

Community Partner Investments

LLUH made significant investments in our partner organizations during FY 2023 through direct financial awards, investments in capacity-building, and in-kind contributions of resources to support the operations of local partners who serve our primary community benefit populations. The section below is a celebration of the work our partners accomplished throughout the year to address our Community Health Implementation Strategy priorities and improve health outcomes in our region.



Arts Connection fosters creative and economic vitality in our communities through support, promotion, education, and advocacy for the arts. LLUH funding targeted the 2023 Arts Innovation Micro Grants, benefiting 6 artists. The grants facilitated the expansion of artistic endeavors, covering expenses such as mural process learning, registration fees, studio time, sculpting tools, animation equipment, and recording gear for diverse art projects.

\$5,000



Assistance League of Temecula Valley, a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization, offers philanthropic programs in Southwest Riverside County. LLUH Funding allocated 18 scholarships, each worth \$2,000, to low-income students in the Temecula/Murrieta area. Metrics reveal 89% were from minoritized communities, facing diverse challenges such as single-parent households, disabilities, self-supporting work, and homes with addiction and abuse. Notably, all recipients were pursuing degrees in health-related fields.

\$36,000



BEJCRC transforms lives and communities by providing continued services, support, and opportunities to learn and grow. LLUH funding aided emergency services in San Bernardino, distributing nutritious food to 1,238 families, including 225 who received additional assistance. This involved bi-monthly food deliveries to five low-income housing units, including two senior centers, and local university students. Beneficiaries encompassed vulnerable populations like the unhoused, seniors, veterans, and low-income youth.

\$30,000



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Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Inland Empire empowers children facing adversity with lasting mentoring relationships. LLUH funding supported 726 matches with college, career, and mental health support for minoritized families in the Inland Empire. Notably, 94% of mentees were from minoritized communities, 52% from single-parent homes, 56% from households earning less than \$30,000 annually, and 16% had an incarcerated parent. Outcomes revealed 90% of mentees enhanced academic performance, reported increased likelihood of high school graduation and college attendance, reduced depressive symptoms, and improved emotional regulation skills.

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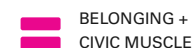
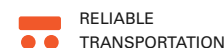
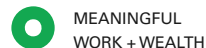
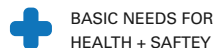
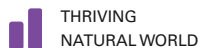
CASA of San Bernardino County improves the quality of life for youth in foster care, juvenile justice care, and foster care alumni with stable and consistent mentoring, advocacy, and supportive services. LLUH funding aided volunteer outreach for CASA youth support. In FY 2023, 127 youth were appointed their CASA advocate, with 73% from minoritized communities. Impressive outcomes included a 93% high school graduation rate (contrasting with the county's 68% for foster youth), with graduates pursuing post-secondary education or employment.

\$75,000



Children's Fund is dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and breaking destructive cycles through community partnerships. LLUH funding bolstered the Emergency Needs program, benefiting 1,164 children and youth with essentials such as school supplies, scholarships, clothing, rental assistance, and bedding. Notably, 72% of those served came from minoritized communities, and all recipients were below the poverty level.

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El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center's mission is to empower vulnerable communities to lead healthy lives with access to health care, safe and affordable housing, educational opportunities, and the leadership skills to eliminate disparities. LLUH funds supported the Youth Community Health Worker (YCHWs) program which trained 24 YCHWs in skills development, capacity building, and community outreach. 92% of YCHWs came from minoritized communities and 82% came from low-income households. YCHWs developed community resources, completed mock interviews, developed budgets for personal use, and reached over 1,700 youth through presentations.

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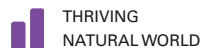
FIND Food Bank's mission is to end hunger today, tomorrow and for a lifetime as the regional food bank serving eastern Riverside and southern San Bernardino counties. LLUH funds supported a Mobile Market and a Community Health Worker (CHW) in the high-need area of the North Shore (an area recently impacted by severe storms and where many residents were left with unclean water systems and damaged crops). FIND's North Shore Mobile Market distributed 85,014 pounds of nutritious food, including 51% fresh produce, benefiting 5,536 individuals. The CHW assisted 109 clients with 296 applications and 198 referrals for legal, healthcare, unemployment, and disability concerns during the award period.

\$100,000



A Greater Hope enriches lives through culturally responsive integrated services. LLUH funding supported foster youth and resource parents, providing 97 foster youth with Behavioral Health Treatment and 716 hours of Resource Parent Coaching for 79 foster parents. Results showed 93% of foster youth gained understanding of trauma, improved coping skills, and emotional regulation. Additionally, 92% of foster parents reported improved understanding of their child's behavioral health needs, and 74% of youth and 73% of foster parents served were from minoritized communities.

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Health Career Connection empowers undergraduates, recent graduates, and HCC alumni from under-represented backgrounds, to pursue healthcare and public health careers. LLUH funding supported a paid 10-Month Fellow overseeing efforts like building the HCC alumni pipeline, generating new internship sites focused on diverse populations, and launching a Behavioral Health Coalition focused on building pipelines to careers in Behavioral Health. Funding also supported paid summer internships for 5 Inland Empire students, offering real-world experience in various health-related organizations.

\$85,000

“The Health Workforce Fellowship allowed me to explore my career interests, thus reaffirming my passion to pursue a career in medicine and public health.”



-Ayesha Mukhtar,
HCC Loma Linda University
Health Fellow



Making Hope Happen Foundation shares opportunities, resources, and hope with San Bernardino City students. LLUH Funding supported 17 first-generation students with \$3,000 scholarships as well as supported mentor stipends for the mentors assigned to each scholarship recipient. 94% of students are from minoritized communities representing 6 different high schools in San Bernardino City Unified School District. Among them, 76% pursue degrees in health-related fields, with diverse enrollment across Community Colleges (12%), Cal State (12%), UC (47%), and private Universities (29%).

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Music Changing Lives (MCL) provides high quality music and art enrichment programs with academic support to at-promise youth aged 5 and older. LLUH funding helped expand the MCL Uptown San Bernardino Urban Garden, once one of the largest dumping sites in the city, which is now a safe space where neighbors can come together. It facilitated the planting of food trees that provide 24/7 access to fresh produce, combatting food insecurity. It also offered a venue for diverse community events, such as Soulful Sunday, where local residents engage in garden workshops while enjoying music and food. Funding also supported 3 murals with local youth artists to highlight justice heroes and stories.

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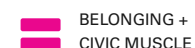
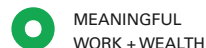
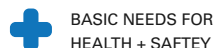
Path of Life Ministries delivers holistic care to greater Riverside's unhoused. LLUH funding supported wage increases to provide the lowest paid staff with more livable wages. LLUH funding enabled wage increases for the lowest-paid staff, resulting in a 13% adjustment for 35 employees and the addition of five paid-time off days. This ensures staff supporting the unhoused are not facing housing insecurity themselves. Path of Life also initiated an employee feedback process, revealing that 52% of employees have experienced homelessness. This data informs further initiatives, including another living wage adjustment, mental health sponsorship for counseling, and a sponsored matching 401k plan.

\$70,000



The SBCUSD Back to School Extravaganza aims to prepare students thoroughly for the upcoming school year. The event depends on community sponsors for essential funding, school supplies, backpacks, and information on services, empowering students and families to begin the year successfully. SBCUSD caters to over 47,000 students, including 20% English learners, 10% foster/homeless, and 90% qualifying for free/reduced lunch.

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Step Up strives to provide compassionate aid to those facing serious mental health challenges and chronic homelessness. Supported by LLUH funding, our Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports programs link individuals with mental health services, primary care, housing navigation, and more. ECM achieves a 3% ER readmission rate, maintains 100% outpatient follow-ups within 48 hours post-hospital discharge, and ensures a 99% connection to primary care. All participants are reliably linked to essential community resources, such as housing benefits and health insurance.

\$70,000



Symba Center's provides compassionate healthcare to prevent premature death and disability among the uninsured. LLUH funding facilitated mental health services for 474 patients, with 64% being uninsured and 45% sheltered homeless. Support included staffing for a part-time nurse practitioner, leading to the addition of a full-time marriage and family therapist.

\$15,000

"I am so grateful to Symba Center for helping me improve my mental health and well-being. The coping strategies, weekly therapy sessions, and ongoing support helped me regain my confidence and manage my anxiety and panic attacks."



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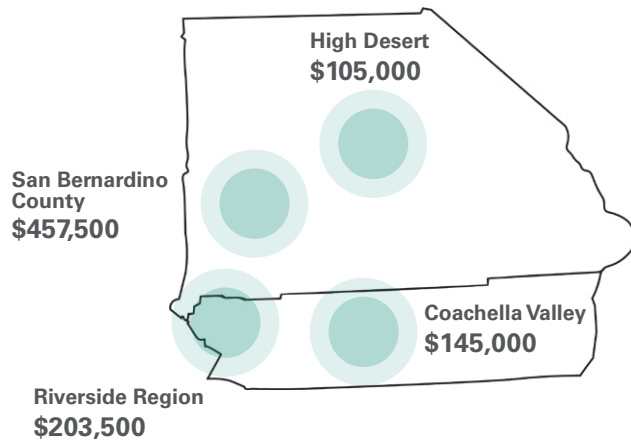


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Total Funding: **\$911,000**

Funding by Region



Funding by Focus Area



Funding by Population

