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Haven Academy of the Arts



Haven Academy of the Arts received a grant to support their hART of the City program. This program offers tuitionfree summer theater camps with instruction in acting, music and dance. The camps are designed to develop character and life skills in their students. Last year's camps served over 130 K-8 students in low income areas of Los Angeles County. They hope to increase to 150 students in their next round of camps. The mission of Haven Academy is to develop character in future leaders through the performing arts and give them the tools, life skills and sense of purpose they need to leave a legacy in their community.

South Bay students are highly encouraged to serve as summer camp counselors at the South Bay, Pico Union, and hART of the City summer camps, and to take on student volunteer positions (assistant directors, student stage managers, assistant choreographers, etc.) throughout the year. This allows older students to invest in and mentor the younger generations of performers, who will then, in turn, mentor the next generation of students when they are ready to do so.

Haven Academy of the Arts also received a grant from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation in March 2017.

Click here to learn more about Haven Academy of the Arts.

OPICA Adult Day and Counseling Center, Inc

OPICA Adult Day and Counseling Center, Inc. received a grant to support three staff members who supervise volunteers. They presently serve over 200 people including their day program, Brain Train (early stage dementia), OZ (OPICA on Zoom) and individual and group counseling. OPICA's mission is to enable adults impaired by dementia to continue to live at home by:

1. Providing compassionate and stimulating day programs



- 2. Supporting family caregivers through counseling and respite
- 3. Increasing community understanding of memory disorders through education, resource referral and professional training.

OPICA supports other organizations like the Alzheimer's Association by entering a team in their annual walk. They also provide for some volunteers working on their Master's Degrees in counseling, social work and nursing.

OPICA received grant from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation in October 2020.

Click here to learn more about OPICA Adult Day and Counseling Center.

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