

PRICE PHILANTHROPIES

2017: YEAR IN REVIEW

Price Philanthropies Foundation's mission is to improve the life opportunities for youth and their families. In 2017, we awarded grants to more than 100 organizations and supported thousands of young people through our youth programs. We are pleased to highlight a few of our grants and programs from the past year.

GRANT MAKING

CITY HEIGHTS INITIATIVE

School in the Park

[School in the Park](#) shifts the classroom from City Heights to Balboa Park, where students attend school at museums and the San Diego Zoo. Nearly 1,000 children in grades three through seven participated in the program in 2017. The innovative model was also featured on the television program [Inside California Education](#). See the piece [here](#).



College Avenue Compact

Our [College Avenue Compact](#) program – a partnership with [San Diego State University](#) – guarantees admission to SDSU for Hoover High School graduates who meet specific academic requirements by the end of their senior year.



In 2017, College Avenue Compact staff provided direct academic support services to 1,300 students in grades 7-12 and their families to prepare them for the opportunity to enroll in a postsecondary institution. Programs included workshops on college and financial aid applications, preparation for standardized tests, and academic tutoring. Sixty-four (64) Class of 2017 Hoover High School students were admitted to SDSU through the Compact.

Copley-Price YMCA: Breaking Down Barriers to Accessing Health and Wellness Programs

In 2011, we donated land to the YMCA to build a state-of-the-art facility in City Heights. Since its opening in 2014, we have supported the [Copley-Price YMCA](#)'s scholarship program. These scholarships ensure that all members of the community, regardless of their income, are able to participate in the YMCA's health, wellness, and enrichment programs. In 2017, the Copley-Price YMCA provided nearly \$570,000 in scholarships to 8,000 community members.

Supporting Social Enterprise

As part of our City Heights Initiative, we helped fund [Union of Pan Asian Communities](#) (UPAC) to build a [Neighborhood Enterprise Center](#). In 2018, this innovative social enterprise and resource center will provide entrepreneurial and employment opportunities for City Heights residents through its commercial kitchen, product design and print shop, technology center, rentable community gathering space, and café that sells goods created onsite. The Center will be self-sustainable while concurrently creating a positive social impact in the community.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Refugees & Cultural Trainings

In 2017, we convened several not-for-profits to learn more about the culture and history of refugee groups that have settled in San Diego. Representatives from East African, Karen, and Middle Eastern cultural agencies delivered the trainings, which not only built awareness but also helped forge new collaborations between San Diego's not-for-profits and cultural agencies. The following organizations presented at the trainings: [Karen Organization of San Diego](#), [Somali Family Service of San Diego](#), [Somali Bantu Community of San Diego](#), [United Women of East Africa](#), [License to Freedom](#), and [Syrian Community Network](#).



Hoover Community Connections

For two years we have convened the Hoover Community Connections (HCC) group, which is comprised of on- and off-campus organizations who serve youth attending Hoover High School. The goal is to connect all Hoover students with programs that provide mentorship and assist them in successfully graduating from high school and transitioning into college and careers. In 2017, HCC focused on learning from each other's best practices, sharing data and resources, and increasing interagency referrals. The group also worked together to identify ways to prevent "summer melt" (when a youth who has been accepted to college does not successfully enroll in college).

SAN DIEGO

2017 Funding Focus: Immigration

In 2017 we ramped up our funding in the area of immigration. Grantees included:

- [Casa Cornelia Law Center](#) to expand their Pro Bono Program, which provides free legal services to asylum seekers, unaccompanied and undocumented minors, and undocumented women who are victims of trafficking or abuse.
- [ACLU](#) to support their immigration policy work in California, as well as community education and Know Your Rights trainings in San Diego.
- [Alliance San Diego](#) for their Immigrant Community Action Plan, which keeps immigrants and DACA recipients informed of policies that affect them and resources that can help them, all while building a movement for immigration reform.



"Itzel Guillen, DACA recipient and Immigrant Integration Manager at Alliance San Diego, along with Dulce Garcia (back left) and Andrea Guerrero (center right) meets with Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) to talk about the congressional effort to protect the thousands of Dreamers who call the borderlands home."

- [California Western School of Law – Community Law Project](#) to assist families with emergency preparedness plans and to coordinate Know Your Rights and DACA workshops (in partnership with ACLU and Alliance San Diego) with schools and not-for-profits in City Heights.
- [Voice of San Diego](#) to increase its coverage of border infrastructure and immigration issues in San Diego.
- [Urban Justice Center - IRAP](#) to mobilize direct legal aid, litigation, and systemic advocacy in support of refugees and displaced persons.

Informing the Philanthropic Community

In partnership with [San Diego Grantmakers](#), [The California Endowment](#), and [Leichtag Foundation](#), we hosted an Immigration Learning Session for local foundations to learn how shifting policies are affecting immigrants and refugees in our community, and how not-for-profits are addressing these issues. The learning session was led by staff from [ACLU](#), [Alliance San Diego](#), [Casa Cornelia Law Center](#), and [PANA](#). Professor [Tom K. Wong](#) also delivered a presentation on the history of immigration policy in the United States.



Over 300 people, including local high school and college students, attended an ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties rally to support a clean Dream Act held at Vista's Luz Duran Park on Dec. 2, 2017.

Building the Capacity of San Diego's Cultural Institutions

We are committed to supporting San Diego's arts and culture institutions. In 2017, we awarded a capital grant to the [Mingei International Museum](#) in support of its transformation campaign. The project will expand the Museum's public floor and add an education classroom for school groups. In addition, we provided a planning grant to the [San Diego Museum of Man](#) to explore the creation of a new lobby exhibit and visitor experience.



Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs

With our seed funding, the dedicated team at [Rady Children's Hospital's Behavioral Health Urgent Care \(BHUC\)](#) provided more than 900 visits to kids in its first year of operations. By offering walk-in psychiatry, therapy and case management services, this critical new resource in City Heights helped avert 369 emergency room visits. Sixty-nine percent of the families served had never accessed mental health services before coming to the BHUC.

We launched a multi-year commitment to the [San Diego Center for Children's](#) Family Wellness Center to pilot a new family-centered care approach. This model disrupts the traditional care model of separating pediatric and adult mental health services, instead offering coordinated services to parents and children. Participating families expressed appreciation of the new model and overwhelmingly requested more help with understanding and coping with their child's behavior.



We also issued a \$1 million combination capital and challenge grant to Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital to help renovate and expand their [Child & Adolescent Program Inpatient Unit](#). The project will vastly improve the healing environment in a unit constructed in 1979.

USC PRICE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION

In 2011, we contributed \$50 million to the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy to honor the life and legacy of Sol Price. This gift also launched the USC Price Center for Social Innovation, whose mission is to develop ideas and illuminate strategies to improve the quality of life for people in low-income urban communities. In 2017, we awarded an additional gift to endow the Sol Price Chair in Social Innovation who will provide leadership within the Price Center.

Aaron Price Fellows

The [Aaron Price Fellows Program](#) recruited 42 new Fellows for the Class of 2020. They spent their first year as Fellows developing diverse friendships and learning about local not-for-profit organizations, including the San Diego Zoo and Rady Children's Hospital. Meanwhile, the Class of 2019 focused on state and local governments. Program highlights included touring a landfill and recycling plant, creating photo journals of local zoning and infrastructure, and discussing California's bail system with Assemblyman Todd Gloria (Aaron Price Fellow Alumnus, Class of 1996). The Class of 2018 traveled to Washington, D.C., where they learned about advocacy strategies, media, and safety net programs. They toured the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the new National Museum of African American History and Culture, and met with Members of Congress, Senators, and Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the U.S. Supreme Court. Locally, they learned about careers in biotech and high tech, and prominent federal policy issues such as immigration. We also continue to enjoy lifelong connections with our alumni. In 2017 we added an alumni job shadow program and hired two alumni as program facilitators.



Cardinals Interact

In 2017, our [Cardinals Interact](#) program – a partnership [San Diego Rotary Club](#) – underwent a major evaluation performed by UCSD. The findings confirmed the positive impact on students, including increasing high school graduation and college enrollment rates. One hundred percent (100%) of our Class of 2017 Cardinals graduated from high school, and 95 percent enrolled in institutions of post-secondary education. In addition, the Cardinals Class of 2018 achieved a new



record with 83 percent of students submitting college applications to the California State University system and/or the University of California system. San Diego Rotary Club continued to provide enriching opportunities to the Cardinals. Seventy percent (70%) of students participated in Rotary programs, including Four Way Speech, Camp Enterprise, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Model United Nations.



Aprender y Crecer (Learning & Growing)

[Aprender y Crecer](#) continued to support public education in Central America, Colombia, and the Caribbean. Since the program's inception in 2006, Aprender has donated more than 539,000 school supply packages to students, 372,000 books to children, 113,000 books to school libraries, and teaching supplies to teachers in more than 200 primary schools. Aprender y Crecer has local coordinators in each country to supervise the distribution of supplies and to assist the school leaders in gaining maximum classroom advantage from their new resources. The program continues to grow in the region and currently benefits approximately 105,000 students and 5,000 teachers. The cost of student and teacher supplies, as well as cleaning supplies for schools, is approximately \$25 per student. In 2017, [PriceSmart](#) members in countries where Aprender y Crecer operates donated nearly \$1.5 million to support the program, while we contributed \$645,000 in matching funds.

ARAB ISRAELI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Maktabat Al Fanoos (Lantern Library)

[Maktabat Al Fanoos](#) (Lantern Library) a partnership between Israel's Ministry of Education, the Grinspoon Foundation, and Price Philanthropies – distributed its [two millionth book to preschoolers in March 2017](#).

This program provides eight books annually to approximately 95,000 Arab-Israeli children, as well as pedagogy for teachers.

