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MAPS Charities

Mission to Assist and Provide for Seniors (MAPS Charities) received a grant to support their core Senior Safety Net program over the next year. Funds will assist low income seniors by safeguarding shelter and purchasing life-changing medical devices, durable medical equipment and other items to help them remain healthy, safe and independent in their homes. MAPS Charities assists disadvantaged elderly people in Los Angeles County with funds for short-term solutions for critical concerns, by providing direct funds that allow them to stay in their homes, take care of their health and enhance their quality of life. MAPS Charities also received a grant from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation in March 2016.

It is common for seniors to experience loneliness and depression, especially when faced with overwhelming health and financial challenges. As MAPS charities serves some of the neediest seniors in Los Angeles, many of their clients have withdrawn from their families and social circles. By responding to an urgent need it helps restoring self-sufficiency, and giving clients a sense that they are not forgotten. MAPS charities helps seniors overcome mental and emotional health challenges. As a result they bring joy back to their families; return to providing companionship to peers; and become more capable of assisting family and friends with things like childcare.
UCLA UniCamp

**UCLA UniCamp** received a grant in support of their Volunteer Leadership and Training Program. **UCLA UniCamp** is the official student charity of UCLA, operating as an independently funded, secular, non-profit organization linking UCLA students with the Los Angeles community. Each year, **UniCamp** inspires over 1,000 children from low-income families to envision brighter futures by sending them, along with over 400 UCLA student volunteer counselors and staff to its residential outdoor summer camp in the San Bernardino mountains. For over 80 years, **UniCamp** student volunteers have harnessed the healing power of the wilderness to improve their community by providing a unique outdoor camping experience for under served children in the community.

There are many **UniCamp** campers that return as they get older to help other students have the same positive experiences that they had. Once those volunteers go on they have continued to give back to their communities by holding public offices in the California legislature, serving as a Judge, a teacher or a lawyer that helps youth in the criminal justice system.

Click here to learn more about UCLA UniCamp.

The Healing WELL

**The Healing WELL** received a grant for their leadership program including participant stipends, food for meetings and training for materials for wellness programming and for transportation, admission and food expenses for off-site programming and activities. **The Healing WELL** offers calm in the storms of poverty and prejudice, mental illness, substance abuse and addiction. Inspired by ideals of compassion and justice, we love and guide one another so we can step further into brighter futures, healing ourselves and our greater community.” They promote healing and wellness by offering free daily sessions like meditation, yoga and 12-step support groups to an average of 160 low-income people each month. **The Healing WELL** is a fiscally sponsored (but financially independent) project of Community Initiatives.

Through the strength and inspiration Carmen received at **The Healing WELL** she started volunteering at Koret House (with cancer patients). They are proud that participants in their program are inspired to go on and help others like Carmen did.

Click here to learn more about The Healing WELL.
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