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Spread the word about this exciting new program and our work to help kids through sports, music and recreation!

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Support kids through the PAT program by making a tax-deductible contribution today.
WHAT IS PAT?

PAT is Preparing Achievers for Tomorrow, a program to improve academic achievement, decision-making skills and self-esteem of youth in South Los Angeles through participation in sports, music and recreation.

PAT is based on the simple belief that music, sports and recreation can lead youth to make better life choices.

The program is made possible by a generous bequest to the California Community Foundation (CCF) from an anonymous donor. More than anything, she wanted her gift to help people create a better future for themselves and others. CCF is proud to help turn her vision into reality.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

It starts with a network.

CCF is partnering with community-based organizations serving South Los Angeles to create a network of providers with a common goal: help 14-18 year olds from low-income families develop life skills and achieve success through participation in music, sports and recreation.

Great organizations make a difference.

Each nonprofit organization is chosen by CCF through a selective process based on solid leadership, organizational management and ability to provide quality youth programs with successful outcomes.

Sustainability is the goal.

Grants support the programs, benefitting kids immediately and directly. In addition, they will also provide support for organizations to grow and improve their operations for long-term sustainability. Some examples of improvement areas include fundraising, leadership development or evaluation systems.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT?

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