

ADVANCING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY



# **Mission**

The Episcopal Impact Fund serves organizations that address the root causes of poverty in the Bay Area, both financially and through mentorship and guidance. Inspired by the teachings of the gospel, we share a vision of a world without poverty.



# **2016 BY THE NUMBERS**

Total Grants: **\$583,391** 

Number of Organizations We Support:

30

Number of People Served:

45,000

# **Special Initiatives**

Change Your Record, Change Your Life: Prop 47 Initiative

provides relief from the lifelong burden and stigma of a felony to people convicted of certain low-level. nonviolent crimes. A unique collaboration between Episcopal Impact Fund, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (LCCR), and other community partners has helped hundreds of San Francisco residents access legal and other assistance in changing their records.

#### The Oakland Green Jobs Summit

co-hosted by Episcopal Impact Fund and organized by California Interfaith Power & Light, was a step in a larger movement to ensure that green jobs and the benefits of the green economy are accessible to low-income communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

# **Greening Santiago** and Our Neighbors

Episcopal Impact Fund brought together a coalition of nonprofits and East Bay Churches, including St. James Episcopal Church ("Santiago"), to successfully apply for a Greenhouse Gas Reduction grant from the State of California. The \$60,000 grant will be used in 2017 to plant a community garden at Santiago and to plant trees in disadvantaged communities of Oakland.



# 2016 Grant Recipients

A single gift to the Episcopal Impact Fund touches the lives of thousands of people in need and the many agencies that help them. The following report highlights many of the life-changing programs we support in the Bay Area:

Key: Health & Wellness Deducation Environment

#### ALAMEDA DEANERY

- Attitudinal Healing Connection cultivates skills in personal development, community leadership and the arts through educational programs for children in low-income Oakland public schools. AHC promotes the understanding that we can choose peace over conflict and love over fear.
- Building Futures with Women and Children is part of the Rapid Rehousing Initiative in Alameda County, working to find stable homes for mothers and children who are homeless due to domestic violence.
- **Urban ReLeaf** plants trees in underserved areas of Oakland and Richmond while teaching job-readiness skills and employing at-risk teens. •

#### CONTRA COSTA DEANERY

- Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa County provides a culinary training program to teach job and life skills to at-risk youth and adults. •
- Writer Coach Connection provides trained volunteer coaches to Richmond schools to help low-income students become proficient writers.
- YES Nature to Neighborhoods provides youth, adults and families living in low-income neighborhoods in Central and North Richmond with access to experiences in the natural environment while promoting youth leadership skills.





## MARIN DEANERY

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay helps children facing adversity change their lives for the better through the power of one-to-one mentoring.
- Five 4 Five creates a future for underserved youth by providing mentoring, educational planning and career training.
- **Gilead House** offers hope to single mothers and their children by providing transitional housing and life skills education that lead to independence and a brighter future.

### **PENINSULA DEANERY**

- Abundant Grace Coastside Worker offers a new community leadership education program to women living in Coastside neighborhoods who face debilitating social conditions related to poverty, homelessness and poor health.
- Coastside Hope teaches English to low-literacy, Spanish-speaking women in a supportive environment.
- Pacifica Resource Center helps low-income families avoid ruinous pay day loans by accumulating enough savings and financial literacy to survive unexpected expenses.

#### SAN FRANCISCO DEANERY

- Boys Hope Girls Hope provides high-achieving students from low-income families with financial, academic, and emotional support through middle school, high school, college and beyond.
- The Community Preschool at Grace Cathedral provides a free, high-quality preschool experience to children from low-income families.
- Homeless Prenatal Project provides intensive education and employment services to precariously housed or homeless mothers.
- Larkin Street Youth Services provides hope, stability, education, job training and health services to get homeless and atrisk kids off the streets.



- SF Achievers promotes positive life outcomes for African American male high school students in San Francisco public schools through community-building, mentoring and counseling in additional to financial support for college.
- SF CASA transforms the lives of abused and neglected foster youth by providing one consistent, caring volunteer advocate, trained to address each child's needs in the court and the community.

### **SOUTHERN ALAMEDA**

- Beyond Emancipation supports current and former foster youth in their transition to living as independent adults.
- FESCO operates a variety of family shelters and supportive housing sites in southern Alameda County that help people secure employment and move into stable housing.



"The Green Jobs Summit, which was made possible by the Episcopal Impact Fund, brought together political leaders, members of the business community, and nonprofits. There was a lot of excitement and individuals from different parts of our community."

- THE REV. DR. AMBROSE F. CARROLL SR., FOUNDER OF GREEN THE CHURCH



### **BROTHERTON AND SOCIAL MINISTRY GRANTS**

For a full list, visit espiscopalimpact.org.

- Grid Alternatives makes renewable energy technology and job training accessible to underserved communities.
- **Help a Mother Out** works to improve baby and family well-being by increasing access to diapers for families in need. ♥
- The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights helps people overcome barriers to employment and housing due to past arrest and conviction records.
- Good Samaritan Family Resource Center offers ESL classes to recent immigrants while providing high-quality early literacy programming to their children. 

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- Grace Cathedral Jail Ministry helps incarcerated women and men connect with God, themselves, each other, and their families in ways that reflect love and generosity.
- **Eldergivers** provides programs that celebrate the wisdom, talents and creativity of older adults living in long-term care facilities. •
- Ohlhoff Recovery Programs provides a continuum of effective, affordable treatment for drug and alcohol addiction.
- The Regeneration Project's Interfaith Power and Light Project deepens the connection between ecology and faith by mobilizing a religious response to global warming.



"Funding from the Episcopal Impact Fund has allowed us to support children who have experienced trauma or who have special needs, setting them up to succeed in kindergarten. We are very grateful to the Episcopal Impact Fund."

- THE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL AT GRACE CATHEDRAL

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