

Achievable Health

Health Care

Culver City, CA

\$300,000

In 2013, Achievable Health opened a community health center whose mission is to provide high quality, integrated healthcare to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families, and other vulnerable populations. Compared to the general population, patients with an I/DD have lower rates of preventive care and experience a higher incidence of complex health conditions. At the same time, they face difficulty accessing services due to their behavioral and communication challenges and a shortage of practitioners trained to care for this population. As a result, they experience higher rates of chronic conditions, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and mental illness. Currently, the health center provides primary care, behavioral health care, and enabling services to meet the whole-person health needs of at least 2,400 patients annually. However, the demand for its specialized care exceeds its current capacity. A Keck Foundation grant will support renovation and equipment for a new facility that will triple the health center's space and double the number of patients served over the next three years.

Art of Problem Solving Initiative

Precollegiate Education

Los Angeles, CA

\$300,000

The Art of Problem Solving Initiative was founded in 2004 to conduct a national talent search and competition in advanced mathematics for middle and high school students. In 2011, the Initiative established an out-of-school time math and science enrichment program called Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM) in New York City. The purpose was to better prepare diverse, low-income students underrepresented in STEM fields to become scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and computer scientists. In 2018, the organization replicated BEAM in Los Angeles, starting with middle schoolers. The program provides students with holistic support—individualized advising, enrichment opportunities, social/emotional support, and a vibrant community of peers—for up to ten years, through college. The Los Angeles program is now serving 190 8th-12th graders and 33 students who started college this year. A Keck Foundation grant will support college success programming for these students and two subsequent cohorts of college-going students. The goals are that 80% complete their first year of college and at least 50% declare that they intend to major in a STEM field.

Door of Hope*Civic and Community**Pasadena, CA**\$500,000*

Founded in 1985, Door of Hope provides eviction prevention, transitional housing, and after-care support to families facing homelessness. The transitional housing program consists of four shelters in Pasadena, Glendale, and Highland Park. Three-quarters of families living at Door of Hope's shelters are fleeing domestic violence. In 2023, the agency served 430 families, including nearly 900 children, through all of its programs. In the last several years, family homelessness has increased by more than 26% across Door of Hope's service area due to the rising cost of rent and food. To help more families get back on their feet, the organization acquired a large residential property in northwest Pasadena. A Keck Foundation grant will be used toward constructing a transitional housing facility and program wing behind the original home. The units, each with an ensuite bathroom, will house 20 families and a resident manager. Funding will also support renovation of the original Craftsman home to accommodate two large kitchens where families will cook their own meals and dining/living areas. The program wing will include offices for case management, therapy, and children's play areas. With the addition of this fifth family shelter, Door of Hope will have a total capacity to serve 60 families at any one time.

Friendship Foundation*Civic and Community**Redondo Beach, CA**\$500,000*

Founded in 2007, the Friendship Foundation provides socially inclusive programs that help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) build friendships, independence, and purposeful lives as active members of their community. The organization offers two signature programs that serve 2,500 people with I/DD annually, as well as over 2,700 youth volunteers, ages 8-35+. Across 22 school districts, the organization facilitates more than 80 inclusive Friendship Clubs that pair students with I/DD with non-disabled, gen-ed, student volunteers to participate together in activities such as art, music, life and social skills, science, and sports. Friendship also offers a monthly schedule of more than 60 community-based activities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Two-thirds of participants with I/DD are from minority backgrounds. The top three diagnoses are autism, Down syndrome, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. A Keck Foundation grant will go toward constructing the new Friendship Campus. This three-acre property will feature a 64,000-square-foot facility, an athletics field, and an adaptive playground where people of all ages with I/DD and volunteers will engage in educational, social, and recreational activities and events. The facility will have a café, teaching kitchen and farm-to-table garden, a creative arts studio, a digital media room, financial empowerment academy, sensory and occupational therapy, and a gym/event center. New programs will include post-secondary job exploration, training, and placement services for young people and adults with I/DD, a day program for adults with I/DD, and a multi-generational center. The

campus is scheduled to open in early 2026. Friendship will engage 10,000 people in activities at the campus annually.

Heart of Los Angeles

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$300,000

Established in 1989, Heart of Los Angeles Youth (HOLA) provides free after-school academic and enrichment programs to 3,100 low-income youth, ages 6-18, at its flagship campus west of downtown Los Angeles and expansion sites in South Los Angeles and Watts. HOLA also offers wellness and family support services. In 2022, through a partnership with the city's Department of Recreation and Parks, HOLA began delivering visual arts and STEM classes for 80 youth in a small building at Augustus Hawkins Nature Park in the Central Alameda neighborhood of South Los Angeles. A Keck Foundation grant will allow HOLA to purchase and install two modular classrooms adjacent to the existing building at the park. The additional 2,000 square feet will allow HOLA to introduce elementary and middle school education programs, college access, and family services, a significant step toward making the full range of its services available to this South LA community. When the facility opens, HOLA expects to enroll 160 youth annually, double the current capacity. HOLA anticipates that 70% of elementary and middle school students will improve their grades in math and language arts and that 75% of high school seniors will graduate and enroll in post-secondary education.

Los Angeles Promise Fund

Precollegiate Education

Los Angeles, CA

\$500,000

LA Promise Fund started in 1992 after the civil unrest with a mentoring program for South Los Angeles youth to prepare them for success in college and careers. Since then, they have added programs that focus on the arts, STEM, internships, and college success. These offerings annually reach over 55,000 students and teachers across the region. In 2008, LA Promise began to operate three schools under a contract with the Los Angeles Unified School District as a strategy for cultivating academic excellence. Lacking the autonomy to fully meet the needs of students at these schools, LA Promise shifted its strategy, and in 2018, started a charter middle and high school in South Los Angeles. Located on two separate campuses, the schools had to move six times since opening. Through a partnership with Russell Westbrook, these two schools became the Westbrook Academy that also incorporated Valiente College Prep Academy, which closed in 2024. A Keck Foundation grant will help complete renovations of a 50,000-square foot building on a four-acre site in South Gate that prior to the LA Promise Fund's 2021 purchase was

occupied by East Los Angeles College. This new campus will provide the Academy with its first permanent home. The first phase of construction was finished in time for the school to open in the new building at the start of the 2024-25 academic year with 420 students advancing a community schools model with numerous engagements and services for students, families, and the broader community. Pending renovations include a new roof, HVAC system, and a parent/community center that will be finished by end of 2025. LA Promise Fund aims to increase enrollment to 690 students by 2027-28 school year.

Olive Crest

Civic and Community

Bellflower, CA

\$500,000

Founded in 1973, Olive Crest is dedicated to strengthening, equipping, and restoring children and families in crisis and preventing child abuse and neglect. In Los Angeles County, the organization serves 4,000 individuals annually through its locations in Bellflower, Glendale, and Long Beach. As an established leader in caring for children in foster care, Olive Crest has witnessed that housing insecurity among youth aging out of foster care is one of the most significant challenges facing this population. For more than a decade, Olive Crest has been renting market-rate apartments in Los Angeles County to help former foster youth ages 18-21 transition successfully to adulthood. To expand housing for this population, Olive Crest purchased a property in Bellflower, southeast of downtown LA. This new Children and Family Resource Center campus includes an existing office building that is being renovated for a new Youth Drop-In Center, and land for the construction of 12 new two-bedroom apartment units for youth aging out of foster care. A Keck Foundation grant will support construction of the housing complex, which will accommodate 22 youth and a resident manager. Construction will start in mid-2025. Olive Crest expects youth to move in during spring 2026. Resident youth and those in the community can access basic essentials, counseling services, case management, and educational and career programs at the campus. When the new apartments open, Olive Crest will have a total capacity to house 46 youth at any one time, between their current and new units. Currently, 85% of those living in Olive Crest's rental units transition into stable housing.

Ready to Succeed

Precollegiate Education

Santa Monica, CA

\$300,000

Founded in 2016, Ready to Succeed has provided 295 college-going first generation and foster youth with the resources, relationships, and opportunities needed to earn a bachelor's degree and embark on a successful career. Last year, Ready to Succeed

supported 80 foster youth and 61 first-generation students. Students are guided through graduation and their first year of full-time employment. Ready to Succeed is re-focusing its career-oriented college success program solely on foster youth because of the unique challenges they face. A Keck Foundation grant will complete funding for the program's pivot and support two new hires: a career advisor and an alumni advisor. Over the next two years, as the remaining first-generation students graduate and exit the program, Ready to Succeed will have the capacity to serve 150 foster youth at any one time. These "scholars" will begin as rising college sophomores with a summer orientation and exposure to careers. They will then work with a career advisor to develop a career plan and complete two paid internships before graduation. Each scholar receives a basic needs stipend and assistance with accessing mental health, housing, and academic support. During workshops, they learn to draft resumes and gain experience interviewing for jobs. In their senior year, the career advisor provides guidance on applying for jobs and/or graduate school. Post graduation, a new alumni advisor will provide career coaching, connections to industry professionals, and develop an alumni network. The program's results are promising. Ninety-two percent of participants graduate. Within six months of graduation, 85% secure jobs with the potential for career advancement in industries such as financial services and entertainment. For the first time in their lives, 95% of the scholars say that they can envision a bright future for themselves.

Ride On LA

Civic and Community

Chatsworth, CA

\$200,000

Established in 1994, Ride On LA provides adaptive horseback riding and physical, occupational and speech therapy programs for 250 people each week with intellectual and physical disabilities. The agency is accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. Services are provided at four sites. Seventy-five percent of clients are children, and 93% are low-income. Ride On subsidizes the cost of lessons and therapy treatments for all participants. Nearly half of its participants are served at the Chatsworth location, which the agency owns. In good weather, Ride On provides about 200 adaptive riding lessons and 150 therapy sessions monthly at this location. However, on average, it must cancel up to one-third of these lessons due to extreme heat and the recent heavy rainy seasons. A Keck Foundation grant will support construction of a steel cover over an 80' x 225' riding arena to expand service capacity year-round and ensure a safe and more comfortable experience for its clients. The vented roof will allow heat to escape, and large fans and a misting system will make it feel cooler even on the hottest days. Site preparation was completed in August, including the regrading of the arena. Ride On aims to finish the installation by June 2025. This will complete the build-out of the Chatsworth site where, since acquiring the property, Ride On has added an educational and therapy building, two arenas, a small riding ring, and a 22-stall horse barn. With the new covered arena, Ride On estimates providing at least 700 more sessions annually.

Street Poets*Arts and Culture**Los Angeles, CA**\$250,000*

Street Poets was established in 1995 when a member of the Writers Guild volunteered to teach a poetry writing workshop at a probation camp for boys. Today, the organization provides in-school, after-school and weekend programs in creative expression for 700 system-impacted and underserved youth and young adults ages 11-25 at its office, probation camps, and public schools. It reaches many more through open mic nights, its poetry-in-motion van, youth retreats and virtual programming. Street Poets' model provides a supportive environment for youth to explore creative outlets and careers, connect with their emotions through art, and receive mentoring from a diverse team of teaching artists. Ninety percent of the participants are Black and brown youth and 90% of the agency's staff, including the executive director, are people of color. A Keck Foundation grant will support the renovation of a new facility Street Poets recently purchased in South Los Angeles. It will be the organization's first permanent home, replacing its leased office space. Known as the Center for Community, Culture, and Wellness, this 5,000-square-foot facility will feature a performance stage, recording studio, a library, and a kitchenette. A team of teaching artists will provide the Street Poets' signature programs in poetry writing, hip hop theater as well as music and film production. Street Poets anticipates increasing the number of young people it can serve to 1,100 at all venues, including 500 at the new location. The new building will open in late summer 2025.

Urban Peace Institute*Civic and Community**Los Angeles, CA**\$250,000*

Since 2006, the Urban Peace Institute has worked to reimagine public safety by expanding the work of peacemakers and spearheading alternative community-based public safety strategies. Its programs focus on collaborating with and training residents to develop safety practices that prioritize peaceful solutions to violence, building out the field of intervention to provide professional opportunities for existing violence intervention practitioners, and promoting reform in the juvenile justice system. Studies have demonstrated that UPI's gang intervention training has resulted in a 41% reduction in retaliatory violence and prevented 185 gang retaliations over a one-year time span. UPI's work has also eliminated funding for harmful school-based probation services and was instrumental in establishing the Department of Youth Development in Los Angeles County. In response to the need for more trained peacemakers, Urban Peace has doubled its staff to 28. Last year, at its training center just west of downtown Los Angeles, Urban Peace trained over 1,000 peacemakers. Because the agency has outgrown its leased space, it is moving into a larger, 5,500-square foot headquarters in the same building. A Keck Foundation grant will be used to renovate and equip this new space and upgrade the training room in the existing suite. The headquarters will feature a second, larger training

room, conference rooms, and open workspaces. With the expanded space, Urban Peace's goal is to train an additional 480 individuals annually who are working in crime impacted neighborhoods, juvenile halls, school safety collaboratives, and youth development and diversion programs.

Wende Museum

Arts and Culture

Culver City, CA

\$300,000

Wende is a German word meaning "turning point" or "change" that describes the period around the fall of the Berlin Wall. Founded in 2002, the Wende Museum collects and preserves artworks, artifacts, archives, and personal histories from the Cold War. It maintains a collection of over 100,000 holdings. The museum presents four exhibitions and welcomes 15,000 visitors annually. It reaches an additional 60,000 people through in-person and online public programming. This fall, the Wende will open the new Glorya Kaufman Community Center on its campus to serve as a community hub for cultural and educational engagement. The 7,500-square foot Center features a 120-seat theater, classrooms, a rooftop event space, and a kitchen. A Keck Foundation grant will provide start-up support during the Center's first two years of operations. Funding will allow the Wende to provide free artist-led workshops in art, dance, and music and coordinate use of the Center by an array of arts-focused partners. A group of core partners will have guaranteed use of the space to provide their own programming, exhibitions, and performances. Local public-school students will have priority access to the classroom and a digital media space for after-school tutoring and arts-based activities. The Wende will hire a new community coordinator to organize and promote programs, recruit additional partners, and manage teaching artists. The Center is expected to attract 1,000 individuals monthly.

YMCA

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$250,000

Established over 140 years ago, the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles serves 300,000 individuals annually at 27 branches, three camps, and 190 program locations. Programs promote health and wellbeing and provide opportunities for youth to play sports, develop new friendships, and connect with nature. A Keck Foundation grant will support the modernization and enhancement of the facilities at the YMCA's flagship Camp Whittle, which was built in 1959 in the San Bernardino National Forest. These improvements are designed to support more campers during the summer and increase utilization by outdoor education programs and conferences during the off season. The YMCA developed a master

plan for the Camp's revitalization and has completed preliminary work. The agency is now poised to implement a set of five priority projects over the next three years. These include rebuilding a chapel and three campfire rings, constructing a new pool and remodeling the pool house, and refurbishing the dining hall. The final project is to replace ten cabins to create year-round ADA-accessible lodging. Once the work is finished, the camp is expected to attract an additional 6,000 visitors annually.
