structure to help do this). Many of our most vulnerable and elderly guests have been moved to other off-site, safe locations and special quarantine rooms have been made available for families living at Hope Gardens. To date, 99 guests and 6 staff have tested positive at our downtown shelter. One staff member and two guests have tragically died from complications from coronavirus, and one guest has tested positive at Hope Gardens Family Center. In all, more than 500 guests/staff have been universally tested, and testing will continue for the foreseeable future.

Food Services: The number of meals increased by 50% initially, as we provided meals three times daily, including delivery to isolation areas.

Decompression: We have temporarily reduced the number of guests living at the downtown shelter, moving high risk guests to offsite locations throughout LA County. This is due to new measures that have been put in place by the LA Department of Health. Measures have included the decision to lower the number of men and women served downtown from 1000 to 550 – to meet requirements for 50 square feet for each guest.

Hope Gardens Family Center: A few weeks ago, had our first Hope Garden’s mom test positive for COVID-19. In response, all those who have been in close contact with her are in quarantine. The mom is self-isolating. To support moms who are now caring for children onsite, we are providing three meals a day, access to medical/cleaning supplies, providing homeschooling support, and IT/computer support for moms working remotely. To help support these additional technology needs, we have installed a state-of-the-art technology package to provide streaming for moms working or for children doing school online.

We thank you for your trust in us, for your partnership, and for your support of our work, especially during these challenging times. Please feel free to contact me at abales@urm.org for any questions you may have or to set up a Zoom call where we can expand further on any of the points of this report.



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Communitas (formally Christian Associates)

Thank you, CFA!

Who would have thought there would be a hidden blessing during this Covid-19 pandemic? But God is faithful, and we have seen it in our ministry these past six months.

Our original goals for 2020 was to host 3 conferences to train 80 leaders, launch 6 new churches and develop 3 new discipleship networks.

As March approached, we were set to do our first of the 3 conferences. Then Covid-19 hit and all came to a quick shut-down. Our team rallied, prayed and took to developing our curriculum, improve our online systems and improve our coaching skills. During this time, several long-term relationships with denominations and our existing networks began to have several discussions of how we could work together and train leaders during this Covid-19 shut-down. What we didn't know at the time, God was already at work in several of our networks and partnering denominations.

In less than a month, we had 5 times the goal we had prayed for before submitting our proposal to CFA.

Here are details on our current training program partnership...

- We have over 270 leaders now enrolled in our training program.
- We have a total of 42 projects in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Republic and Albania.
- Of the 42 projects...
 - 24 have launched or are launching by 2021 new church plants.
 - 18 are either launching new missional communities for church planting or are in the training for reorganizing their churches into stronger discipleship ministries.
- We are developing and will launch in the next year 11 new church planting/discipleship networks.

Here are what we are able to provide based on your investment...

- Our team has developed 6 months of new curriculum and have had it translated into 4 languages.
- A new Learning Management System (Online Learning Center) is being created by a professional web developer.
- In addition, we have expanded our online learning presence by purchasing professional services from Zoom, Slack, Mural and Anti-Training. We could not train in a high-quality way without these amazing subscriptions.

Training & Coaching (Each leader and team receives the following) ...

- Monthly training online. 1-hour of instruction and 1 hour of exercises and group discussions.
- Monthly coaching. 1-hour coaching for each of the teams and for team leaders
- We provide all the curriculum, homework, extra materials and coaching exercise in each team's language.
- Team Building, Leadership Training and Vision/Mission development
- Pastoral Care, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Training

Here are some photos of our training and coaching sessions...

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НЕЙЛ КОЛ: РАЗГОВОР В ZOOM

Приветствуем на встрече с автором книги "Органический синтез"

Тема встречи: Исследования в области синтеза как основы массовых коммуникаций

Участники встречи:
Михаил Катендэнгер (СР-инженер)
Лена Баранова (СР-инженер)
Поллиг Циприан (СР-инженер)

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes



South Bay FCA School Year Campus Report: God is so good!

I continue to be amazed each year when I see what the Lord has done in the lives of coaches, teachers, parents and athletes through FCA!

Psalm 118:23, "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

On our local campuses this past school year, despite COVID-19, we had **155 students come to faith in Christ** and **112 Bibles were given to student athletes**. We had **2 school-wide outreaches** on our campuses, **2 events in which a panel of local pastors** came to answer questions from students and athletes about the bible and **3 "see you at the pole" prayer meetings**.

To God's credit every one of our high school huddles were completely student-led. We were blessed to have **2 Principals, a Vice Principle, 4 teachers and 10 coaches** share their testimonies, pray for and challenge the student athletes to impact their sphere of influence for Christ. We had **7 local pastors and 10 youth pastors attend our weekly huddles** throughout the year not to mention **17 coaches on different campuses**. I'm grateful for the great influence they have had on the athletes' lives.

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Pastor Nathan Holmes sharing the gospel at South High!

WHAT ABOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

As we look through September, there is still so much uncertainty about what school and sport is going to look like. We all want life to get "back to normal" (whatever that is), but whether we like it or not, this is where we are at right now. With talk of a "blended learning model" (students would attend school for part of the week and learn from home part of the week) or some with distant learning only, we're mobilizing a creative and strategic approach to dive deep into our connection with coaches and athletes with the development of "sport specific" huddles. What this means is that until we're able to meet on campus in large groups again, we will be meeting with coaches and athletes, in smaller groups, according to their sport. We will do this in person, on and off campus, as well as digitally.



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Forever Found



September 21, 2020

Dear Christian Foundation of America,

We are so grateful for your generous grant given to us in February of this year. What amazing timing as since then we have all been financially impacted due to Covid-19! The programs that we have in place to prevent, rescue and restore victims of child trafficking have been impacted, but we are still able to make a huge difference in the children and youth that we serve.

Our grant requested funding for Holistic Therapies in both our Local Programs and our International Programs. In reaching the children and youth impacted by trafficking, we want to emphasize the incredible healing that comes through the methods of holistic therapy. Many children and youth will not share openly with a talk therapist, but alternate therapies such as art, equine and sewing are a way for trauma survivors to express their numbed and hidden emotions even when they are unable and unwilling to verbalize them.

Our Local Programs have been able to move forward in the use of these funds in the following ways.

1. Art Experiences



In the past we have held bi-weekly art classes with an instructor and volunteers guiding the youth in creating unique art projects. The youth have enjoyed these sessions immensely, and relationships have been built in the process. Fascinating art pieces have been produced which have opened the eyes of the youth, along with the instructor and volunteers to inner emotions and past experiences.

Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home mandate in place in our County since mid-March, these classes have been unable to meet. But the funding you provided, along with generous donations from supporters of Forever Found, has allowed Art projects to continue in a totally different mode. "Art Project in a Box" was implemented in

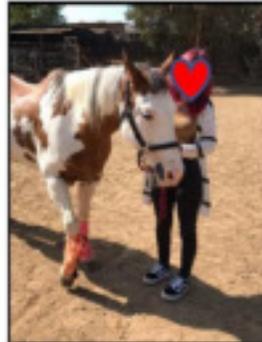
early summer! Christian Church of Thousand Oaks opened their doors for volunteers to meet with masks, staying socially distant. Every week a group of volunteers develop instructions along with an example of a single art project for youth living in group homes in Ventura and Simi Valley. Everything needed is included in the provided Art Project to complete the project and a special tasty



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treat is included for each youth as a reward for their artistic efforts. Not only do the art projects bring a creative outlet for the youth, but volumes of care and love are spoken to them by time and energy dedicated to each Art Project in a Box. Healing is happening as the youth complete these art project. 30 youth in five group homes have collectively received over 100 boxes!



2. Equine Assisted Learning

Animals are known to help greatly in the healing process for trafficking survivors, and our Equine Therapy program is proof of that! Our equine instructor knows the value and her goal in addressing the whole client encompasses physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of wellness. Life Coaching with Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). Fortunately, even despite the Covid-19 restrictions, our Equine Therapy program has continued since it is basically a one-on-one

experience. The youth have flourished and gained confidence with their lessons while life lessons are integrated through the principles of hard work, responsibility, attention to detail, stress reduction, personal boundaries, connection, respect and caring behavior. There is unending therapeutic possibility when working with a horse. So far in 2020 we have provided over 34 Equine sessions.

Our International Programs Holistic Therapy funding goal was to bring sewing machines and sewing instruction to our Forever Found India home. 74 children live in the home who have been prevented from or rescued from child trafficking. Unfortunately, our Forever Found representative was unable to travel to India in the spring as originally planned due to Covid-19; he was prepared to buy the sewing machines and arrange for the instruction with local tailors. So this project has been put on hold. We are hoping and praying that our FF representative will be able to go in late fall depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in India. The children have been in lockdown since March, and so we know that when the restrictions are lifted, they will be thrilled! And we know that when their sewing machines arrive and their training is implemented, their excitement will be immeasurable!

We are grateful for our partnership with Christian Foundation of America, and are thankful for your generosity in making these Holistic Therapies possible. We know there are many children and youth whose lives have been positively impacted.

Dionne Cope



Chief Operations Officer
Forever Found





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Children’s Hunger Fund



Project: Children’s Hunger Fund – Food Pak Supplies to Expand Mercy Program to Urban LA Churches

Award Date: February 6, 2020

Award Amount: \$5,000

Use of funds: Christian Foundation of America has been a valued partner of Children’s Hunger Fund for many years. Through this partnership, countless lives have been impacted. It was an incredible blessing to receive the \$5,000 grant through the 2020 grant program. This generous funding was used to support Children’s Hunger Fund’s (CHF) Los Angeles Food Pak ministry, to help cover costs of Food Paks. CHF can provide a meal for just 25¢, so this grant helped provide 20,000 meals for children and families in need. This gift had a major impact in the lives of the poor throughout Los Angeles communities!



A child receives a Food Pak!

CHF’s mission is to deliver hope to suffering children by equipping local churches for gospel-centered mercy ministry. CHF partners with local churches to equip them to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In 1991, Dave Phillips launched CHF to help teams of churches in impoverished areas – called Mercy



A local pastor delivers a Food Pak directly to the home of a family in need.

Networks – build relationships with the poor through a unique model of relational mercy ministry. There are currently 74 Mercy Network churches in CHF’s West Mercy Network while 59 of these are serving Los Angeles County communities specifically. CHF provides Mercy Network churches with biblical training along with tangible resources they can use to be more effective in their ministry. The main resource provided is the Food Pak, a box containing up to 20 pounds of non-perishable food items, designed to

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supplement the nutritional needs of a family of four for about a week. Food Paks are delivered directly to the homes of suffering children by congregants of local churches in their neighborhoods. Through this model, volunteers from churches in the community are able to not only open the doors of their neighbors in need, but also able to share resources that can alleviate their material suffering. In an even greater act of mercy, caring church members develop meaningful relationships with families, and deliver the truth of the gospel, which is where the only true and lasting hope is found. The church is God's vehicle to reach the lost; the Food Pak is the tool to open doors; but the Gospel of Jesus Christ is what changes hearts and transforms lives.

CHF's Los Angeles Mercy Network grew from 54 churches to 59 churches this year. Since the beginning of 2020, through these local churches, CHF has distributed over 8,000 Food Paks for families in need. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CHF has been able to continue to serve each of these churches with even more resources. CHF has received a significant increase in product donations, which have been used to further equip these partner churches in a time when it is needed the most. Through CHF distribution centers and direct shipments of product to other organizations, CHF has already distributed thousands of pallets of product during the COVID-19 pandemic. At its Sylmar distribution center alone, CHF has received thousands of pallets of gift-in-kind donations for the COVID-19 relief effort, including fresh produce, milk, meat, etc. to be delivered directly to people in need. Through this network of faithful ministry partners, and thanks to the generosity of supporters, including Christian Foundation of America, CHF has been able to provide much support in a difficult time.



Thank you, Christian Foundation of America, for delivering hope to suffering children throughout Los Angeles. Your generosity is having a major impact!

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Impact Story:

Iglesia Bethel Los Angeles recently joined the Los Angeles Mercy Network. In April of 2020, this church officially began partnering with Children's Hunger Fund, receiving Food Paks to deliver to people in need throughout their community each month. In God's providence, their ministry launched right as the COVID-19 pandemic began to have disastrous effects on people all over the world. People who were already impoverished suffered the greatest, as this crisis exponentially increased their need.

Located in Granada Hills, a community in the city of Los Angeles with a significant amount of need, Iglesia Bethel Los Angeles has already had a major impact. Recently, the mercy ministry team from the church shared the story of Mario. Mario was connected to the church through a special event. Before COVID-19, he had been working for Uber to pay his bills. However, during the pandemic and due to a lack of steady work, his situation has become increasingly more difficult. What's more, he has serious health concerns and has undergone back surgery twice. Mario is estranged from his immediate family and lives alone. Lacking resources and support, he found himself in an extremely desperate place.

When caring members from the church met Mario, they recognized his need for help and hope. They began bringing him Food Paks to care for his immediate needs. They also invited him to church. It has been a tremendous encouragement to him, both physically and emotionally. He has even begun playing guitar again, for the first time in ten years, and is serving in the worship ministry at the church. Mario began to come out of a time of depression, through the hope he found in Christ, by the faithful witness of the local church members. It has been amazing to see his life begin to be restored. It all started with a Food Pak.



NOTE: Recipients' names are changed to protect their privacy.



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James Storehouse



September 1, 2020

Christian Foundation of America
3390 Auto Mall Drive
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Dear CFA Grant Team,

We would like to thank you so much for partnering with James Storehouse through your incredible CFA grant. We were so honored to receive it! It has given us the opportunity to directly impact the lives of Ventura County teen parents in foster care, at-risk teens, and teens aging out of foster care, as well as their precious babies. These children and their babies are the most vulnerable and marginalized in our community. We are contracted with the Department of Child and Family Services and work alongside their social workers to identify these young people and connect them to necessary resources and a support network. We offer this type of support through our Life Skills class for teen parents, which aligns with the "Five Protective Factors of Strengthening Families Approach." Sadly, the cycle of foster care is multi-generational, so offering this type of class is foster care prevention and actively works to keep families intact!

I'd like to give you some updates, facts, and quotes to show how your strategic partnership impacted our foster community since the grant.

- We've been blessed to serve 100% of the teen clients referred to us by Ventura County social workers with ongoing classes and resources, even amidst COVID-19.
- With your help, we were able to transition from in-person classes to classes streamed through Vimeo and then to live classes via Zoom. Due to unequal access to educational technology, connecting to these clients online can be tricky as many do not have reliable phones, laptops, or WiFi availability. We were able to provide devices for some of these teen parents, and attendance at one of our Zoom classes was actually our highest attended class, even compared to classes before COVID-19!
- We had the joy of teaching on topics such as Financial Saving and Sustainability, Resumes, Work Ethic and Rest, and Preparing Your Mind and Space for Remote Learning, specifically tailored to the changing norms we see in the world today.

From cribs to college, James Storehouse, Inc. provides for the needs of children in foster care.
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- Nancy Ballard, a Senior Program Administrator from the Dept. of Child and Family Services, said, "Thank you for setting up this resumé workshop. We greatly appreciate all the work you do for youth and our expectant and parenting teens. It makes such a difference to this vulnerable population."
- Monica Vera, Public Health Social Worker, similarly stated about the classes, "Thank you for all the hard work and dedication bestowed upon our teens!"
- Finally, Irel, a teen mom who graduated from the program, specifically asked on her own accord to join in for the Zoom classes stating "I really want to join you guys for the class because it has been helpful for me, plus it's been so long since I've seen you and the other girls."
- We look forward to continuing to send resources directly to their homes, such as books to help young people experiencing anxiety due to the pandemic and their own hardships and gift cards that allow clients to apply what they've learned (e.g. grocery cards for nutritious and cost efficient meal plans). Virtual resumé help is an ongoing resource available to the teens whenever they'd like as well!
- With the remaining funding generously available through your support, we will host creative, COVID-19 safe events, such as an interactive, day-long Empowerment conference for the teens and their babies, in which they will leave with practical action plans personalized to their own lives and goals! We also look forward to a festive Christmas event, as healing and growth happens in celebration and the love of Jesus!
- At all our events, we love to demonstrate the practical love of God as we believe this type of love breaks through strongholds! Bibles are always available for the clients and quick devotionals for parents will be sent to the homes of these teen parents.

Thank you for your generous partnership with James Storehouse. It has had an incredible Kingdom impact in the lives of the most vulnerable and at-risk children in our community! In the past few weeks, some of the teen girls even reached out and shared their prayer requests with us! We are honored to be a part of their support and prayer network!

With gratitude,

Stacy DeWitt
Executive Director
James Storehouse



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Sarah's House

Sarah's House Maternity Homes

October 16th, 2020

Christian Foundation of America
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Re: Sarah's House Maternity Homes Award Grant

Sarah's House is truly thankful for the generous donation given to us at the 2020 Awards Banquet. Your donation to our Education Fund made it possible for the women in our program to meet the hours needed to fulfill our program requirements and grow in Christ's love for them and their precious babies in the midst of the pandemic. God knew just what we needed before we knew what the challenges of this year would be. For that and so much more we are so very grateful!

As you are aware, our two homes provide shelter, love, care and education in a Christian residential setting. The maternity home is available to pregnant women who are 18 years or older. Our program assists women that find themselves with little or no support during pregnancy and/or on their journey as single mothers. These women, through their own hard work and the love given by their new Sarah's House family, find the firm foundation they need to make positive changes in their lives.

Our program provides housing, weekly counseling, bible study, classes on nutrition, birthing, financial management, adoption, single parenting, infant care, grocery shopping, meal planning and cooking. Each woman must follow established guidelines with regard to working, attending school, church and saving.

Residents apply for formal board approval for additional assistance which requires compliance with program and savings guidelines. The women in our program are required to save 80% of their expendable income to be used for a necessity such as a car, emergency fund, and first and last month rent as they transition to independent living. All of our residents are required to work or go to school at least 20 hours a week during their pregnancy and 32 hours a week after release from doctor's care after the birth of their babies. Many of these hard working moms do much more. Both homes rely solely on support from area churches, individuals, grants and civic organizations. The generosity of donors to Christian Foundation of America play a critical role in supplying the funds necessary to assist these hard working women on their journey to independence.

The 2020 CFA award funded our Education Fund. Sarah's House was able to provide funds for education and classes for the 8 families (15 children) that have

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walked through our doors and call Sarah's House home. Shortly after being awarded this generous grant, Covid-19 hit. We worked quickly to set up protocols to keep our moms and families safe, sustain a safe program and ensure the well being of our families during these uncertain times. Many of our alumni and residents lost employment or had to suspend their job search. We began to build on our program, adding additional educational hours including daily devotion, Bible study multiple times a week, online parenting programming as well as art and additional life skills classes. Through Simi Institute, Conejo Valley Adult school, Moorpark College and College of the Canyons we were able to offer our residents individualized online classes to add to their life and employment skills. This was fundamentally important to fully engage our residents and support not only their physical health but also their social and emotional health through these unprecedented times. As we continue through this pandemic your generous grant continues to provide funds for our moms, specifically providing financial assistance for online programming for residents with high risk pregnancies.

This grant has generously provided ongoing support for women that are pursuing educational goals, as well as educational materials for our onsite bible study and life skills classes. Education is an integral component to a changed life. Whether it's bible study, completing their high school diploma, obtaining a technical school certification or college degree or learning to drive, our residents shine and grow, and soar to new heights with our guidance and your support.

The Sarah's house women have completed over 3500 hours of education this year and 250 plus hours of counseling. Through their hard work, our extensive case management, and your support these ladies have saved a total of over \$20K changing the trajectory of their lives for themselves and their children.

Soaring Together as One ...With CFA as the wings, the residents of Sarah's house have been able to not only weather the storm of the this pandemic but thrive during these uncertain times. Learning, growing, and relying on our Heavenly Father more than ever as they further their life skills and education to be able to support their children and thrive as parents.

The funds awarded are continuing to propel our residents even further as they continue to soar through 2020. From our home to yours, a heartfelt thank you to Christian Foundation of America and its incredibly generous donors. We truly could not have made it through this incredibly challenging and unprecedented year without CFA and your generous donors.

The following is a breakdown of how funds were spent through the 3rd quarter of 2020:

Education -\$3500
Computers-\$600
Books-\$525
Printing-\$75
Drivers Education -\$700



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The total spent is \$5400 of the \$6700 awarded through September 2020 on Educational assistance

Christian Foundation of the America played and continues to play an integral role in the amazing journey of 8 Sarah's House families. We are excited to see what God has planned for the remaining funds as 2020 comes to a close and we continue to serve the least of these. Please contact us should you require any additional information. Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

Serving Christ Together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Malinowski".

Laura Malinowski
Executive Director
Sarah's House



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2021 “Inspiring Generosity” Grants Program & Award Banquet



2021 Grants Program

Join us as we *Inspire Generosity* with a goal of \$70,000 or more to invest in Kingdom building charities and ministries. Your gifts make possible this unique program that encourages creative projects led by organizations within our communities. Our past donors have remarked at the outstanding quality of charities selected for grants, and their ability to meet and support multiple ministries serving some of the most vulnerable among us.

To donate to the Grant Fund:

Online (Go to <https://cfa.charity/cultivating-generosity/>)

By check (Made out to Christian Foundation of America, memo Grant Fund and mail:
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Donor Advised Fund (If you have one – email leslie@cfa.charity with instructions)

Awards Banquet - TBD

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are not yet able to set a date, time and location for our live public banquet. Please keep a look out on our website:

<https://cfa.charity/cultivating-generosity/> Stay Tuned!!

Check Social Media for updates regarding our Grant Award Banquet:

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