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FOUNDATION AWARDS \$340,000 FOR ARTS EDUCATION

LOS ANGELES — The Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation at the California Community Foundation (CCF) on Tuesday announced \$340,000 in grants to support nonprofit organizations serving children from preschool to grade eight in Los Angeles County. The foundation made grants of \$25,000 each to 14 outstanding arts organizations with programs that focus on literacy/academic skills development, motor skills development and/or improving attitude and behaviors toward school.

“These nonprofits provide critical skills of leadership, discipline, creativity and literacy for the children they serve,” said Alvertha Penny, senior vice president of programs at the foundation. “Thelma Pearl Howard wanted to benefit children from low-income families and these investments help realize that vision, year after year.”

The Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation was founded at CCF in 1994 and created by Thelma Pearl Howard, Walt Disney’s housekeeper of 30 years, to benefit disadvantaged and homeless children in Los Angeles County. In 2008-2009, the foundation made grants totaling \$389,625 to 16 organizations that offer quality arts-based educational enrichment activities.

Grant recipients include: **Deaf West Theatre**, to support productions and educational outreach contributing to theater and deaf culture appreciation; **Inner City Arts**, to support the Early Arts Learning Initiative (EARLI Arts), a seven-week program for K-5 students in 10 low-performing, high poverty schools; and **A Place Called Home**, to support youth from South Los Angeles to participate in dance, drama, music, art and fitness classes.

A full list of grant recipients is below.

As L.A.’s foundation, the California Community Foundation has been around since 1915 and has about \$1 billion in assets. We have more than 1,600 funds whose donors chose us because of our personal service and expertise. To learn more, visit californiacommunityfoundation.org.

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SUMMARY OF GRANTS

Organization	Area Served	Grant Amount
A Place Called Home	South Los Angeles	\$25,000
Armory Center	Pasadena	\$25,000
Deaf West Theatre	North Hollywood	\$25,000
Dramatic Results	Signal Hill, Long Beach	\$25,000
Heart of Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	\$25,000
Inner City Arts	South Los Angeles	\$25,000
Inside Out Community Arts	West Los Angeles	\$25,000
Just Lovin' Music Studios	Inglewood	\$25,000
Para Los Ninos	Los Angeles County	\$15,000
Plaza de la Raza	Metro Los Angeles	\$25,000
Santa Cecilia Opera and Orchestra Foundation	Metro Los Angeles	\$25,000
Sound Art	West Los Angeles	\$25,000
Stone Soup Child Care Programs	San Fernando Valley	\$25,000
Venice Arts In Neighborhoods	West Los Angeles	\$25,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$340,000