



Frieda C. Fox

FAMILY FOUNDATION

2012 Grants

This year was the foundation's 10th anniversary as an education grantmaker. We continued to meet the increased needs of our nonprofit partners during the economic recovery, providing stepped up financial and technical support for local educational nonprofits.

For the first time, the foundation offered two rounds of fundraising challenge grants, in response to our nonprofit partners' description of their common need to a) meaningfully re-engage lapsed donors, and b), reach out to new stakeholders and individuals in the community in a new and different way.

In addition, we increased our work with nonprofit partners who collaborate through the Education by Nature projects. We seed funded these projects in Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, and Hawaii, and promoted collaboration and this collaborative model nationally. We funded the redesign of the software platform used in these collaboratives, and will provide at no cost to prospective partners across the country a 2.0 version that provides improved usability and new features based on the "wish lists" of the nonprofits advancing this work. We undertook intense "shared marketing" projects, including creation of two video documentaries, two websites, social media, and two national conferences featuring sessions, exhibits and special events that disseminated promising practices achieving impact by generating collaborative and strategic partnerships and community engagement in public school education.

Our direct grants to nonprofits include:

[Across The Bridge Foundation \(Downtown College Prep\)](#)

1460 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126

\$10,000 in program support for the College Success Program, a comprehensive initiative that ensures that first-generation, low-income students have the attitudes, skills and resources to undertake and complete a four-year university degree.

[C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California](#)

3532 Camino de la Cumbre, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 USA

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to C5LA's College Preparatory Program, which offers five years of leadership development, mentoring, college preparatory, and service learning programming to approximately 300 students between grades eight and twelve each year. The organization's goal for the challenge was to engage with new donors and encourage past donors to give more in 2012 than they did in previous years. This challenge was successful, and the grant was fully funded.

[California Community Partners for Youth](#)

Box 578, San Jose, CA 95106

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to support the "Step Up/Step Ahead" program which helps underperforming students transform with the help of volunteer mentors, weekly life-skills coaching with CCPY staff, and extensive afterschool and twice monthly half-day personal skill based training. The organization's goal for the challenge was to gain new individual donors and recruit sustaining donors. This challenge has concluded successfully.

[Children's Nature Institute](#)

1910 Magnolia Ave. #403, Los Angeles CA 90007

\$45,000 as core program support and Challenge Grant for the Los Angeles ["Education by Nature"](#) collaborative, led by CNI as a replication of the successful collaborative in Silicon Valley.

\$1,000 in project support for the Education By Nature Collaborative Model. This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17, please [see the linked article](#).

\$15,000 to support creation of a video documentary about the Education by Nature replication in Los Angeles.

[Citizen Schools, Inc.](#)

400 Duane Street, Room 125, Redwood City, CA 94062

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to support the "Citizens 4 Citizen Schools" fundraising campaign seeking individual donors and increased brand awareness. This challenge was successfully completed.

[City Hearts Kids Say Yes to the Arts](#)

P.O. Box 1314, Topanga, CA 90290

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to support a major social media campaign to raise funds for the Anti-Bullying Through City Hearts Initiative. This challenge was successfully completed.

[Environmental Charter Schools](#)

16315 Grevillea Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to the Environmental Charter High School After School Literacy Program. Environmental Charter Schools provide a unique learning environment that utilizes environmental service learning to inspire students to find authentic meaning in their studies. The organization sought to motivate new and past donors to give to support the After School Literacy Program, and the challenge was completed successfully.

[Environmental Volunteers](#)

2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94303

\$35,000 in core program support, including a half time staff position to coordinate the Education by Nature project in Silicon Valley, called "[Science by Nature.](#)"

\$1,000 program support to the Education by Nature Collaborative Model. This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17.

\$15,000 grant to create video documentary about the Education by Nature Model.

[Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education](#)

5301 Stevens Creek Boulevard, P.O. Box 58059; MS-WO, Santa Clara , CA 95052

\$10,000 in program support for the 2012 Summer Fellowship Program Serving Teachers from High Need Schools in Santa Clara and Los Angeles Counties.

\$5,000 Challenge Grant for Inquiry-based Science Teaching in Santa Clara County, a collaborative that improves the scientific literacy and critical thinking skills of students in the targeted Silicon Valley schools and classrooms, by helping their teachers successfully facilitate both the academic learning of science and the knowledge application skills necessary for students to address novel problems. IISME seeks to create institutional change in the modern educational system. This challenge was successfully met.

[Inner City Arts](#)

720 Kohler Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90021

www.inner-cityarts.org

\$2,000 for General Operating Support. This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17, please visit [this link](#).

\$5,000 challenge grant to the Learning & Achieving Through the Arts program which provides standards-based, instruction in the arts, extended professional development and supportive coaching for non-arts classroom teachers to grow their potential as art educators, and activities that encourage whole schools to embrace the arts strategy. The organization will use the "A Day Without Art" fundraising campaign to target individual and lapsed donors. The challenge has been successfully met.

[Iridescent](#)

3326 Keystone Ave., # 5, Los Angeles, CA 90034

\$10,000 in program support for the Technovation Challenge, a ten-week program that brings together underserved minority and low income high school girls with professional women in high-tech to develop the girls' interest, skills and confidence in computer science and entrepreneurship.

[The Jester and Pharley Phund](#)

PO Box 817, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

\$2,000 in general operating support. This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17, please visit the [see the linked article](#).

[Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower](#)

2741 Middlefield Road, Suite #101, Palo Alto, CA 94303 USA

\$5,000 challenge grant to the 'Social-Emotional Skills for Successful Learning' program and fundraising campaign, which provides children and youth with age-appropriate practice in how to take charge of their emotional and physical safety, develop positive relationships, and act safely and respectfully towards others. The challenge grant was completed successfully.

[Level Playing Field Insitute](#)

543 Howard Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

\$10,000 for the SMASH Academy, a rigorous, three-year summer enrichment program for high-potential, low-income students of color in under-performing high schools to excel in science, technology, engineering and math held on the Stanford University campus.

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to engage donors of color. This challenge has been completed successfully.

[Los Angeles Education Parternship \(LAEP\)](#)

1055 W. Seventh Street, #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017

\$5,000 Challenge Grant for the Career Academy Challenge Drive to increase individual donor support for the organization. This challenge was successfully met.

[Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, Inc.](#)

1625 Schrader Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90028

\$2,000 in program support for the "Youth Services Program." This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17, please [see the linked article](#).

[Mar Vista Family Center](#)

5075 South Slauson Avenue, Culver City, California 90230

\$10,000 program support grant for the By Youth For Youth program, empowering ~90 at-risk youth to take

responsibility for developing healthy lifestyles, a sense of importance in the community, and an interest in post high school education.

[MOUSE Squad of California \(MSCA\), a program of Aspiranet](#)

400 Oyster Point Blvd., #501, South San Francisco, California 94080

\$5,000 challenge grant to MOUSE Squad of California, which empowers youth through an innovative approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education that builds pathways for success and engages students as leaders providing service to their communities. Mouse Squad will be using this challenge in their MSCA Individual Donor Fundraising Jump Start Campaign targeting new and past individual donors. This challenge has been successfully met.

[New Visions Foundation](#)

3131 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90404

\$5,000 Challenge Grant for the Center for Educational Opportunity program for Los Angeles County foster youth.

\$5,000 Challenge Grant for the Lennox Children's Choir, an after-school children's choir in cooperation with the Lennox School District serving students from grades 3 - 8. These challenges were both successfully met.

[No Limits Theater Group, Inc.](#)

9801 Washington Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Culver City, CA 90232

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to re-engage lapsed donors and theater communities who have previously benefitted from the No Limits Theater Kit Rental program. This challenge was successfully met.

[Our Public School](#)

Helotus, TX

\$35,000 project support and Challenge Grant to support efforts to nationally promote community engagement in public schools, disseminate the Education by Nature collaborative model, and create corresponding curriculum in conjunction with the University of Hawaii that will be offered free of charge to other university schools of education nationally.

[Peace First Inc.](#)

865 S. Figueroa Street #900, Los Angeles, CA 90017

\$20,000 in program support for work in partnership with elementary and middle schools in Los Angeles County to build safe, effective school climates where children learn how to be engaged and active citizens.

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to establish a regional advisory board and to support board fundraising efforts. This challenge was successfully met.

[Resource Area for Teachers \(RAFT\)](#)

1355 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

\$1,000 in program support for the Hands-On Learning Project at Orchard School to provide 7 workshops with RAFT hands-on activities aligned to the curriculum, mentoring, and access to materials and resources so that Orchard teachers can teach the way children love to learn.

[Shane's Inspiration](#)

15213 Burbank Blvd, Van Nuys CA 91411

\$2,000 in program support for the "Together We Are Able" program. This grant was nominated through the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation's Junior Board. For more information on the foundation's innovative junior board of young grantmakers, ages 8-17, please [visit the linked article](#).

[Southwest Chamber Music Society](#)

638 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 201, Pasadena, CA California 91101-2006

\$10,000 in program support for the Mentorship and Project Muse programs, providing coaching and group music lessons to 7-12th grade student orchestras.

[The Country School](#)

5243 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

\$100,000 Challenge Grant to this private elementary school that maintains a strong commitment to supporting a socio-economically diverse student body, with a uniquely strong financial aid and needs-based scholarship program, creating an exceptional learning environment. This challenge spanning two years has been successfully completed.

[Triton Museum of Art](#)

1505 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

\$5,000 in program support for the KidStudio Pre-K Program, a museum-based program to provide hands-on art-rich experiences to young children and their caregivers using an age-appropriate curriculum that includes gallery exploration.

\$5,000 Challenge Grant to support program activities in 2013. This challenge was successfully met in 2012.

[Venice Arts: In Neighborhoods](#)

610 California Avenue, Venice, CA 90291

\$5,000 challenge grant to Venice Arts: In Neighborhoods, which provides after-school, weekend, and summer arts education and mentoring programs, free-of-charge, to low-income youth. The organization will use this challenge in its Year End Gala & Fund Drive 2012, targeting individual donors at varying giving levels. This challenge was concluded successfully.