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**COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO RECEIVES \$300,000 GRANT FROM THRIVE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH**

*Award will support organization's work in positive youth development field*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC) has been awarded a \$300,000 grant by the Thrive Foundation for Youth to support the Foundation's mission of guiding disadvantaged young people ages 10-18 to reach their full potential by strengthening the presence and impact of caring adults in their lives. CYC was selected along with six other youth-serving organizations from around the U.S., based on its proven track record of directly impacting youth in the communities it serves, collaborating with local schools and demonstrating an interest in growth and scaling. The two-year, unrestricted grant will support the CYC's work in the field of positive youth and leadership development.

CYC was established in 1970 to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and gang violence in San Francisco's Chinatown by providing young men with alternatives and access to legitimate means of achieving their aspirations and independence. "We are very appreciative of Thrive Foundation for Youth's generosity and extremely honored and excited for the opportunity to partner with them and with our six fellow grantees," said CYC Executive Director Sarah Wan. "We strongly believe that together, we can strengthen our work and impact in the community, learn from each other and be able to outreach and make significant differences in the lives of young people in need."

Thrive selected grantees whose work emphasizes establishing relationships between paid staff, caring adults and individual youth. "We are excited about working and learning with this new group of grantees to forward our mission. We are also humbled to now be in partnership with 15 of the premier organizations across the country who are guiding disadvantaged youth to reach their full potential," said Kelley Gulley, Interim Managing Director of the Thrive Foundation for Youth. "We are confident that CYC will make valuable contributions to our research, evaluation and innovation efforts at the foundation, and will benefit from the expertise and knowledge of our staff."

Collectively, Thrive's new grantees will impact the lives of over 25,000 youth annually, who live in low-income communities throughout the United States. The grant period will run from 2015-2017. This is Thrive's second cohort of grantees.

**ABOUT COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO**

CYC's mission is "to empower and strengthen a diverse population of youth and their families by providing comprehensive youth development through education, employment training, advocacy, and other support services."

As one of only a few agencies providing culturally competent and linguistically acceptable programs and services to primarily high-need and at-risk Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant youth with cultural and language barriers that result in academic and economic hardships, issues with acculturation, and involvement with gangs and the justice system, CYC annually impacts over 5,000 youth and their families through programs and services under six major components – Behavioral Health, Community and School-Based Outreach, Education, Intervention, Leadership Development, and Workforce Development – and a continuum of wraparound services that include counseling, case management, advocacy, conflict resolution and mediation, crisis intervention, support groups, life skills training, employment opportunities and leadership training.

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**ABOUT THRIVE**

Founded in 1995 by Silicon Valley investor Bob King and his wife Dottie, the Thrive Foundation for Youth supports young people during pivotal years of their lives – ages 10 to 18 – in reaching their full potential. Thrive’s mission is to guide disadvantaged youth to their full potential by strengthening the connection and impact of caring adults in their lives. Thrive believes in the combined power of applied research and on-the-ground practice to make tangible difference in the lives of young people. Our scientific research is dedicated to answering the question: “What helps a young person to thrive?” Our active partnerships with youth-serving organizations are dedicated to putting that knowledge into practice, and to changing as many lives as possible throughout the country.

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Sample Facebook Post

Today, we are proud to announce a generous grant from the Thrive Foundation for Youth (tag). We are honored to partner with Thrive and with our fellow grantees, and are thankful for Thrive's faith in us. Together, we can amplify our impact in guiding disadvantaged youth to reach their full potential through the support of caring adults.

Sample Twitter:

Thank you @Thrive4Youth for your generous grant to support our work guiding disadvantaged youth to reach full potential with a caring adult.