



PASADENA
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

FOUNDATION

2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Altadena Library Foundation

The Altadena Library Foundation, established in 2009, is dedicated to enhancing the Altadena Library District through critical funding for innovative programs. By supporting literacy resources, community outreach, educational programming, and more, the Foundation plays a vital role in enriching the community's library experience. As part of its mission, the foundation aims to expand the Library of Things, a unique service allowing cardholders to borrow items such as laptops, Wi-Fi hotspots, telescopes, Oculus headsets, sewing machines, stocked hiking backpacks and even Nintendo Switches.

Altadena Rotary Charities

Altadena Rotary Charities is a service organization committed to providing community service and support in the Altadena area. With a focus on empowering students and teachers, the organization provides grants and scholarships while also aiding local charities that directly benefit the residents of Altadena and Pasadena. One of its noteworthy contributions includes organizing eight free summer concerts at Farnsworth Park in Altadena, and providing accessible and enjoyable cultural experiences for the community.

Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills

The Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills strives to empower young people, particularly those facing challenges, to achieve their full potential as responsible and caring citizens. Through the Mentors Matter Literacy Program, the organization pairs compassionate adult role models with students in grades K-5 who require additional support in reading. By developing positive relationships and offering mentorship, the program helps these young individuals improve their reading skills while providing them with a positive influence in their lives.

Club 21 Learning and Resource Center, Inc.

Club 21 Learning and Resource Center, Inc., is dedicated to equipping individuals with Down syndrome with the necessary tools and resources to foster their full inclusion in society. Club 21 promotes inclusive education and literacy for students with Down syndrome through innovative programs like the Educational Partnership, Stepping Up, and Every Child a Reader. These initiatives enable preschool, elementary, middle, and high school students to learn alongside their typical peers, fostering a supportive environment where every child with Down syndrome can thrive, excel academically and achieve success.

Dance Conservatory of Pasadena

The Dance Conservatory of Pasadena (DCP) is a source of inspiration, training, and nurturing for individuals pursuing creative endeavors, with a particular emphasis on ballet and intensive movement training. With the grant funding, DCP will bring captivating performances to the community, including the enchanting Sleeping Beauty Ballet and their annual Nutcracker production, held at the esteemed Arcadia Performing Arts Center.

Eliot Arts Magnet Academy

Eliot Arts Magnet Academy fosters academic achievement among middle school students through an immersive arts education, encompassing music, dance, theater arts and visual arts. To support the increasing number of students in their popular arts academy, the school plans to replace irreparable instruments and expand its inventory. This investment will ensure that students have the necessary resources to explore their artistic passions.

Families Forward Learning Center

The Families Forward Learning Center is dedicated to equipping children from economically disadvantaged and isolated backgrounds with the tools they need to excel academically and in their overall lives. Through their Two-Generation Learning approach, the center recognizes the importance of social-emotional well-being as the foundation for learning during the crucial early childhood years (birth to age 5). The Two-Generation Early Childhood Education Program provides 116 children from low-income families access to exceptional early childhood education. Additionally, parents receive vital skills and support to cultivate their child's learning at home, ensuring success in kindergarten and beyond.

Foothill Creative Arts Group

Established in 1960, the Creative Arts Group is a nonprofit art center located in Sierra Madre. It offers a nurturing environment for individuals of all ages, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds through diverse programs, exhibitions and workshops. One of their notable community outreach initiatives is the ImaginArt Program, a partnership with Sierra Madre Elementary. In this program, students explore 19th-century pottery traditions and create individualized ceramic wall pockets inspired by early American face jugs.

Light Bringer Project

Light Bringer Project provides unique arts and learning opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Through innovative arts education programs, public art events, exhibitions, and partnerships with schools, businesses and the community, they enrich the cultural landscape. The organization plans to allocate funding to support Room 13 Creative Studios in four schools within the Pasadena Unified School District. This afterschool program serves approximately 1,360 students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, providing them with the opportunities to engage with qualified Artists-in-Residence, develop skills, boost self-confidence and enrich critical thinking through their artistic practice.

Lineage Dance Company

Lineage Dance Company, established in 1999, is dedicated to creating an inclusive community where the arts are accessible to all, offering high-quality arts programming at affordable rates. Among their notable initiatives is Dance for Joy, a successful series of free weekly acting, dance, and music therapy classes held at the Lineage Performing Arts Center in Pasadena. These classes cater to individuals living with Parkinson's, MS, TBI, and stroke, providing a supportive and empowering environment for their artistic expression.

Makoto Taiko

Makoto Taiko is dedicated to preserving and sharing the spirit of Japanese taiko drumming and cultivating a greater understanding of the culture through performances, educational classes and charitable educational activities. To support their year-round community drum classes, community performances, and annual concert, the organization will use the grant award to acquire a new Odaiko drum. This essential instrument is used in nearly all compositions and plays a central role in their endeavors to promote and teach taiko drumming.

Monrovia Reads, Inc.

Monrovia Reads, Inc. is committed to creating and nurturing an environment where reading is valued, and resources are provided to foster literacy among all community members. They will introduce a Phonics Program at Canyon Early Learning Center, utilizing ZooPhonics materials in all ten classrooms. Additionally, they will offer parent classes to engage families in supporting their child's reading development. Monrovia Reads will provide comprehensive teacher training and provide the necessary materials for both classrooms and parents attending evening sessions.

Move A Child Higher, Inc.

Move a Child Higher, Inc. (MACH 1) is devoted to empowering individuals with disabilities by promoting self-confidence, physical strength and emotional well-being through equine-assisted activities and community involvement. The grant received by MACH 1 will contribute to a fund for purchasing a new horse to replace one that needs retirement. This investment will ensure the continuation of their impactful programs and allow individuals to benefit from the therapeutic and transformative power of equine interactions.

Oakwood Brass - Outreach Project

The Oakwood Brass Outreach Project (OBOP) is a nonprofit music education organization based in Pasadena, dedicated to providing musical opportunities to the community at large, including schools and senior centers. In collaboration with 13 schools in the Pasadena Unified School District, OBOP will organize concerts for fourth- and sixth-grade students, introducing them to the joy of brass music. They will offer coaching opportunities to middle and high school brass students, to further develop their musical growth.

Oneonta Cooperative Nursery School

Oneonta Cooperative Nursery School (OCNS), established in 1947, is South Pasadena's longest-running parent participation preschool. With the support of this grant, OCNS will transform its outdoor yard into a vibrant play space that focuses on STEAM learning, social development, movement and fun for preschool students. The funds will be allocated towards purchasing Imagination Playground's award-winning big blocks and providing staff development to maximize their educational potential.

Pasadena Area Reading is Fun-Damental Corporation

The Pasadena Area Reading is Fun-Damental Corporation is dedicated to promoting literacy among young children. The grant will enable the purchase of three books for every second-grade student in the Pasadena Unified School District, encouraging a love for reading and supporting educational development.

Pasadena Audubon Society

The Pasadena Audubon Society (PAS) is committed to bringing the wonder of birds to the community through birding, education, and conservation efforts. PAS serves the community through free birding field trips and classes, small research grants and outreach events. The Bird Science Program, a STEM initiative focused on local birdlife, will engage 820 children in Pasadena public schools. By cultivating an appreciation for local birds and their habitats, children learn to cherish the outdoors and understand the importance of conservation.

Pasadena Council of Parents and Teachers Inc. (dba PTA Council of PUSD)

The Pasadena Council of Parents and Teachers Inc., operating as the PTA Council of PUSD, brings together its collective experience, leadership, volunteerism and advocacy to support all 20 PTAs in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). The grant will benefit the continuation and expansion of the Black College Expo program, initially conceived by the PUSD African American Parent Council. This program provides local public high school students with the opportunity to explore historically Black colleges and universities at the Black College Expo in downtown Los Angeles.

Pasadena Education Network

Pasadena Education Network (PEN) is an independent grassroots nonprofit organization that promotes family engagement in public education to benefit all students in Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre. PEN provides free programs in English and Spanish, equipping underserved preschool and elementary school parents with the knowledge, skills, and involvement necessary to support their children's success from their first day of kindergarten.

Pasadena Educational Foundation

The Pasadena Educational Foundation is dedicated to achieving excellence and equity in all Pasadena Unified School District schools. The funding will purchase Hudl, a sophisticated technology platform, for students and athletic coaches at all four comprehensive high schools in the district: Blair, Marshall, Muir and Pasadena. Hudl enables student-athletes to review and enhance their performance, contributing to their growth and development.

Pasadena High School Alumni Association

The Pasadena High School Alumni Association (PHSAA) builds connections among Pasadena High School alumni, current students, faculty, staff and administrators. Their objectives include fundraising to support the school, offering scholarships, engaging in community service and promoting school spirit. With this grant, PHSAA will enhance an area in the Harriet Hammond Library and Media Center, making it more user-friendly for classes, study space, reading nooks, tutoring and other educational activities.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre enriches the community through musical theatre productions that emphasize cultural enrichment, equity and inclusion. The organization provides performance opportunities for talented individuals at national, regional and local levels while offering educational enrichment programs. The Broadway Locker's program introduces youth aged 5-25 to the art of musical theatre, prepares individuals for potential careers in the field and provides the general community with exposure to theatre through public performances at the end of the program.

SoCal Beep Baseball Association

SoCal Beep Baseball Association (SCBBA) works with individuals who have visual impairments throughout Southern California to engage in recreational, physical and athletic experiences, to create lasting memories and inspire others. SCBBA's focus is on expanding the Pasadena-based youth and adult beep baseball teams. The funds will contribute to reserving a Pasadena field for both groups, maintaining and purchasing new equipment, and assisting low-income players with travel expenses. Outreach events will also be funded to reach more blind athletes in the San Gabriel Valley.

STEAM:CODERS

STEAM:CODERS inspires underrepresented students and their families by providing science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) education, preparing them for academic and career opportunities. To reach a greater number of underserved students throughout the greater Pasadena area, STEAM:CODERS will expand their STEAM classes, camps, and the MathPods program. These initiatives will be available year-round during the school day, after-school, weekends, school breaks and during summer camps.

Triumph Foundation

Triumph Foundation empowers children, adults and veterans with disabilities to overcome challenges they face. The Adaptive Sports Festival is a free, all-inclusive event that introduces adaptive sports to individuals with disabilities, all with a focus on health and wellness. The festival aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities by introducing them to adaptive sports.