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## **Kaiser Permanente Orange County Awards More Than \$600,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofits**

**SANTA ANA, Calif.**, - September 6, 2018 - Kaiser Permanente Orange County announced that it will award more than \$600,000 in community benefit grants to 20 nonprofit organizations serving Orange County. These grants align with Kaiser Permanente's mission of total health by funding programs that increase access to care, improve mental health and wellness and create healthy communities.

The grants are being awarded to a diverse group of organizations and will enable them to create a long-lasting impact in the community. To qualify, each organization's work had to address one or more of the highest-priority needs of the community defined by Kaiser Permanente's Community Health Needs Assessment. For 2018, these four areas include: access to health care services, economic security, mental health, and obesity prevention.

"Our community partners are crucial to helping us identify where the need is greatest and working with us to develop solutions that will improve the health of our communities," said Mark Costa, senior vice president and area manager, Kaiser Permanente Orange County. "We are pleased to invest these significant resources to support our underserved populations in Orange County."

The Kaiser Permanente Orange County community benefit grant recipients for 2018 are:

### **Access to Care**

- Access OC
- Alzheimer's Orange County
- Community SeniorServ
- CSU Fullerton's Center for Healthy Neighborhoods
- Laguna Beach Community Clinic
- Susan G Komen for the Cure

### **Economic Security**

- Families Forward
- Jamboree Housing

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- Orangewood Foundation
- Waste Not OC
- WHW
- Working Wardrobes

### **Mental Health**

- The LGBT Center OC
- MOMS Orange County
- NAMI Orange County
- OC Mental Health Association
- Radiant Health Centers
- Wellness and Prevention Center San Clemente

### **Obesity Prevention**

- Kid Healthy
- 100 Mile Club

Kaiser Permanente Orange County awards grants annually. Orange County nonprofits interested in learning more about Kaiser Permanente's community benefit grants can visit

<https://community.kp.org>.

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