

**CITY OF WHITTIER
SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES 2016-17**

SUMMARY

American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. The PrepareLA2.0 – Home Fire Campaign program is to increase disaster awareness, preparedness capacity, and overall resiliency in vulnerable communities. One of the ways to accomplish this goal is to implement a coalition – driven preparedness effort focusing on reducing the number of home fires – the most damaging daily disaster, especially in low-income communities. Funding will be utilized to supplement direct professional support for the program, as well as a portion of the program supplies needed to conduct a comprehensive, neighborhood-by-neighborhood HFPC.

Assistance League of Whittier provides community based philanthropic programs in the Greater Whittier Area. The Assistance League of Whittier Dental Care Program provides dental care to children in the Whittier area K-12th grades who cannot afford dental care, do not receive state or federal aid and do not have dental insurance. The goal is to help these children before there are any serious complications.

Boys & Girls Club of Whittier enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Safe Passage Walking Program approximately services 165 students each day from Lydia Jackson, Evergreen and Longfellow Elementary schools, as well as Dexter Middle School. At the end of every school day, staff from the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier are waiting at each respective school to ensure that our Club members who walk to and are transported via bus to BGCW, arrive safely. In addition, funds are needed to provide compensation for the drivers of the vans/buses as well as maintenance on these vehicles.

Bridge of Faith strives to change the generational cycle and status-quo that exists for girls who were victims of inadequate parenting and the results of the foster care experience. The Mother and Child Retention / Reunification (VIP) Program provides a safe HOME (Home, Opportunity Meets Emancipation), emotional support and life-skills to girls who have aged out and women facing homelessness. This is where the Mother and Child Retention / Reunification program begins, with those moms who need to be reunited with their children. This is an overarching goal to break an intergenerational cycle created by foster care.

C.A.P.C., Inc. mission is to empower individuals with disabilities to maximize the quality of their lives in their home communities. The Developing Our Way to Competitive Integrated Employment Project will allow CAPC to hire a part-time job developer in order to increase the number of people with disabilities employed. Job development is an essential tool for any agency providing employment services to individuals with disabilities. A job developer will educate community members and businesses on the

benefits and value of hiring someone with a disability. By obtaining paid employment in an integrated environment, individuals with disabilities are given the opportunity to live a life similar to someone without a disability.

Children's Dental Foundation (dba Children's Dental Health Clinic) delivers oral health education and comprehensive treatment for economically disadvantaged children, including those with complex medical considerations, while also providing premier training in pediatric and multi-specialty dentistry. The Comprehensive Dental Treatment & Oral Health Education for Underserved Children provides comprehensive quality dental care (through up to 300 visits) for at least 100 underserved Whittier children who live at or below 250% FPL or have issues in access to care. The program implements comprehensive multi-specialty dental treatment for Whittier children, including General and Pediatric Dental treatment, and treatment under IV Sedation. Each child will also receive oral health education and an oral health kit (including a toothbrush, paste, floss, timer, and oral health brochure).

H.O.W. House provides low cost sober living environment and recovery services to individuals with a chemical addiction who desire a safe, sober, supportive atmosphere in which to strengthen personal recovery and prepare for a healthy re-entry into society. The Energy Conservation program will allow the agency to purchase two new energy saver 20.4 cubic feet top freezer refrigerators. One will replace an old refrigerator in one of the three houses. The other will be used in our storage garage for extra food items.

Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT) provides the Serve Our Neighbors Backpack Giveaway and Health Fair program which is an event in a City of Whittier Park that brings together residents in a selected underserved area of the City, with businesses, social and health services providers, voter registration outreach, churches and local government/law enforcement agencies. The event includes a backpack and school supplies giveaway to encourage local families with children to attend. Local agencies set up informational and activities booths focusing on social services, health education and diabetes prevention, as well as neighborhood safety and security issues, to acquaint residents with the many city and non-governmental resources available in Whittier, and to encourage greater civic engagement by local residents.

Interfaith Food Center provides compassionate supplemental food services to the hungry, disadvantaged, disabled and homeless population of the City and unincorporated areas of Whittier and the Cities of La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs. The Interfaith Food Center (IFC) program provides supplemental groceries to low/no income individuals and families weekly and also provides a sack lunch to homeless individuals daily. The Interfaith Food Center is the primary provider of supplemental groceries to the neediest residents.

Legal Aid Society of Orange County dba Community Legal Services has offered a diversified approach to the delivery of legal services in providing civil legal services to low income individuals and seniors. They also promote equal access to the justice system through advocacy, legal counseling, innovative self-help services, in-depth legal

representation, economic development, and community education. The Domestic Violence Prevention Program (DVPP) is a walk-in clinic that provides vital legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, civil harassment and elder abuse to prevent further abuse and help victims obtain benefits and economic support to live independently from their abuser. This program also assists self-represented individuals, many of whom are low to moderate income, with: applications for temporary and long-term restraining orders and related documents; advice on court restraining orders and related documents, advice on court and law enforcement procedures; preparation of protective orders after court hearings; and referrals to relevant community resources for additional support, such as counseling, lawyer referral, police, shelters and victim-witness assistance providers.

Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA) mission is to save lives, unite families, and protect the community by providing addiction counseling and healthy living services. The L.A. CADA Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for Undeserved Whittier Population program provides substance abuse treatment services for youth and adults in outpatient and residential settings, along with related services that address domestic violence, mental health and HIV/AIDS prevention/treatment. Clients receive education in addiction/recovery, health and wellness, and relapse prevention, learn to build coping skills for emotions management and assertive communication, develop drug free support systems, and access key resources to meet basic needs. Specialized services are available for persons living with HIV, pregnant and parenting women, homeless persons, co-occurring disorders (mental health), adolescents, and persons with criminal justice or child custody/welfare involvement. L.A. CADA will serve an increased number of students in the Whittier school system.

The Salvation Army, a California Corporation at its Whittier Corps an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church to preach the Gospel and to meet human needs without discrimination. The Salvation Army Whittier Shower Program provides provisions and support for the homeless to address personal hygiene. The program offers a daily shower for the homeless to maintain a clean, healthy hygiene that is necessary for their own self well-being that is necessary to be able to seek opportunities such as employment, housing, interviews, etc.

The Salvation Army, Transitional Living Center empowers homeless women and their children through education and vocational training, leading to employment and independent housing. The Transitional Living Center (TLC) provides housing and comprehensive support services to homeless women and their children. TLC can accommodate 28 families at a time. Most are homeless due to domestic violence and/or substance abuse. The majorities are unemployed and have few marketable skills and limited education. Families can stay in the program up to 24 months, in order to maximize savings for eventual independent living. Services on-site include educational and employment assistance, licensed childcare, counseling, parenting, computer and life skills, meals and healthcare.

The SKILLS Organization exists to create a partnership among parents, schools, businesses, government and the community to support programs that give every child the opportunity to develop the SKILLS necessary for living and learning successfully. The Club Friday Forum program is a dance staffed with police officers and community service staff. The dance is an enrichment program that focuses on 5 developmental assets identified to decrease juvenile delinquency and drug use (Health and Wellness). In addition, The SKILLS Organization will incorporate a wellness component to combat childhood obesity which is on the rise, and has been identified as a national community need. Club Friday Forum will also incorporate games that encourage an active lifestyle or have an education component about nutrition and wellness. .

Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) enhances the quality of life in our communities by developing partnerships designed to promote self-sufficiency and independence through coordinated services and comprehensive referrals. The SASSFA Senior Services program provides service to older adults (60+) residing in the Whittier area: Congregate nutrition, home delivered meals, care management, homemaking, personal care, homemaker registry, caregiver services and community education. A major portion of the requested funding supports the congregate and home delivered meal program.

SPIRITT Family Services (Skills for Prevention, Intervention, Recovery, Individual Treatment and Training) strengthens the family unit by promoting mental health and well-being through proactive programs of education, prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery, and to strengthen the individual's self-concept through personal development, taking into consideration the multicultural communities served. The Counseling Services for Adults provides counseling services, filling a service gap resulting from the Intercommunity Counseling Center closure. Licensed professionals and/or Masters level interns working for the Child Abuse Prevention Intervention & Treatment Program (CAPIT) provide an additional 36 Whittier residents with case management, linkage to community resources, education and comprehensive mental health services that include both group and individual counseling. This program will be available to individuals struggling with issues of substance abuse, domestic violence, and co-occurring disorders, improving their daily functioning, emotional stability and behavior at work, school, home, or in the community.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church calls to serve, share and act compassionately to all, and this call is expressed in positive action in the community. The St. Matthias Soup Hour provides the only continuous daily hot meal program devoted to undeserved and disadvantaged individuals for more than a 10 mile radius. Now serving approximately 80 people per day, the Soup Hour provides hot meals Monday through Friday to all who come, offers mail service for all who request it, (268 people at this point) distributes hygiene kits and other donations, such as blankets, and makes referrals to social services agencies for further assistance. The program is run by two part-time staff members along with a dedicated cadre of 30+ volunteers.

Whittier Area First Day Coalition helps the homeless and at-risk individuals and families in the Greater Whittier Area transition toward self-sufficiency. *The Recovery From Homelessness Program* provides housing for up to 45 homeless, single adult men and women for up to 6 months. Among the fundamental goals is securing a job both for the revenue it generates and feelings of self-worth and dignity. An on-site Health and Wellness Program provides medical services and provides continued care for those uninsured so that they may maintain self-sufficiency. Aftercare planning for housing prior to exiting the shelter is vital to continuing with the continuum of care and decreasing chances of an individual returning to the street and allows for a more permanent transition towards self-sufficiency.

Whittier Area Interfaith Council provides assistance for those with physical and economic needs in the community, and provides educational opportunities to learn about the issues that impact that care. The Cold Weather Shelter program provides supper, breakfast, and overnight shelter for approximately 40 persons a night for approximately 16 weeks during the coldest season of the year.

Whittier Area Literacy Council builds a stronger, more literate community by connecting those who can help with those who need it the most. The community volunteers provide free, individualized tutoring in basic literacy and English as a Second Language for adults and children so they can reach their academic or occupational goals. In addition to the one-on-one tutoring, The Literacy Connections program will include 3 Family Literacy Nights to provide parents with literacy information and other local resources. There will be a small snack offered for the school age students who arrive directly from school. They will replace worn educational materials and purchase newspapers and novels for students to read. There will be recognition of the tutor's efforts as well as the student's accomplishments at the end of the school year during appreciation week.

Whittier Meals on Wheels makes available healthy meals to persons having need of this service. The Whittier Meals on Wheels program uses any money received for subsidies for such persons in the areas who are in need of nutritious meals and are unable to secure them other than through Meals on Wheels, and who cannot pay the full cost. The money is used to help offset the operational costs, which have been increasing annually. The meals are prepared under the direction of a dietician at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, they are low sodium and low sugar, and special diets such as renal, are available. An additional valuable benefit of our service is a short visit by our volunteers with the clients.

Whole Child gives children of all ages the skills, support and security they need to build emotionally healthy lives and become caring, responsible adults. The Family Housing – “Hard to Place” Homeless Children and their Families program will further expand and build and maintain a comprehensive network of community partners in Whittier that will provide crisis, permanent supportive housing, information, supportive services and resources to “Hard to Place” homeless children and their families.

Women and Children's Crisis Shelter provides safety, shelter and hope to victims of domestic violence. The Emergency & Transitional Shelter for Homeless Family Violence Victims provides shelter with 28 beds and three cribs, as well as a 24-hour hotline with Spanish / English operators. Clients are admitted to the shelter based on need and availability and may elect to stay for up to 45 days. The shelter's target population is low or no-income (less than 133% Federal Poverty Level) battered women and their children, who are homeless as a result of leaving their abuser. In addition, Women and Children's Crisis Shelter facilitates family linkages to transitional and affordable housing, legal advocacy (temporary restraining orders, crime report filings), financial advocacy (work assistance, CalFresh), and medical advocacy (Medi-Cal-Medicaid enrollment).

YMCA of Greater Whittier is an Association of all people united in a common effort to put Judeo Christian principles into daily practice and to enrich the quality of the spiritual, mental, physical and social life of their families, their community and themselves. The *YMCA Stride Program* provides ongoing education in daily living skills, practical math computer usage, community integration, library skills and vocational skills. As the client progresses, we add beginning job training and community service. Members participate at job enclaves, takes courses at Rio Hondo College and volunteer at Whittier Meals on Wheels and f Whittier A.M.Y's Service Club recycling program