Supporting the Cycle of Life
For the past 18 years, the Jena & Michael King Foundation has followed its mission of “Supporting the Cycle of Life” through the support of more than 100 diverse non-profit organizations. The Foundation has provided seed gifts which have made promising ideas reality, and provided major springboard grants to give innovative individuals and organizations the financial capacity to elevate their work to the next level. Our work is grounded in sound science and is deliberately socially inclusive. Our members are activists who work to help advance the goals of grantees by providing guidance, hosting fundraisers, producing media, public speaking, relationship building among stakeholders, and fostering synergistic collaboration with other funders to increase our collective philanthropic impact.

The evolution of our mission has been guided by the vision of Jena King, who began the Foundation in 2000 with her husband Michael, who passed away in 2015. Together, they made effective use of connections from California to Washington in politics, entertainment, sports, health, fashion, and philanthropy to educate and advocate passionately on behalf of social and environmental issues.

In recognition of her activism, Jena is a recipient of Global Green’s Entertainment Industry Environmental Leadership Award. She has served on the boards of the Environmental Media Association, Kiss the Ground, and Healthy Child Healthy World
(overseeing its partnership with the Environmental Working Group), and is a founding member of COACH for Kids, an organization providing medical assistance to underserved children. Jena currently serves on the boards of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Oceana, the world’s largest international ocean advocacy organization. By invitation of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, she joined the the L.A. Sustainability Leadership Council, where she has been an outspoken advocate for urban farming, community composting, and urban food justice.

With natural eloquence grounded in an understanding of science, Jena’s voice conveys a compelling vision of the world she wishes to leave to her four children and ours, and the generations to follow. This includes the conviction that Half the Earth must be protected so that all species and living systems may thrive. Her leadership as head and heart of the Jena & Michael King Foundation is a clear illustration of the maxim that “We Protect What We Love.”

While continuing to support the work of local and international organizations devoted specifically to the health and well-being of children and youth, in recent years the Foundation has focused its support and creative energy on an issue affecting not only their future but that of our entire planet: Climate Change. The Jena & Michael King Foundation has emerged as a recognized leader in the realm of healthy soils and regenerative agriculture in California and the Western United States.

Along with a global shift to renewable energy, an agricultural system that works to rebalance the global carbon and water cycles is crucial to a swift drawdown of atmospheric carbon. This solution to climate change follows on the Foundation’s long history of supporting good health, for the restoration of the Earth’s soil is fundamental to the health of all the planet’s ecosystems and the creatures who live upon and within them, ineluctably interdependent.

With Gratitude,

NUNA TEAL, PHD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE JENA & MICHAEL KING FOUNDATION has been involved in addressing climate change for the greater part of the past two decades. Since 2015, Jena King and Nuna Teal focused the work of the Foundation on advancing the science, projects and policies of organizations dedicated to stabilizing earth’s climate through soil carbon restoration. Project Drawdown, Kiss the Ground, and LA Compost all received starter grants to launch and grow, and during the U.N. Year of Soil in 2015, the Foundation supported presentations on the role that soils can play in rebalancing the global carbon cycle at COP21 in Paris. The work expanded in 2016 as the Foundation began to match grants from the Rathmann Family Foundation and John Wick of the Marin Carbon Project. In 2017 and 2018 the Foundation initiated collaborative matching grants with the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation and several other smaller funders to scale the work of the Marin Carbon Project throughout California. Wherever possible, giving has been matched with that of other funders to elevate the impact of our collective work.
Funded projects in the field of regenerative agriculture have been selected strategically in order to advance transition across the food, fiber and organic waste sectors. Our goals are to work toward detoxifying our food, fiber and organic material supply chains; supporting end of life composting at community and regional scales; and advancing the science and policy conversations around soil health and carbon sequestration.

We strive to identify and support non-profit institutions and organizations which offer models for the field and provide core capacity building and technical assistance for land managers. We fund public communications across a variety of media to communicate scientific knowledge and best practices to the public, ranchers and farmers and decision makers. The grantee’s listed below exist in diverse geographical, political and cultural ecosystems. In supporting them it is our goal to ignite synergy and collaboration across sectors that may not traditionally work together to create systemic social change.
NATIONAL COALITION OF YOUNG FARMERS

The NYFC represents, mobilizes and engages young farmers to ensure their success, supporting independent family farms, sustainable practices, affordable land, and other key factors.
PEOPLE FOOD AND LAND FOUNDATION

In 2017 and 2018, Calla Rose Ostrander, who has become an acknowledged leader in the realm of carbon farming, was funded to provide a landscape assessment of organizations and individuals in the carbon farming and related spaces in an effort to establish a statewide coalition. Funding was also provided for science communications and coordination of regional implementation for carbon farming and compost production in California and the western United States include Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Montana. In 2018, Nuna Teal joined Ms. Ostrander and People Food & Land to lead philanthropic coordination and assist in communication and educational development.

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE FUNDING & COLLABORATION

In 2017 the JMKF partnered with the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation to support the adoption of carbon farm planning in over a dozen Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) throughout the state of California. This funding helped train RCD staff on how to provide carbon farm plans to local farmers and ranchers. Funding the work of Calla Rose Ostrander with the People Food & Land Foundation alongside this grant enabled carbon farm planning to be woven in alongside local education, climate action planning and compost policy with counties and area nonprofits. These combined efforts worked to develop and strengthen regional and institutional support for soil health and local agricultural production.

Building on this successful funding collaboration, during the winter of 2018 other activist funders from throughout California who are committed to stabilizing earth’s climate and fostering abundance were invited to Jena King’s home, to share the work each has been doing in the space and to begin to explore ways in which we might work together strategically to increase our impact. In the summer of 2018, Jena gifted a one million dollar springboard grant to further the implementation of carbon farming and soil health at the national level.
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, *Dr. Suzanne Simard*

Dr. Suzanne Simard is a Professor of Forest Ecology at the University of British Columbia. Her current research focuses on the conservation of the cultural and ecological legacies of iconic trees and has helped pioneer the concept of “Mother Trees,” those individuals who govern and nurture forest systems, communicating and sharing resources through their mycorrhizal systems. She is currently exploring intervention that can support forest renewal and resilience in a changing climate.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, *Dr. Whendee Silver*

Dr. Whendee Silver is the lead scientist for the Marin Carbon Project. In 2018, the JMK Foundation provided matching funding to enable Dr. Silver to take a year’s teaching sabbatical in order to participate in outreach and networking activities; to help the public and key stakeholders be better informed about climate change solutions; to utilize the available literature data to establish a global-scale estimate of the potential for organic matter amendments to sequester carbon in soils; and to conduct research on the large-scale and long-term potential of compost applications to Rangelands.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, Doctoral Candidate Gabrielle (Pecora) Black

Mrs. Black’s work grew out of the Marin based Thermopile Project and work with Dr. Gary Andersen of LBNL studying the effects of composting human waste on toxics and compounds of concern. Her current work involves identifying harmful compounds originating from common consumer products found in California sewage sludge which are known contributors to diabetes, cancer, fertility decreases, and a host of other environmental and public health issues and the role that composting biosolids can play in minimizing the presence of these toxins.

BAY AREA CLEAN WATER AGENCIES (BACWA), Dr. Rebecca Ryals

Human waste derived biosolids are currently spread on landscapes or dumped in waterways across the planet. They offer a potentially rich source of carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus for agricultural soils. However, it is not clear that the biosolids product will behave the same way that compost has been shown to on California rangeland ecosystems. Dr. Ryals produced the original Marin Carbon Project papers under Dr. Whendee Silver and is now serving as a professor at University of California Merced. This funding was a challenge grant to explore the “Beneficial Role of Biosolids in Soil Health and Climate Change Mitigation in California’s Agricultural Soils”
MONGABAY

Founded in 1999, Mongabay has grown into the world’s most popular rainforest information site and a well-known source of environmental news reporting and analysis. Today, Mongabay draws more than 2.5 million visitors per month and publishes stories in half a dozen languages. It is commonly used as an information source by mainstream media, including The Economist, Bloomberg, National Geographic, and the Associated Press. Mongabay is also widely recognized as an accurate and trustworthy source by civil society organizations as well as development agencies. Foundation support was dedicated to the new video component of their storytelling, which is helping to broaden their audience. In 2018, this will expand to a partnership in producing videos on protecting habitat and biodiversity, featuring keystone species.

CREATIVE VISIONS FOUNDATION

CVF seeks to spark awareness of critical issues and ignite change through impact media, art and technology, cultivating creative activism to help people achieve their full potential - for themselves and for the planet. Creative Visions was launched by Kathy Eldon following the death of her son, Dan Eldon, who was a photojournalist killed at age 22 while covering the conflict in Somalia for Reuters News Agency.
**KISS THE GROUND, Soil Story Curriculum**

In 2017, Kiss the Ground completed the development of a middle school curriculum based on the 2015 The Soil Story. The curriculum was created through a collaborative partnership between Kiss the Ground and Life Lab. Kiss the Ground is a California-based environmental non-profit sharing our ability to regenerate land and reverse climate change by building back healthy soil. Life Lab is a 35 year old organization dedicated to cultivating children’s love of learning, healthy food and nature through experiential, garden-based education, providing teachers with inspiration and information.

**KISS THE GROUND, The Motion Picture**

Kiss the Ground is an upcoming feature-length documentary telling a new story about our ability to regenerate land and balance the climate with healthy soil. Directed and shot by Rebecca and Josh Tickell, the movie takes the viewer to the farmers, scientists, chefs, activists and policymakers who are fighting for the future of our food and planet. The documentary will look at how soil – and the microbial universe that it houses – is the foundation for all life above ground, and also explores soil’s vital role in combating drought and desertification.

**SOCAL PUBLIC RADIO**

Based in Pasadena, SoCal Public Radio is one of two full NPR member stations serving Southern California.
BIONEERS
Bioneers is a fertile hub of social and scientific innovators with practical and visionary solutions for the world’s most pressing environmental and social challenges. Through annual conferences, online, print and radio media, Bioneers brings ideas from environmental and social justice leaders to the public. In 2017, the JMK Foundation’s donation contributed to the inclusion of carbon farming as a keynote address which was supported by a day-long intensive workshop on a nearby farm, keynote speakers and accompanying media. At the Foundation’s request, Bioneers also provided for a presentation of the Mni Wiconi Health Center & Farm and mobile clinic currently being designed and created in response to Indigenous health needs.

PROJECT DRAWDOWN
In 2017 Project Drawdown published the NYTimes bestselling book which outlines key strategies for stabilizing earth’s climate through the mitigation and sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions. Project Drawdown recognizes three paths to successful drawdown: efficiency and resource productivity; replacing existing energy sources with low carbon renewable energy; and bio-sequestering carbon dioxide through innovative farming, grazing and reforestation practices.

ON PASTURE
With over 100k readers, On Pasture is an online website and newsletter started by Kathy Voth and Rachel Gilker that provides information for those raising livestock on pasture, translating science and practical experience into a useful form. Contributors include well-known names in the grazing industry, along with many new faces and ideas.
MAKING IT STICK
POLICY & ADVOCACY
While one in six people in L.A. go hungry each day, there is enough food produced in the world to feed ten billion people—2 billion more than are alive now! It’s not a matter of if we can do it but how we can do it.

— CALLA ROSE OSTRANDER
LA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
The Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC) is a collective impact initiative working to make Southern California a Good Food region for everyone - where food is healthy, affordable, fair and sustainable. LAFPC aims to connect environmental sustainability and local agriculture with efforts to expand access to healthy food in historically disenfranchised communities. In 2017, the JMK Foundation was invited to give a keynote address at the LAFPC annual Good Food Gala. Calla Rose Ostrander spoke on behalf of the Foundation and on the power of positive action and local organizing in the soil and food movement.

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
Jena King is on the advisory Board of the NRDC, which works to safeguard the earth - its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends. It combines the power of more than 3 million members and online activist with the expertise of 500 scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the globe to ensure the rights of all people to the air, the water, and the wild.
WALDEN WOODS PROJECT

Founded in 1990 by recording artist Don Henley, the Walden Woods Project uses the land it has protected in Walden Woods to foster an ethic of environmental stewardship and social responsibility, both of which are cornerstones of Thoreau's philosophy.

OCEANA

Jena King is a Board member of Oceana, the world’s largest and most effective international ocean conservation and advocacy organization. Through such innovative programs as “Global Fishing Watch,” using satellites and the eyes of countless volunteers to track the activities of individual fishing boats, Oceana works to protect and restore the world’s oceans through targeted policy campaigns, appreciating the need to sustain the oceans’ crucial role in feeding growing human populations. It bases its policy campaign goals on science to achieve concrete and measurable results through targeted campaigns that combine policy, advocacy, science, law, media, and public pressure to prevent collapse of fish populations, marine mammals and other sea life caused by industrial fishing and pollution.
MAKING IT REAL
ON GROUND IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECT INDIGO, FIBERSHED
FIBERSHED, *Climate Beneficial Indigo*

Fibershed works to model and support the emergence of an international system of regional textile communities that enliven connection and ownership of “soil to soil” textile processes based on carbon farm practices. In 2017, a feasibility analysis and technical production study from the True Blue project was published to support the development of supply of California climate beneficial indigo.

CARBON CYCLE INSTITUTE

The Carbon Cycle Institute works to advance our understanding of the carbon cycle and biological processes to better inform how human practices can mitigate climate change while meeting our material needs. In 2017, the JMK Foundation co-funded the California Carbon Project with Leonardo DiCaprio’s Foundation for CCI to train key Resource Conservation Districts in carbon farm planning around the state of California. This enables the RCD to offer carbon farming as part of it’s technical assistance program to farmers and ranchers in the region it serves.

MONTEREY BAY REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION COMPACT, *Carbon Farm Training*

Led by Brennen Jensen, this Compact is an action based network of government agencies, educational institutions, private businesses, non-profit, and non-governmental organizations. They’re committed to working collaboratively to address the causes and effects of global climate change through local initiatives that focus on economic vitality and reduce environmental impacts for the region. In 2017, the JMK Foundation funded the carbon farm planning education and trainings for members of the Compact and surrounding community.
**LA COMPOST. PEOPLE + SOIL**

To support the education of people and building of soil in our LA community, the JMK Foundation provided a large springboard grant to LA Compost. This allowed the organization to bring on full time staff and double the number of community compost hubs throughout the city that invest in food and people. The success of LA compost is serving as a leading model for community composters across the state of California. We were also happy to be a part of welcoming baby Ezra Martinez into the LA Compost Family!

**TREE PEOPLE**

Tree People inspires and supports the people of LA to come together to plant and care for trees, harvest the rain, and renew depleted landscapes. They unite with communities to grow a greener, shadier and more water-secure city at homes, neighborhoods, schools and in the local mountains. They work with volunteer leaders using their unique Citizen Forester model, and influence government agencies for a healthy, thriving Los Angeles.

**GREATER AREA SAN DIEGO RCD**

*Carbon Farm Training*

People depend on soil, water, air, plants and animals to survive. These natural resources are the source of our food, shelter, clothes and recreation. The Resources Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County provides technical, financial and education assistant to help both rural and urban communities conserve, protect, and restore these natural resources. With a grant provided by the JMK Foundation and training from the Carbon Cycle Institute, the RCD is now offering carbon farm planning to its region.
Our Foundation believes in supporting goodness and justice through the support of our children’s future and the health of all living things. To this end in 2017-2018 Jena King continued her long history of philanthropic giving to children’s health and well-being with Nuna Teal to expand into the support of indigenous people’s leadership in the US and throughout the world.
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE
AND DIRECT EDUCATION
AMAZON CONSERVATION TEAM

In 1996, ethnobotanist Dr. Mark Plotkin and conservationist Liliana Madrigal founded the Amazon Conservation Team to implement a unique and novel strategy: biocultural conservation. At that time, the dominant environmental conservation model entailed creating protected areas that displaced local communities. In contrast, ACT began with the conviction that the viability of Amazonian ecosystems and the integrity of traditional cultures are interdependent aspects of an integrated whole. Over the past decades ACT has nurtured relationships with prominent indigenous healers, who represent community’s natural leadership and its cultural core.

MINI WICONI HEALTH CLINIC & FARM

In 2017, the JMK Foundation provided a space for the Mni Wiconi Health Clinic & Farm at the annual Bioneers Conference. After the events of Standing Rock, the tribe’s healer and professor of ethnobotany, Linda Black Elk, PhD, Sara Jumping Eagle, MD, and other community members and allies developed ideas about how best to serve the community’s long term health. They came up with the concept of creating an integrative medicine clinic, served by a mobile unit, “to support the Lakota and Dakota people in decolonizing medicine and diet to improve their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.” It will be free of cost to patients and staffed as a collaboration between traditional tribal healers, National Nurses United, Herbal Medics, Changing Women Initiative (a Navajo-based
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“Imagine a Clinic where you come for healing and learning... mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually... a place where your life ways and cultures are respected; where you can see a body worker or a herbalist as easily as a medic or physician; where you can take a class on herbal medicines and pick up a jar of homemade buffalo stew!”

— LINDA BLACK ELK

MINI WICONI HEALTH CLINIC & FARM

"Violets in Lakota"

*MINI WICONI CLINIC TEAM MEMBERS: DAVID MISTRETTA (MASS DESIGN GROUP), SILA ROOD, LINDA BLACK ELK, PHD, DR. RUPA MARYA*
THE WOMEN’S EARTH & CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

WECAN is a solutions-based, multi-faceted effort established to engage women worldwide to take action as powerful stakeholders in climate change and sustainability solutions. With financial support from the JMK Foundation, WECAN led three Indigenous Women’s Divestment Delegations to Europe. Having emerged from the Water Protector movement at Standing Rock, these leaders met with the directors of the international banks, their shareholders, and insurance companies in Norway, Germany and Switzerland that are most heavily invested in American oil and gas operations, educating them about Indigenous violations of civil rights and sovereignty while drawing attention to the banks’ own relevant by-laws. Their efforts have advanced the global fossil fuel divestment campaign noticeably, resulting in the immediate withdrawal of a major Norwegian bank from American oil projects, promises from others to consider their proposals seriously, and invitations to return and meet again with the same entities.
FOR THE CHILDREN

12 YEAR OLD ETHIOPIAN BOY, WHELAI, SMILING AFTER REALIZING HE IS NO LONGER BLIND
A SENSE OF HOME

In 2017 and 2018, on the basis of its remarkable success, the Foundation awarded ASOH major “springboard” and matching grants so that this young non-profit would have some creative breathing space in which to expand its organization while continuing to provide beautiful homes for “aged out” foster youth and their children - connecting them with mentoring, job and educational opportunities, and the support of loving extended families comprised of other foster youth and volunteers, and a staff of other former foster youth.

ANGELS AT RISK

The issue of drug alcohol abuse in kids, teenagers, and families is an epidemic crisis. We know that early education, prevention, intervention and treatment can change families’ futures forever. The mission of Angels at Risk is to raise this awareness. Currently, there are communities from California to New York asking for its help in implementing their successful programs and services. Angels at Risk continues to be effective against drug and alcohol use and abuse for teenagers and their families. Its goal is to create a center where all families rich or poor can get help, support and treatment, and where other communities who are asking for help can learn how to implement the Angels at Risk philosophy.
**BRENT SHAPIRO FOUNDATION**
The Brent Shapiro Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of drug abuse among youth. Its signature program is Brent’s Club, a sober club offered to young adults in middle and high schools that provides incentives for participants to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs. Members voluntarily participate in saliva tests, and those who test positive receive private, discreet counseling. Others are rewarded with incentives that include iPads, computers and other tech devices for school, tutoring, special events, and eventually college scholarships.

**CHILDREN’S DEFENSE FUND**
The Children’s Defense Fund’s Leave No Child Behind mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. CDF provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. Particular attention is paid to the needs of poor children, children of color and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick, drop out of school, get into trouble or suffer family breakdown.

**CROSSROADS SCHOOL FOR ARTS & SCIENCES**
Crossroads School is a culturally and socially diverse K-12 college preparatory school based in Santa Monica, California. Its founding educators and parents sought to create an innovative approach to education, pioneering a concept of “education in balance” built upon commitments to academic excellence, the arts, the greater community, the development of a student population of social, economic and racial diversity, and the development of each student’s well-being and full human potential.

**GO CAMPAIGN/ GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO CHILDREN**
The GO Campaign improves the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world by identifying and partnering with local donors to deliver local solutions. It connects donors to high-impact grassroots projects aimed at changing lives and communities, one child at a time, in the belief that every child deserves the right to opportunity: Opportunity to education, to medical care, to shelter, to food and clean water, to enrichment. To a fair chance in life.
**READY TO SUCCEED LA**

Ready to Succeed (RTS), which works closely with A Sense of Home, bridges the gap between education and meaningful careers for transition-age foster youth currently attending or recently graduated from four year colleges. They achieve this through our an intensive Career Accelerator & Internship Program that connects these deserving students with the professional development training, resources and people they need to become self-reliant and successful adults.

**YOUNG EISNER SCHOLARS**

Young Eisner Scholars (YES) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying underserved students and providing them with the resources and support to facilitate their success in high school, college, and beyond. Founded in Los Angeles, it has since expanded to New York City, Chicago and Appalachia.
FOR OUR HEALTH
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
Since 1971, courageous Doctors Without Borders have delivered medical care to the most vulnerable populations worldwide, helping people affected by natural disasters, conflicts, epidemics, and exclusion from health care.

EQUALITY NOW, Inc.
Equality Now works for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women and girls around the world. The group provides an international framework for spreading awareness of issues and providing support to local grassroots groups working to address issues of concern to it. The organization lists its primary concerns as being sexual violence, trafficking of girls and women, female genital mutilation, and discrimination in law.

FOOD ON FOOT
Food on Foot is dedicated to assisting the poor and homeless of Los Angeles through programs that provide nutritious meals, clothing, work opportunities and ultimately the transition to full-time employment and life off the streets. It focuses on nurturing homeless clients without restrictions, and give them the quality time and assistance to meet their unique and individual needs.

GENERATION ZAPPED/ FROM THE HEART PRODUCTIONS
This documentary film investigates the growing body of research on the alarming health risks associated with wireless technology. Featuring an impressive array of international scientists and public health policy experts, the film shines a light on the cause and effect relationships of RF exposure on infertility, learning disabilities, cancer and other diseases. It asks the audience to use technology safely for the sake of our own health and the health of the next generation.
**HIMALAYAN CATARACT PROJECT**

2017 and 2018: Dedicated to the prevention of unnecessary blindness, the HCP has performed more than 600,000 ophthalmic surgeries to restore sight, overcoming barriers impeding delivery of cataract care to often remote regions of the developing world. Efforts are focused on eradicating preventable and curable blindness while training and equipping local personnel to establish world-class eye care infrastructure. Foundation funds are allocated specifically to addressing pediatric blindness caused by cataracts and retinoblastoma, a common and treatable childhood cancer affecting the eye.

**PLAN INTERNATIONAL**

In partnership with donors, children and communities, Plan International works in more than 50 developing countries to end the cycle of poverty, focusing on child participation, education, economic security, protection, health, water and sanitation. It provides training in disaster preparedness, response and recovery, joining relief efforts worldwide.
The Sugar Ray Leonard Foundation was established in 2009 by boxing legend and six-time world champion Sugar Ray Leonard and his wife, Bernadette. Committed to funding research and care for pediatric type 1 & 2 diabetes and creating awareness for both diseases, it also strives to help children live healthier lives through diet and exercise.

**VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

Since receiving a large ‘springboard’ grant from the Foundation in 2015, the important work of the Violence Intervention Program, serving Los Angeles County, continues to receive support for its efforts to end the epidemic of violence by providing education, resources and policy advocacy. With 18,000 of its children and youth in foster care, Los Angeles has recently been in the spotlight, particularly with regard to high-risk youth and teens. Lacking adequate resources, these youth have been locked in a spiral of systematic neglect that has resulted in a growing number of youth failed foster placements every year and insufficient care for children in crisis. The opening of the Leonard Hill Hope Center in September of 2017 brought together the services needed urgently to keep high-risk youth safe and help them transition successfully into adulthood. The effective work of A Sense of Home and the VIP is complementary, addressing the effects of abuse, violence and neglect among our youth.

**SMILE TRAIN**

Smile Train provides free cleft repair surgery and comprehensive cleft care to children in more than 85 developing countries, training doctors to continue to provide this care in their own communities.
We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that we will be able to make of this old world a new world.

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.