Foothill Unity Center Receives Significant Gift to Capital Campaign

Pasadena, California

A longtime San Gabriel Valley resident, donated a campus naming gift to Foothill Unity Center in support of its capital campaign for the Monrovia site. The gift, the campaign’s largest, will name the site in honor of the Yalamanchills, who made the gift in appreciation of Foothill’s efforts to help those in need in difficult times. The organization has a balance of $2.1 million to raise to complete the capital campaign.

Foothill was founded in 1980 as an emergency food pantry operating out of a church closet in Monrovia and assisting low-income, disadvantaged and underserved people. In the 1990s, having outgrown the church closet and moved around a couple of times, the organization landed at the previous site in Monrovia, slowly expanding the service area to nearby cities. In 2004, the center opened a second site in Pasadena. In 2018, the organization moved into a significantly larger facility at 790 W Chestnut Ave. in Monrovia, with the launch of its capital campaign two years earlier.

Foothill Unity Center’s target population is in an area that includes Altaadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City. In 2019, the organization served 7,348 individuals with 76,000 services with its core programs — food, housing and homeless, health, job development and parent crisis case management — a 50% increase in services compared to those in 2018, due to the expanded capacity of the Monrovia site.

In response to COVID-19, the organization has had an approximately 100% increase in the number of individuals and families served compared to last year’s number, with more than 200,000 services, translating to more than 1,200,000 meals. More than 70% of the services have been to new families, even if they fall outside of the 12 cities in the organization’s target population.

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Foundation Funds Pacific Clinics’ Youth IMPACT Project

Pacific Clinics, a Southern California-based community mental health agency, announced that the Center at Sierra Health Foundation will fund one of its projects in the amount of $1 million through the Elevate Youth California program.

Pacific’s Youth Inspire and Mobilize People to Achieve Change Together project, or IMPACT, seeks to strengthen the leadership skills of low-income, Latinx and Asian immigrant youth ages 12-18 in the San Gabriel Valley. It builds coping skills through a culturally rooted, trauma-healing youth leadership development and parent education model to overcome the challenges of migration, intergenerational differences, identity formation and internalized oppression that can lead to risks of substance use.

“We’re grateful for the funds to support our youth and tackling the many personal and community impacts of the War on Drugs and substance use disorders,” said Chet P. Hewitt, president and CEO of Sierra Health Foundation and the Center. Elevate Youth California is managed by the Center under contract with the California Department of Health Care Services through Proposition 64, California Cannabis Tax Fund, Allocation 3, Youth Education Prevention Early Intervention and Treatment Account.

Established in 1926, Pacific Clinics is dedicated to unlocking the full potential of individuals, families and communities through behavioral health services, early education and training.

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