

Grantmaking for a Healthier Riverside

\$2,740,585 Granted to Riverside in 2009



Riverside Community Health Foundation President & CEO, Dr. Dan Anderson

A priority for many of this nation's first philanthropists, health grantmaking has become one of the largest areas of giving. Over the past 25 years, the field has experienced a significant period of growth

and change with longstanding funders refocusing their efforts, new donors entering the scene or shifting their sights to health issues, the emergence of foundations created after the conversion of non-profit health organizations, and new issues dominating discussion within the field.

The work of early health philanthropists set a tone that continues today: focus on a few strategic goals, look at the root causes of social ills, and foster innovation to meet the health needs of the underserved. "Focus on your mission" has become a key mantra for surviving the recession. As we came to the end of 2009, as a foundation we asked ourselves, "What difference has our investment of over \$2.7 million in grants to fund 32 proposals this year made in improving the quality of life for residents of Riverside?" At the end of the day, that measure – not the dollar amount of the grants we made – is our bottom line.

Our staff reviewed numerous grant requests and project reports over the year. They revealed a portrait of the emerging needs in our community and the amazing

work and dedication of organizations striving to address them. Our challenge is always to find the best opportunities to address those needs and further our mission to improve the health and well-being of our community.

For us, building community is all about working through our partners – non-profits – to strengthen the resources people need to overcome challenges and enrich their lives. It is also about building relationships. This is what truly fosters and sustains a sense of community after our grants have ended.

Here is just a glimpse of some of the organizations we were able to assist in 2009:

American Diabetes Association
 American Heart Association
 American Lung Association
 Blindness Support Services, Inc.
 Catholic Charities San Bernardino/Riverside
 Community Health Systems, Inc.
 Family Service Association
 Grantmakers in Health
 Inland Agency

Healthy Kids Insurance
 Janet Goeske Foundation
 Loma Linda University Children's Hospital
 MFI Recovery Center, Inc.
 Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center
 Project K.I.N.D.
 Purpose Center
 Quinn Community Outreach Corporation
 Riverside Community College District Foundation
 Riverside Medical Clinic Foundation
 The Arc of Riverside County
 The Epilepsy Center
 Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties
 YMCA of Riverside City & County



Riverside Community Health Foundation Says Thank You

Riverside Community Health Foundation (RCHF) hosted its Annual Holiday Classic Dinner on December 3, 2009. Dr. Damon Castillo, Board Chair stated each year the Foundation takes this opportunity to thank its friends and supporters and reflect on the year's accomplishments. "We are thankful for the many partnerships we have formed over the years," Dr. Castillo addressed the evening's guests; "we could not do all we do without the help of others."

Honored this year was Philip Bradford, D.D.S. who has been instrumental to the Miles of Smiles Dental Program for the past six years. Miles of Smiles provides screenings, sealants, and education in oral hygiene and nutrition to 29 elementary schools in Riverside annually. To date MOS has served 100,832 children.

Dr. Dan Anderson, President/CEO of

Riverside Community Health Foundation presented a powerful presentation highlighting the Foundation's many achievements such as:

- The Health in Motion mobile vehicle launched this year to serve the homeless population
- 481,903 interventions have been provided to date through health education and clinical services
- During 2009, the Foundation granted \$2,740,585 to the community of Riverside; since inception in 1997, the Foundation has given over \$30 million in construction, programs, services and grants

Thanked and recognized for their valuable service while serving on the Board of Directors were Roger H. Ridley, George Reyes, Doug Jacobs, Peg Jones and Tim Burgess. Dr. Anderson also

introduced new members Dr. Bradley Gilbert, Patti Cotton Pettis, Craig Marshall, Dr. Marilyn Martinez-Flores, and Millie Borges, who began their terms on January 1, 2010.

The evening of music provided by students from California Baptist University and delicious dinner prepared by So-dexho was enjoyed by all 200 guests who all share the Foundation's mission to improve the health and well-being of the community of Riverside.

For more information please contact the Foundation at (951) 788-3471 or visit us online at www.rchf.org



Eastside Health Center



Dr. Philip Bradford examines a Miles of Smiles patient



Mark T. Williams Arlanza Family Health Center



Outreach Worker, Alicia Mares, teaches a diabetes prevention class



Project X-Men students with Health Educator, Issac Contreras