

# 2017



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## SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

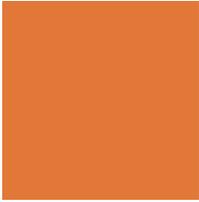


350

residents served



**OUR MISSION** At Project Access our mission is to be the leading provider of vital on-site health, education and employment services to low-income families, children and seniors. Our goal is to give families the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty, become healthier, further educated and financially stable.



Project Access Resource Centers are **embedded into the fabric of the community** as a **physical presence on-site- in residents' own backyards**. By eliminating this **barrier to access**, we are able to meet the **social service needs of residents** in the communities we serve through **four key initiatives**:

**All outcomes reported are specific to the following community:**

**Park Vista Apartments  
Anaheim, CA**



## Health & Wellness

**GOAL:** Provide education to increase knowledge of proper nutrition, preventative services, and access to health resources to improve residents' health.

- 134 residents participated in health education programs, including preventative screenings (i.e. glucose, blood pressure), health fairs, exercise classes, nutrition programs, and food distribution programs.
- 63 youth received snacks that encouraged healthy eating habits.
- 12 adults received supplemental food assistance for their family.
- 2,353 healthy snacks, breakfasts, and lunches were distributed.
- 82% of residents reported that health workshops, screenings, nutrition classes, and referrals to outside organizations increased healthy behaviors in their family.



## Education for Youth

**GOAL:** Ensure all youth have access to resources needed to increase academic achievement, opportunities for leadership development, and awareness of opportunities for greater social mobility.

- 170 youth participated in constructive out-of-school time activities building their academic, social, and emotional skills.
- 23 children (ages 3-5) participated in School Readiness programs, improving their readiness to start school by learning shapes, colors, letters, numbers, their name, and their ability to cut with scissors.
- 148 youth participated in the After-School Tutoring program:
  - 70% of children showed positive achievement in reading scores.
  - 78% of children showed positive achievement in math scores.
  - 96% of youth improved their behavior as indicated by the Citizenship grade.
- 47 youth broadened their understanding of the world by participating in educational field trips.
- 23 teens participated in educational programs to build their leadership skills and reduce risky behaviors. 100% of these teens reported an increased awareness of opportunities for greater social mobility.
- 4 youth participated in a college campus tour at UC Irvine and received vital resources to prepare them for college entrance.

# 1,887

Units of Service Provided  
by Project Access

# \$16,172

in-kind  
donations, excluding  
donation of square  
footage in resource  
centers

# \$18,489

of  
grant revenue \*



## Economic Stability

**GOAL:** Assist residents to attain or retain employment, improve their knowledge on saving money, and address the digital divide by increasing access to technology.

- 212 residents received assistance preparing for employment, improved their financial literacy skills, technological skills, parenting skills, and learned to speak English.
- 100% of residents indicated they increased their access and knowledge of available financial services.
- 100% of residents indicated that the information they received will help them save more money and/or reduce debt.
- Participants in our Financial Literacy Program saved at least \$25 in their checking or saving accounts for 35 months, totaling over \$1,035 in assets being set aside for short- and long-term goals.
- 14 residents participated in Employment Assistance services such as resume and employment application writing assistance.
- 100% of the residents indicated that the assistance they received was helpful in securing employment.
- 136 residents accessed technology through Project Access computer labs or by taking part in the computer classes.



## Community Building

**GOAL:** To provide opportunities for residents that strengthen family and community engagement.

- 277 residents encouraged community cohesiveness and built social capital with those around them through their participation in engagement events, field trips, social events, and workshops.
- 97% of residents indicated that they felt safe in the community they lived in.
- 191 residents received a referral to an off-site service; 286 different referrals were made in total.



5 people volunteered a  
total of  
**529**  
hours at Park Vista  
Apartments, contributing  
**\$7,743**  
of added value.

**80%**  
of residents indicated that  
Project Access services  
have helped them improve  
a current life situation.

\* Grant revenue does not reflect organization fundraising revenue. Look forward to learning how much organization fundraising revenue is allocated to your site in 2018.



Pictured above: Oscar

## HELPING YOUTH MEET THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Oscar is a resident at Park Vista Apartments in Anaheim, California. When he first came to Project Access, Oscar struggled with staying out of trouble and was failing academically. He struggled with talking back to authorities and didn't bother to complete his homework assignments. In 8th grade, Oscar's parents removed him from Brookhurst Jr. High and enrolled him in an Independent Study to help him make up for lost credits.

With the transition to an Independent Study and support from Project Access, Oscar started to make better life choices and has become more responsible. Resident Services Coordinator, Danny, worked with Oscar consistently to help him stay on track with his homework and improve his communication skills with both his peers and adults. Now, Oscar is 16 years old and continues to come to the Project Access Resource Center to receive help. He has received help with resume writing, applying for various jobs and also attends the Financial Literacy program with the goal to save money for a car and college tuition. Oscar is working his first job at Carl's Jr., has returned to public school and has a 3.21 GPA. He has become a better citizen and a positive influence to many of the younger teens at Park Vista Family Resource Center. Oscar reports that Project Access has changed his outlook on life and has increased his social mobility.



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