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On October 12, 2018 the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) and Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation held their annual Superintendent's State of the District Breakfast. During the event, which hosted more than 400 business and community leaders, Superintendent Dr. Stefanie Phillips presented the Connectedness Bright Star Award to Project Youth OCBF in recognition of our exceptional college access and professional development services, The Higher Education Mentoring Program and Project SELF.



IMPACT Summary

The Higher Education Mentoring Program provides Latino high school juniors and seniors from the city of Santa Ana with the academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school and earn their college degree. 60 parents & 175 youth served annually

Project SELF (Summer Employment in Law Firms) provides incoming high school seniors from Santa Ana with paid, hands-on summer internships at local law firms and businesses. *6o youth served annually*

Madres Unidas offers evidence-based health education with HIV risk-reduction services to Latina mothers. *90 women served annually*

Our Youth

¡Cuidate! provides evidence-based sexual health education to at-risk youth with an emphasis on Latino culture. 520 youth served annually

Youth Making Proud Choices provides evidence-based sexual health education to at-risk youth with an emphasis on substance abuse prevention. 120 youth served annually

SHORTSTOP provides evidence-based juvenile crime diversion services for first-time youth offenders and their families. SHORTSTOP serves as a cost-effective alternative to prosecution and offers a comprehensive model for reducing delinquency among youth.

250 youth & 300 parents served annually

STOP SHORT of Addiction provides intensive, state-certified substance abuse services to youth drug offenders/users. It provides an alternative to incarceration that includes group substance abuse treatment, intensive legal education, and an individualized restorative justice plan. 250 youth & 350 parents served annually

Male: 62% Female: 38% Latino: 90% Low-Income: 91%



President's Message Brian Daucher, Esq.



For nearly 50 years, Project Youth OCBF has made a significant impact in the lives of at-risk youth and families. The tens of thousands of clients we've served to date represent an incalculable benefit to both local families and the broader community. Our work is essential today and will remain so far into the future.

As we celebrate our 50 years impacting the lives of Orange County youth and families, we desire to make an even larger footprint in the comunity. We intend to expand access to our programs, so we may reach an increasing number of at-risk youth and families. We intend to create greater sustainability for our agency,

so we may protect our programs through times of economic uncertainty. We intend to further enhance the excellence of our services through infrastructure enhancements, so that more youth might stay in school, pursue higher education and promising careers, and remain healthy and drug-free.

Project Youth OCBF will be embarking on a major comprehensive capital campaign effort with a goal of securing millions in public and private support, over three years, that will be invested in three specific areas:

Program Support

Project Youth OCBF is currently generating approximately \$1.3 million in annual support between private philanthropy and fundraising to support its vital programs. These funds are the lifeblood of our organization. We seek to raise additional revenue to expand our programs, create greater program efficacy, and improve and track outcomes.

Scholarship Endowment

Project Youth OCBF prepares at-risk youth to enter college, yet they are typically the students least able to afford it. Providing college scholarships to keep our students from going deep into debt is a high priority. Our goal is to offer \$120,000 in scholarships to our students annually.

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Eliminating the Mortgage on Our Home

Project Youth OCBF recently purchased a permanent home for our programs. This investment allows us to provide all of our services on-site in a safe and secure environment. Our new home is centrally located for the families we serve and meets all of our program needs. We no longer have to worry about the rising costs of leasing or facilities that do not adequately meet our needs. Purchasing a permanent home has been one of our most impactful accomplishments. The mortgage balance on our home is \$1.7 million which, when eliminated, will make tens of thousands of dollars available every year for our programs. This will lead to even more lives transformed.

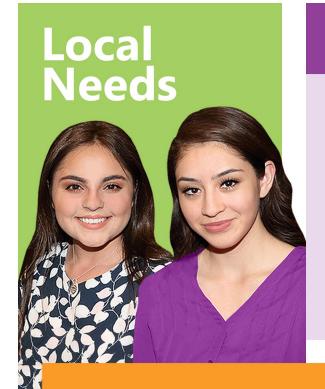
In celebration of our 50th anniversary, we are looking ahead to our next 50 years. A recent gift from the Jeffrey Carlton Foundation, totaling \$700,000 per year, positions us well to deliver even greater impact to thousands of youth and families...today and for generations. With the Carlton gift providing a solid foundation for our future, we are formalizing exciting plans to expand access to our programs, to create greater organizational sustainability, and to further enhance the excellence of our services to the community.

We are extremely proud of our achievements and the long-lasting impact we've had on at-risk youth and families over the last 50 years. We look forward to building on this success. Orange County's youth and families need us. Let's join together at this very special time to further empower youth and families to make positive choices and build the foundation for a lifetime of opportunity and success. Let's be inspired by the generosity of the Carlton Foundation and be part of Project Youth OCBF's growing and impactful successes by supporting Project Youth OCBF's Capital Campaign. For more information, please contact: Karen Ruan, Executive Director at kruan@pyocbf.org or at (714-480-1925 ext. 101.

With extreme gratitude for your support,



Brian M. Daucher, Esq. 2018 Project Youth OCBF President



Academic Achievement

Living in poverty, the Santa Ana high school students served in our Higher Education Mentoring Program have experienced first-hand how challenging life can be without a college education. Only 55% of the adults in Santa Ana over the age of 25 have a high school diploma. Of the students we serve, 92% are the first in their family to go to college, and for many, the first to graduate from high school. *

The benefits of a college education extend to the individual as well as to the community as a whole. Compared to high school graduates, college graduates earn higher wages, pay more taxes, are less likely to engage in criminal activity, are less likely to be on welfare, and are healthier. *

Why do we offer specialized program services for Latinos

While Latinos represent 47% of Orange County's youth, they account for:

78% of the juvenile probationers 96% of the youth gang members 87% of teen mothers 64% of all high school dropouts *

Juvenile Crime and Substance Abuse

Studies show that unless youth are taught the consequences of crime early, their crimes will escalate. This holds true in Orange County, where 69% of juvenile probationers go on to break the law again. When youth use alcohol and other drugs, it greatly increases the likelihood that they will come in contact with the juvenile justice system. In fact, in Orange County the legal system accounts for over 40% of the youth referred to substance abuse treatment. *

Substance use is inextricably linked to risky sexual behaviors, violence, motor vehicle accidents, and crime. The prevalence of youth substance use among Orange County youth brings the reality of these threats to our own doorstep. Currently, 53% of Orange County 11th graders attending public schools report alcohol and/or drug use. This percentage increases to 73% among 11th graders attending continuation schools. **

Sexual Health

STI rates (sexually transmitted infections) are hitting nationwide highs, whereas they had been sinking to record lows. Half of all new STI cases are among youth, with being minority youth hit disproportionately hard. The California Adolescent Sexual Health Needs Index (CASHNI) indicates which areas need more sexual health resources based on teen birth and STI rates, poverty and other factors. The CASHNI score for Santa Ana is the highest in the county. Moreover, Latinos account for 35% of the Orange County population but represent 47%, of people living with HIV disease. *

Project SELF

For over 23 years, Project SELF (Summer Employment in Law Firms) has provided incoming high school seniors with paid, summer internships at firms or other professional businesses. Internships last for 8-weeks, during which participating law firms and businesses pay the intern's wages. Project SELF helps interns gain access to professional work enviornments, while helping them to set educational and career goals.

> Garciela 2014 Project SELF Intern



60 youth placed at internships each year

Since 1995, we've placed approximately 916 interns in Orange County law firms and businesses.

"By participating in Project SELF, we gained valuable assistance with our current workload. We were also able to see the positive influence our office culture has on a person new to the environment."

~ Participating law firm

"Becoming a Project SELF intern has been one of the best decisions I have ever made and also one of the most fulfilling. I am thankful I was selected. I feel that I learned so much in these short 8 weeks and I also am aware of how many opportunities this will open up for me in the future. The people I have met have impacted me so much and I just could not be more grateful for Project SELF."

~ Project SELF intern

"Before my senior year of high school, I participated in Project SELF. I was placed as an intern at The Traut Firm. That experience was truly a defining point in my life. That was where I decided I wanted to

pursue a career in law. I knew from a young age that I wanted to go to college, but never knew exactly what I would study. I am grateful for Project SELF for giving me the opportunity to experience first-hand the inner workings of a law firm. I am currently pursuing a double major in political science and criminology, as an honor student at UCI. I am also doing a student internship at Project Youth OCBF in their Higher Education Mentoring Program. Not only do I receive college credit, I get to help high school students pursue a college education, which I find extremely rewarding. I have stayed employed with the Traut Firm for the last three years as their file clerk. My experience at the firm gave me a new outlook on my future. The opportunity to learn valuable skills for a law career and earn a paycheck has been invaluable. Education is such an important asset in my life and if it were not for Project SELF I'm not sure whether I would have found my path towards a legal career."

The Higher Education Mentoring Program

Developed in 2001, The Higher Education Mentoring Program is a six-year program that provides Latino high school students from the city of Santa Ana with the academic, social and financial support needed to enter college and earn their college degree. This after-school program offers highly individualized services for youth and parents, as well as leadership training for our volunteer mentors.

The Higher Education Mentoring Program is unique in that it matches high school juniors and seniors with university student or young professional mentors who are familiar with Latino culture, have overcome educational barriers themselves, and know first-hand what it takes to succeed in college. Many past program graduates serve as mentors or volunteer speakers.

Our success is attributed, in large part, to the fact that each student receives 18 months of highly-individualized services prior to entering college. Services during high school focus on the academic, social and financial preparation needed to succeed in college.



High School Services

- FAFSA workshops
- Individual mentoring sessions
- Group mentoring focused on financial literacy curriculum
- Opportunities for paid summer internships
- Evening workshops for youth and their parents
- College campus tours, career panels, and Latino cultural activities
- Emphasis on STEM course work and careers
- Clinical support services

College Services

Upon entering college, students are offered continued support and campus coaching throughout their undergraduate studies with the goal of earning their bachelor's degree.

- Individualized support with academics, financial aid, resume skills, and employment
- Volunteer opportunities
- Leadership training and opportunities to return to the program as a mentor or workshop speaker

"Not only did the Higher Education Mentoring Program provide me with a mentor, it taught me how to manage money, how to apply to college, how to complete my FAFSA, how to manage my time, etc. It helped me take my first steps as an adult, to become more responsible, and to explore more opportunities."

Our IMPACT

60 parents and 175 youth served annually

"I come from a low-income family and community. My parents never had the opportunity to study in their native Mexico beyond junior high school. The Higher Education Mentoring Program worked with my parents, explaining things about college that they had never known. As a result, my parents fully supported my decision to pursue a college degree, are enjoying this journey with me, and are better equipped to help my younger siblings obtain a college education in the future."

~ Higher Education Mentoring Program participant and college student

- 100% of our students take the SAT and/or ACT and receive sufficient scores for college admission
- 100% of our students complete the A-G requirements for CSU/UC schools with passing grades
- 100% of our seniors graduate from high school and enroll in college
- 100% of our high school graduates complete their first year of college with passing grades
- 75% of our students complete their bachelor's degree, compared with the 20% college completion rate of Latinos statewide
- Participating parents report increased knowledge in respect to college application and attendance, increased support of their child's academic goals, increased access to banking and other financial institutions, as well as increased ability to manage their own finances

"I was born in Mexico and came to the United States when I was 6 years old. My parents only attended elementary school but they always encouraged us to pursue higher education. I am the first college graduate in my family.

"I loved the Higher Education Mentoring Program. I was lucky enough to apply to the schools I wanted and was able to attend workshops that prepared me for college. I was able to maintain a good GPA throughout college, as the program kept in touch and always offered help.

"I would have struggled drastically had I not been in the program. Anytime I had a question about college there was always someone to provide an answer. I had a great experience in the Higher Education Mentoring Program and have come back as a mentor to pay forward what the program did for me."

~ Violeta, 2011 Higher Education Mentoring Program participant and California Lutheran University 2015 graduate



Anais with Carolyn McKitterick

Scholarship IMPACT

Over the past ten years, Project Youth OCBF has given over \$1 million in college scholarships to students in the Santa Ana Unified School District. Scholarships have been made possible through grants from the College Futures Foundation and generous Project Youth OCBF supporters.





Scholarship Donors

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College Support IMPACT

Each year, Project Youth OCBF provides every graduating senior participating in the Higher Education Mentoring Program with a college starter kit which includes a backpack filled with school supplies and a laundry basket with dorm/personal items to help make their transition to college life successful. Students are so excited to receive these items! They truly feel supported as well as prepared to go off to college.



Project Youth OCBF has relied on the generosity and volunteerism of their donors to make these backpacks and baskets possible. Over the last ten years, more than 200 students have gone off to college well prepared thanks to these backpacks and baskets. More than \$100,000 was spent to make these special care packages possible for our college bound students. We consider it a great investment in our future leaders.

College Starter Kit Donors



Heather Gilbert Taryn Palumbo

"I was overwhelmed receiving the backpack filled with school supplies and the basket that had everything I needed to set up my dorm room. Knowing so many people support my college path means everything to me."

~ Kevin, Higher Education Mentoring Program Participant and 2018 High School Graduate Mark & Kathleen Peterson

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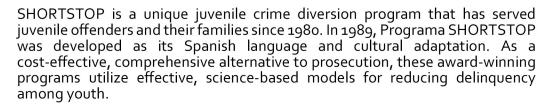
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"We are a family of six with only one modest income. We cannot afford extras like the items my son received from Project Youth OCBF. When I saw the backpack of school supplies and the basket overflowing with sheets, towels, and other items, I cried. I was so happy my son had these things to take with him college."

> ~ Participating Parent, Higher Education Mentoring Program



SHORTSTOP



SHORTSTOP is part of a larger system of reform effort, working side-by-side with the Orange County Re-Entry Partnerships to pursue alternatives to detention for youth offenders. SHORTSTOP works to break the cycle that turns youth into repeat offenders. It's a wake-up call that has proven to be extremely successful. In fact, studies show that not only are alternatives to detention cost-effective, but they are much more effective than incarceration at facilitating long-term behavior changes. By completing SHORTSTOP, youth are able to move forward in a positive direction, without serving jail time or having a criminal record.

Together, first-time juvenile offenders and their parents participate in diversion sessions led by volunteer attorneys and legal professionals. SHORTSTOP is provided in English and Spanish by bilingual, bicultural staff. Services include:

- Two 4-hour program sessions are held in a courtroom and include a visit to the holding cell, presentations from paroled convicts, a trial simulation, and numerous family strengthening exercises.
- Another critical part of SHORTSTOP is what happens at home. Mandatory homework assignments include reading legal education materials, family communication exercises, interview a working professional in the community to explore future career paths, and complete goal-setting assignments.
- An individualized restorative justice plan for each youth.
- Case management and referral services are available, as needed, to refer youth and families to additional mental health, family therapy, or other wraparound services.





Our IMPACT

250 youth and 350 parents served annually

Evaluation studies have shown that SHORTSTOP makes a measureable difference in the lives of local youth and to the the well-being of the community. The results of our most recent recidivism study with the Probation Department indicates that 94% of our program

participants are successfully diverted from the legal system for at least one year.



Lives Changed

Recently, Mateo* called Project Youth OCBF's office to inquire about an internship with our SHORTSTOP program. He explained why an internship would mean so much to him. Seven months earlier, he had attended SHORTSTOP himself after being caught spraying graffiti with his tagging crew.

"Ever since I went through the program, I've known that I wanted to work with teens that were caught up like I was. I know that if I hadn't got caught, I would be kickin' it with the wrong group. Some of my closest friends are now in the gang that was recruiting us. Because of SHORTSTOP, my life is going in a different direction."

Since completing the program, Mateo had graduated from high school and enrolled at Golden West College. He plans to transfer to a four-year university to study criminal justice. "I just needed someone to tell me that I could make it. That's what SHORTSTOP did...it gave me confidence."

* Name has been changed

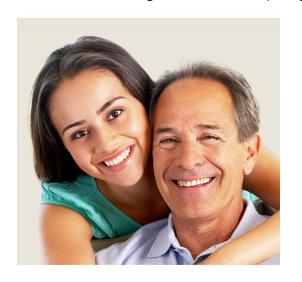


STOP SHORT of Addiction

Developed in 1999 in response to the increasing rates of youth substance use and crime in Orange County, STOP SHORT of Addiction provides intensive, state-certified substance abuse services to youth drug offenders or drug users. Based on our successful SHORTSTOP model, STOP SHORT of Addiction provides an alternative to incarceration that includes group substance abuse treatment, intensive legal education, and an individualized restorative justice plan.

Bilingual, bicultural therapists administer the program with assistance from trained legal experts, the Sheriff's Coroner, and local law enforcement narcotics officers. Guest speakers are provided by the Youth Guidance Center and Volunteers on Parole. Program services are offered in both English and Spanish.

- Clinical Intake Assessment (1 hour)
- Substance Abuse Treatment Sessions (12 hours)
 Program sessions focus on providing legal education, healthy communication/ coping skills, group therapy, educational materials and helping youth maintain a drug-free lifestyle. Highlights include visiting an actual courtroom where incarcerated minors discuss how delinquent behavior and drug use led them to criminal activity and incarceration, a presentation from the County Coroner illustrating the biological and psychological effects of drug abuse and addiction, and a panel of recovered teens that discuss making the choice to stay drug free.



- To encourage accoutability, an individualized restorative justice plan is developed for each youth, including financial restitution, victim apoplogy letters and community service hours.
- Family Therapy Services (up to 8—one hour sessions) are available as needed, and as resources allow. Our evidence-based Brief Strategic Family Therapy model is effective in protecting against adolescent drug use and overcoming individual and family problems.
- An exit plan is created for each youth. Case management and referral services are also available as needed to link youth and families to additional substance abuse and behavioral health services.



Our IMPACT

250 youth and 350 parents served annually

External evaluations have proven that STOP SHORT of Addiction makes a measureable difference in the lives of the youth we serve. Formal recidivism studies conducted by the Orange County Probation Department show that over 94% of the youth that complete STOP SHORT of Addiction are successfully diverted from the legal system for at least a year. Additional outcomes include:

- 93% of youth participants remain drug free at least six months after program completion
- 98% of parents report increased drug knowledge
- 88% of youth report increased awareness of the dangers of drugs
- 94% of youth report changing their relationships with drug and alcohol using friends



When Alan was 13-years-old he was referred to STOP SHORT of Addiction in lieu of prosecution for a drug offense. He knew he was making poor decisions and hanging around the wrong crowd. He felt lost and desperately needed direction. While in the program, he listened to a panel of detained youth. "I can recall youth who were around the same age as I was talking to us and I realized that they didn't get the second chance that everyone in STOP SHORT of Addiction was getting. It was then that I realized the severe consequences of my actions. Being given this second chance motivated me to keep moving positively forward." Not only did he benefit from the program but so did his parents. "Parents benefit tremendously from this program. The goal is to really help the family as a whole."

After Alan completed the program, he became more involved in school and eventually joined the Orange Police Explorers. Fast forward seven years. At age 20, Alan is in college and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. He has also interned as a part-time

instructional assistant with STOP SHORT of Addiction. "The most important thing I received from this program was the amount of dedication and care from the coordinators. They provided my family and me with great resources for additional help, and continued to follow up with me long after I had finished the program. Being an intern helped me to not only develop career skills, but gave me the opportunity to help and mentor youth who are in trouble just like I was."



Madres Unidas

Madres Unidas means Mothers United, which is the theme of this culturally-based program. Madres Unidas is a 6-week intervention, combining two evidence-based programs that target Latinas, ages 26-50 in Orange County. It was initiated through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. We continue to offer this valuable program through support from the Hoag Community Benefit Grants Program.

Madres Unidas helps prepare Latina mothers to discuss difficult topics generally considered taboo (such as drug and alcohol use, sex, HIV/AIDS and STDs) with their teenage children and partners. Madres Unidas program components include:

- HIV/AIDS health education and risk-reduction sessions
- Promotion of ethnic and gender pride
- Assertiveness training
- Coping and behavior management skills
- Free on-site HIV testing and other healthcare linkages
- Free family counseling with a bilingual/bicultural therapist

"Madres Unidas has helped me to have a better relationship with my family. Now, I know how to talk to my son about the dangers facing young people today. I know more about alcohol and drugs, as well as HIV/STIs. I highly recommend this program."

~ Madres participant





- 97% of participants reported increased knowledge about HIV/AIDS
- 84% of participants reported improved confidence and ability to use condoms correctly

90 women annually

"I grew up in Mexico City. I have three sons who were born here in Orange County. When I attended Madres Unidas, it was at my youngest child's school site. I did not know a lot about what was presented. It was a great experience. It did not feel like the program

facilitators were lecturing us, but instead it felt as though a good friend, who had this great information, was just excited to share it with us. There are many things we did not speak of in our family, including alcohol, drugs, sex, and STIs. Through Madres Unidas, I learned that is not only important to know about these things, but it is also important to share this knowledge with our family and friends...how to protect oneself, how to recognize the things that put us at risk, be in control, and how to get out in time.

I'm now a health educator for Madres Unidas. I have been empowered and I am proud to help do

the same for other women in my community."

~ Madres Health Educator

"Youth Making Proud Choices helped me to be much more aware of STI's. Before I'd only worried about not getting my girlfriend pregnant. But now I make sure to wear a condom to protect myself and my girlfriend."

~ Program participant, age 17

iCuidate! & Youth Making Proud Choices

Youth Making Proud Choices is an evidence-based program that that provides adolescents with the knowledge, confidence and skills necessary to reduce the risk of pregnancy, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections

through abstinence or engaging in safer sex practices. It emphasizes sexual responsibility while teaching youth to respect themselves and others. It discusses drugs and their effect on sexual responsibility, including injection drug use and needle sharing. Youth Making Proud Choices meets the requirements of the California Healthy Youth Act and other laws pertaining to sexual health education, including inclusivity of LGBTQ youth and information on affirmative consent. It is presented in group format with two trained, bilingual facilitators in nine (9) weekly 90-minute sessions.

¡Cuídate! is an evidence-based, HIV/STI risk reduction, and comprehensive sex education program for at-risk Latino youth, aged 12-18, that attend a continuation school, school in the Santa Ana Unified School District, or are involved in the criminal justice and/or foster care system. It also integrates substance abuse prevention. ¡Cuídate! consists of 9 modules that are each 1.5 hours. It focuses on "taking care of oneself and one's partner, family, and community." It also addresses all of the California Healthy Youth Act and CA Health Education Code requirements. ¡Cuídate! emphasizes Latino cultural beliefs to frame abstinence and condom use as an effective way to prevent unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including HIV/AIDS.



"¡Cuídate! helps teens feel comfortable asking questions. Project Youth OCBF is a safe place. I have learned a lot and now I know I can be safe in the future." ~ Program participant, age 16



Our Impact

640 youth served annually

- Reduced alcohol and drug use
- Increased knowledge of HIV/STI transmission, including intravenous drug use
- Increased awareness of the dangers of risky sexual behavior and safer sex practices

"In Madres I learned a lot about drugs, risky sexual behaviors, STI's and HIV. My son learned about the same topics in Youth Making Proud Choices. Thank you for these excellent programs!"



Board of Directors IMPACT

In March of 2018, the Orange County chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women hosted its 7th annual SPIRE Awards ceremony to honor local commercial real estate leaders. Steve T. Card, Senior Managing Partner at Savills Studley and member of Project Youth OCBF's Board of Directors, was honored for "Superior Performance in Philanthropy." He was nominated by Project Youth OCBF for his outstanding philanthropic contributions, including his role in securing Project Youth OCBF's new building pro bono, and the donation

of his commission in excess of \$60,000 to fund the programs of Project Youth OCBF. Steve seized the opportunity to expand the capacity of our agnecy and enable it to move into a safe, well-located space.

Project Youth OCBF, as a nonprofit, can now control one of its largest operating expenses for the foreseeable future. Steve, like all of our board members, is invested in the longevity of our agency. Project Youth OCBF has set a goal of paying off its loan, as soon as possible, to devote more of the funds raised to its youth programs.

"My first interaction with Project Youth OCBF was through their Project SELF program. I spent a day with a Project SELF intern, who was working that summer for a law firm we work with at CHOC. The student went to court with me to appear on several conservatorship cases and in chambers to meet the judge. He was shy, but eager to learn and very attentive. After learning about his background and what Project SELF meant to him, I knew I wanted to be involved with Project Youth OCBF.

"I attended high school in Anaheim under the watchful eye of my mother, who was a single parent. She always stressed the importance of education. As a youth, I participated in programs similar to Project SELF, which had a tremendous impact on my career ambitions. I can relate to the kids that are in Project Youth OCBF programs. What I admire most about Project Youth OCBF is their long-term dedication to assisting youth, particularly in the Higher Education Mentoring Program. I truly



Sheniece Smith, Esq.
Project Youth OCBF Board Member

believe that the students in this program will attribute their success to the support provided by Project Youth OCBF. I look forward to being a hands-on board member and being a part of the students' success."

Sheniece graduated, cum laude, from the University of La Verne College of Law in 2012. She is the Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel to the CEO at CHOC. In 2013, Sheniece founded H.O.P.E. Through Affordable Legal Services as a community benefit project to bridge the gap between pro bono services and full attorney fees by increasing access to quality legal services for low-income individuals. She developed a law clerk program at CHOC and most recently became an adjunct professor at USC Gould School of Law.

Associate Board IMPACT



Wesley K. Polischuk, Esq. 2018 Associate Board President

I have had the pleasure of being a part of Project Youth OCBF for six years. During my time with the organization, I have come to learn that Orange County youth need education, health and crime diversion services and that Project Youth OCBF does an amazing job providing such services.

For nearly 50 years, Project Youth OCBF has made a significant impact in the lives of at-risk Orange County youth and families. Although Orange County is a more affluent county than most as a whole, there is a large population of youth and families in our community that need assistance to take advantage of the opportunities in life that many of us take for granted. The tens of thousands of clients Project Youth OCBF has served represent an incalculable benefit to both local families and the broader Orange County community. Our works is essential today and will remain so far into the future.

It is an exciting time to be part of Project Youth OCBF as we embark on our first ever capital campaign to raise millions over the next three years to expand access to our programs to reach an increasing number of at-risk youth and families, enhance our programs to provide even better services, and create greater sustainability for our organization. A recent gift from the Jeffrey Carlton Foundation stabilized Project Youth OCBF's financial position that enabled the organization to buy its own building just last year.

With a permanent home and strong financial and community support, it is an exciting time to be part of Project Youth OCBF.

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Wesley Polischuk joined Robinson Calcagnie, Inc. in 2008 after graduating cum laude in 2007 from California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. As a lifelong San Diegan, Wesley moved to Orange County to pursue a career representing injured parties in product liability, pharmaceutical, medical device and personal injury cases, in addition to consumer victims in class action litigation involving fraud, misrepresentation, and data privacy.



Partner IMPACT



Radiant Health Center's mission statement is to end the AIDS epidemic

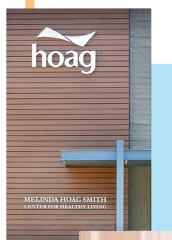
for men, women, and children in Orange County through HIV prevention, linkage to care and treatment, while eliminating the stigma of AIDS.

Project Youth OCBF has been a collaborative partner with **Radiant Health Centers** for over 20 years. Through this relationship, youth and families in our health education programs are able to receive HIV testing and counseling.



We also refer our clients to Radiant Health Centers for comprehensive HIV, prevention services, and community awareness events. They ensure that our clients are connected with a continuum of care which includes medical needs, financial and housing assistance, mental health counseling, nutrition support, peer groups, and transportation.

Most importantly they are committed members of our Advisory Board and support our mission to improve adolescent health within our community.



Through an impactful community partnership, Project Youth OCBF health and diversion programs are held on site at the **Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living** in Newport Beach. The center has welcomed nonprofits to use their facilities to bring services to the Hoag community and surrounding cities.

It has been wonderful to bring our Madres Unidas women's health program, along with our SHORTSTOP and STOP SHORT of Addiction diversion programs, on site at Hoag. We are grateful to join in their collaborative efforts to bring like-

minded organizations under one roof. The collaboration allows providers to take an integrated, holistic approach to community services addressing everything from healthcare to legal services, to mental health and spiritual support. The center is positioned to become a national model of integration, cooperation and effective community service.

Daniel S. Robinson, Project Youth OCBF board member and Michaell S. Rose, DrPH, LCSW Hoag's Director, Community Health and Community Benefit Program

Hoag not only offers the center as a resource in the community for nonprofits, but also awards grants through the Hoag Community Benefit Program. Through their efforts millions of dollars are donated annually in the community to support programs and services that are changing lives every day. Project Youth OCBF has seen firsthand just how far the heart of Hoag reaches.



We believe that one of our biggest social duties is to give the next generation the best possible foundation in order for them to contribute to society. Education, work ethics, a reasonable sense of self, and hope for the future make up the basics necessary for their success. Education is an important passion of our company, something that was instilled in many of us by our parents. We love Project Youth OCBF's programs, which provide at-risk youth with the skills and support to focus on their future, to obtain an education, and to provide them with hope. Youth that otherwise would be left behind are given a very important chance to help make the world a better place.

Coast to Coast Business Equipment is dedicated to being a partner with Project Youth OCBF in their effort to help these young adults become future leaders and productive members of our society. This is immeasurable and invaluable, something that can never be taken away.

Julie Davis, President Coast to Coast Business Equipment, Inc.

Project Youth OCBF is fortunate to have found a truly impactful friend in Monica Ramirez-Almadani. Monica is the keynote speaker at our Project SELF dinner and Higher Education Mentoring Program graduation. Year after year, Monica has inspired high school students participating in Project Youth OCBF Programs to pursue their educational and career goals. Monica knows firsthand that options and support for minority students can often be limited when living in low income communities with low performing schools.

Her addresses are inspirational and heartfelt; her message is simple, persevere no matter what. She talks about her early years growing up in a modest Latino family in Huntington Park. She shares her journey and personal struggles to fit in at Ivy League colleges so far from home and so different from her community. She encourages students to pursue their educational and career dreams, and to build on the positive experiences they've had at Project Youth OCBF. Monica stresses how important the people are that you meet along the way and to cherish those relationships. She stresses the important of family and community. Monica is passionate about mentoring, and sees the immense value in investing in tomorrow's leaders.



Monica Ramirez-Almadani

Monica practices in Covington's White Collar Defense and Investigations practice group. She advises and represents clients in sensitive, high-stakes internal investigations, government enforcement matters, and commercial litigation. Project Youth OCBF is extremely grateful to Monica for sharing her story and wisdom to guide our youth. Our goal is to have

more mentors and role models like Monica to lead our youth to a brighter, more impactful future.



Fundraising IMPACT

Every Summer the Associate Board hosts an annual Rooftop Brewfest fundraiser. The event pours beers from local breweries and features food from selected local food trucks. Guests enjoy a rooftop venue, famous for its amazing panoramic view of Orange County.









Every January, our Project Youth OCBF Associate Board hosts our Game Day fundraiser at Advanced Depositions. The event features an NFL playoff game, food, games, drinks, and raffle prizes. On-site daycare is provided so the whole family can enjoy Game Day.

Project Youth OCBF's Food & Wine Society was created by Ygal and Sheila Sonenshine in 1996. This membership group was established to provide financial support to Project Youth OCBF by bringing together people who enjoy great wine paired with delicious food and the opportunity to support our community. Wine education is provided by our Cellar Master Ygal Sonenshine, who never fails to entertain while educating.



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Membership in the Food & Wine Society is limited to members of the bench and bar, and their spouses. An annual dinner fee is due in December, along with a one-time, non-refundable cellar fee. The Society hosts two dinners a year.



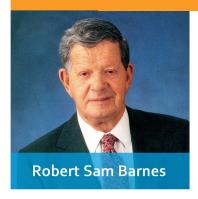






Donor IMPACT

Jeffrey M. Carlton Foundation Gift



In loving memory, Project Youth OCBF awards an annual "Sammy" to a deserving individual who exemplifies the values and support that Sam Barnes always gave with grace and compassion.

Sammy Award Recipients

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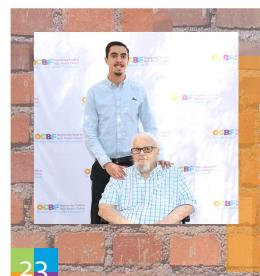
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Project Youth OCBF received its largest gift ever, from the Jeffrey M. Carlton Foundation, in support of Project Youth OCBF's many outstanding programs. Mr. Carlton was founder, chairman and CEO of the largest U.S. metal forging servicer and supplier, Press Forge Company. He was a client and friend to Mark Minyard, a Project Youth OCBF board member, who introduced Mr. Carlton to our work as an agency. "I know Mr. Carlton was on a mission to help young people and he saw the possibilities for our Project Youth OCBF to fulfill his vision" says Minyard.

"steel" The gift helps the organization against some of the uncertainty economic that frequently impacts nonprofits and community organizations. With a \$2M annual fundraising a lean and powerful leadership team, and 83% of all agency resources going directly to program activities, Project Youth OCBF now starts each year in a stronger position of finańcial support thanks to the Jeffrey M. Carlton Foundation.



Project Youth OCBF is incredibly fortunate to be impacted by the generosity of John C. Herklotz. Over the last two decades, John has provided significant support of our annual golf classic thus ensuring this event is our top grossing fundraiser. John is also dedicated to raising funds for Project Youth OCBF programs and continues to be a major donor. John is a remarkably kind and generous man who has created a legacy of giving and teaching others to support worthy charities, through challenge grants and his own extraordinary donations. Project Youth OCBF has been blessed by John's non-wavering commitment to our vision to empower youth and their families to make positive choices, building the foundation for a lifetime of opportunity and success.



"The Orange County Community Foundation congratulates Project Youth OCBF on the success of their efforts to help youth reach their full potential. Project Youth OCBF programs focusing on education, health and juvenile diversion, coupled with access to supportive volunteer mentors, help to build a stronger, more vibrant community for us all."

~ Jonathan M.

Skorheim,

~Shelley M. Hoss, President, Orange County Community Foundation

"Project Youth OCBF is one of the most outstanding organizations I've had the privilege of working with. From top to bottom, it is run by highly-qualified staff who are firmly committed to helping the kids in their programs

and achieving exceptional results. I'm proud to be a board member and past president of this wonderful organization."

~Daniel S. Robinson, Esq.

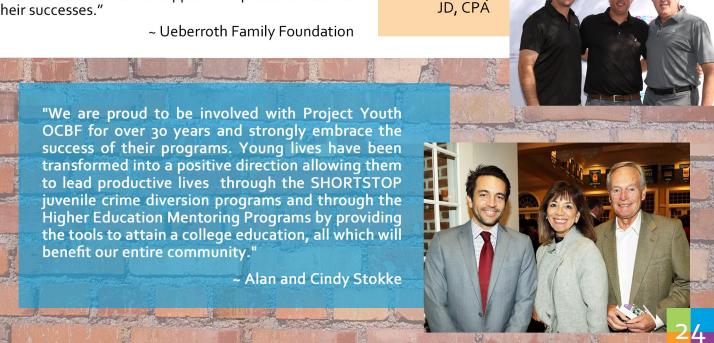
"The Ueberroth Family Foundation has been a proud supporter of Project Youth OCBF for decades. We value the youth and family programs they provide in our community and support their on-going efforts to improve the health, education, and safety of our youth. We are dedicated in our support and proud to share in their successes."



"We are proud donors of Project Youth OCBF and have been for a quarter of a century. We intend to continue our support for many years to come. Project Youth OCBF is an exceptionally strong nonprofit with impressive board members and volunteers. Their youth and family programs are impactful and so very relevant. It is easy to see how they have thrived for 50 years."

~ George T. Pfleger Foundation

"Being involved with the Board, various committees, and acting as a mentor in Project Youth OCBF's Higher Education Mentoring Program, I could not be more proud of the successes this organization has seen. I have observed first-hand the positive impact it has had on thousands of Orange County youth and their families. Over the past 15 years, Project Youth OCBF has become a part of my family, and I look forward to continuing my support of such an amazing organization for many years to come!"



Executive Director's Message Koven Rugn

The word IMPACT is short and concise, but makes a strong point. The programs we offer at Project Youth OCBF have IMPACT. Here, in our annual impact report, we showcase the tremendous impact we have on the lives of local Orange County youth and families.

As staff, we are fortunate to see, first hand, these impacts on a daily basis. We love to see our youth and families thrive. We love to be part of the change that makes their lives better, healthier and and happier. We see gratitude in the eyes of those we serve. Seeing this is what drives our work and keeps our hearts in the game. It is why we do what we do.



As a nonprofit, we are extremely fortunate to have a strong legacy as our foundation and a bright future ahead of us. This is made possible through our volunteer board members and supporters, many of whom have stayed with us for decades. As you read through these pages, I hope you are able to feel our IMPACT. Many, many, many thanks to our volunteers and donors who help make our work impactful!





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Martha Veliz, STOP SHORT of Addiction Program Coordinator Staff Highlight
Sujei Vorsofuez

It is an honor to share Sujei's story. We've known her since she was eleven years old. Today, we see a beautiful, confident, young lady who is a key member of Project Youth OCBF. Today we see a college student on her path to success. Today we see who Sujei was always capable of becoming. When Sujei

came to Project Youth OCBF she desperately

health education, academic

support, and a safe place to go after school. What she received was over a decade of caring and support. Sujei had a hard home life, and over the years we realized just how fast she'd had to grow up. Now, she'll be the first in her family to go to college and have a path to a promising career. She lives in a safe place

and isn't fearful of what each day will bring. Sujei says she doesn't know where she'd be without Project Youth OCBF. She credits us with her personal and professional growth and feels like she is in college today because of our support. She's so very grateful for the huge impact Project Youth OCBF has had on her life!

Associate Board



"As a group of young, local professionals, the Associate Board is especially interested in helping local youth apply for, get into, and succeed in college to better their lives and the lives of their families. We recognize how fortunate we were to have had the opportunity and support to go to college. Likewise, we hope to be able to provide both mentorship and financial support to the kids we serve so they too have the opportunity to get a college degree."

~ Wesley K. Polischuk 2018 Associate Board President

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Society of Fellows
Chairman's Message



As the 2018 Chair of Project Youth OCBF's Society of Fellows, I want to thank all Society of Fellows members for their continued support of our incredible organization and its youth programs. Since 2007,

our 230 members have provided over \$410,000 in funds directly to help Project Youth OCBF to fulfill its mission to empower Orange County youth.

Established in 2007, the Society of Fellows supports the programs of Project Youth OCBF through its members' annual contributions. It is an honorary professional membership comprised of attorneys, judges, and business professionals. Members are nominated by fellows and elected by the Fellows Together, fellows demonstrate Committee. outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession.

We are often asked, "Where does my contribution go?" In today's economic times, we know that donors want to be assured that their money is going where it's most needed. Each Society of Fellows member should be proud that their contributions have made a direct and positive impact on our programs. For example, our Higher Education Mentoring Program helps low-income youth attend and graduate from college; Project SELF gives high school students summer internship opportunities to work for local law firms and businesses; and our SHORTSTOP and STOP SHORT of Addiction programs keep at-risk youth off drugs, healthy and out of jail.

Thanks again for your support and commitment to Project Youth OCBF.

Daniel S. Robinson, Chairman, Society of Fellows

Sincerely,

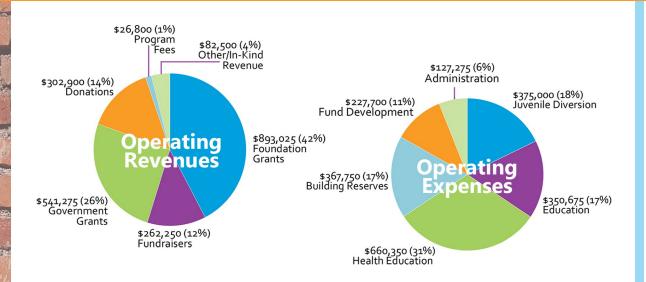


- Fellows receive a certificate of membership and a Society of Fellows lapel pin
- Recognition at agency events and in our publications of being a professional member of Project Youth OCBF
- Charitable tax donation
- Invitation to special events and meetings
- Association with an organization that has a direct, positive impact on both the legal profession and the community
- Professional development and networking with prominent community leaders

In addition, each year Project Youth OCBF hosts a Society of Fellows event to honor members and select one Fellow and one Judicial Fellow to receive our Distinguished Fellows Awards.

Society of Fellows Award Winners and Judicial Award Winners

2017 Financial Impact

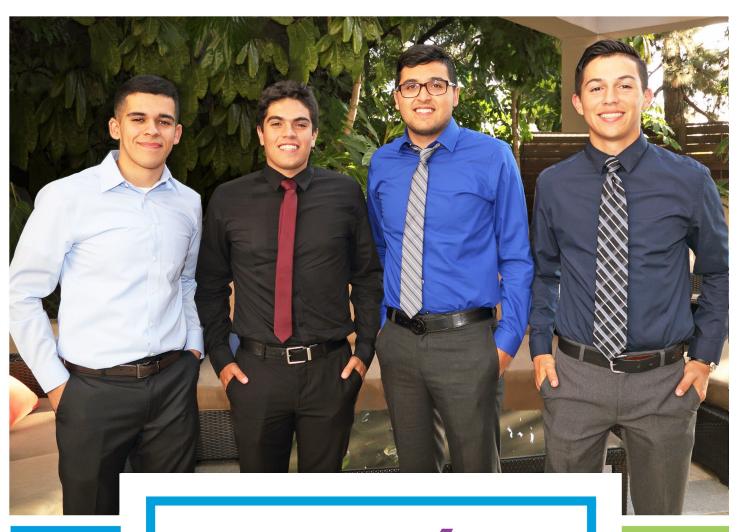


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