

PROJECTS FOR JULY 2018

1) CHILDREN'S LEGAL SERVICES OF SAN DIEGO

Mission: CLSSD represent approximately 2500 children and youth in San Diego county juvenile dependency courts. Committed to the need for high quality legal advocacy for children, their attorneys can improve a child's life by reducing moves between placements, preventing the return of a child to an unsafe living situation or advocating for necessary mental health or educational services.

Amount: \$ 2000 (funded in 2017)

Purpose: To purchase fun summer items such as Rubik's cubes, crosswords, board games, soccer balls, footballs, Frisbees and kickboards. These will be used as incentives or for birthday gifts.

2) ANGELS FOSTER FAMILY NETWORK

Mission: A licensed Foster Family Agency with a unique focus on prevention, based on the stable placement of abused/neglected infants and toddlers with trained, nurturing families. They passionately and collaboratively care for children five and younger with diverse and exceptional families who dedicate themselves to each child's wellbeing. Since 1999, Angels have served over 915 infants and toddlers.

Amount: \$1100

Purpose: To provide "placement bags" to foster families at time of placement. Bags include items such as teething toys, bath toys, clothing, bib, socks, formula, diapers and bath sets.

3) READING LEGACIES

Mission: This organization is a 501c3 whose mission is dedicated to empowering children and youth as valued family and community members through intergenerational shared-reading experiences. They place high priority on the goal of reaching out to children and youth who are at-risk of having a solid educational foundation for success in school and life.

Their strategy is to surround children and youth with supportive family members and exemplary community role models who will regularly participate in this shared-reading experience with them. To that end they have established two programs, Family Connections & Community Connections, reaching into areas where at-risk children, youth, and families can be positively impacted with their curriculum and processes.

Amount: \$2000

Purpose: To purchase 800 paperback books for children of incarcerated parents.

4) INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE'S TRANSITIONAL YOUTH ACADEMY

Mission: Interfaith Community Services' Transitional Youth Academy (TYA) Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program supports youth who are dedicated to improving their academic and career outcomes, and life skills. The program combines academic support with intensive mentoring, leadership development, career development, and opportunities for paid internships to increase work readiness. The goal of the program is to prepare students for job placement and completion of their

high school diploma, GED, trade school, certificate program, or other post-secondary educational programs.

Amount: \$3000

Purpose: To purchase baby clothes, baby formula, diapers, food, 2 laptops, 1 cell phone, interview clothing, hygiene/toiletry items and 1 bike.

5. VOICES FOR CHILDREN \$2,500

The MISSION: Voices for Children transforms the lives of abused children by providing them with volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates. They also increase the awareness about the foster system. They have requested FOCUS to purchase uniforms and shoes for their foster children. The foster parents receive an allowance for clothes but it does not cover uniforms. Most elementary schools have some type of uniform. With the support of a CASA a child in foster care is more likely to succeed, receive vital services, and find a safe, permanent home

Total July project costs: \$10,600.