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## Richstone Family Center to Create Everychild Foundation Healing Center, Treating Child Abuse and Eliminating Family Violence

This November, the Richstone Family Center (Richstone) became the seventeenth consecutive recipient of the annual Everychild Foundation grant. Richstone is a Los Angeles-based non-profit providing services to prevent and treat child abuse and eliminate family violence. The \$1 million grant will fund the construction of the Everychild Foundation Healing Center and launch an integrated program of child abuse crisis and long-term treatment and prevention services for victims and their families.

“We have an increasing epidemic of child abuse and violence facing

children in our community. Each day, we see firsthand the damaging long-term effects these traumas can have on children and their families,” says Roger Van Remmen, President of Richstone. “The Everychild Foundation Healing Center will provide a comprehensive program of integrated, trauma-informed treatment and wellness services that heal and build resiliency. This project is critical to addressing community needs and preventing the cycle of abuse and violence from continuing.”

The grant provides support to the agency over the three-year period  
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MORE THAN **200**  
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from 2017 through 2019. The 4,000 square foot Everychild Foundation Healing Center will provide programs and services in a single location, serving communities in L.A. County's South Bay and neighboring South L.A. areas. It will serve the existing clientele, plus 500 additional at-risk and abused children ages 5-17 years old and their families each year.

The Center will provide increased access and availability to programs including play therapy, art therapy, pet therapy, yoga, self-defense, nutrition, a young men's group, middle school teen dating workshops, a fatherhood program, support groups for teens and young moms, substance abuse prevention, a targeted rehabilitation referral program and a vocational services assistance program.

"Richstone serves the parts of LA County experiencing the highest concentration of gang violence, child-trafficking, drug-related crime, prostitution and poverty. There has been a 28% increase in reported cases of child abuse in these areas, leading to a wait list of hundreds of families who currently seek services," says Jacqueline Caster, Founder and President of the Everychild Foundation. "The Everychild Foundation Healing Center has the ability



*Members of the Everychild Foundation Grant Screening Board, along with members and supporters of the Richstone Family Center after the grant hearing at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA.*

to improve the life trajectories of at-risk and abused children and their families, who lack access to quality mental health and wellness services."



The Everychild Foundation makes one grant per year to a Los Angeles area non-profit agency benefitting children and youth, ages 0 to 24. Applicants must go through an extensive grant screening process to be eligible for the award. The grant is funded by annual contributions from foundation members. This is the seventeenth consecutive award made by Everychild, bringing its overall community contribution to \$15 million and more than one million children served.

## Still An Urgent Need for Homeless Community College Students

It has become an Everychild tradition to do all we can to help the runner-up project become a reality too. This year, that project is Jovenes Inc.'s College Success Initiative which addresses the tragic problem of homelessness among community college students in Los Angeles County. This is a terrific chance for funders to support a program that has already gone through enormous vetting and could be a national model for addressing this surprisingly pervasive problem across the nation. Additionally, Jovenes has stated that a naming opportunity is available.

If you are personally interested or think you know of

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### Mark Your Calendar

March 21, 2017  
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A special thank you to the RAND Corporation and its President and CEO, Michael Rich, for its ongoing support of the Everychild Foundation, allowing our Grant Screening Board a place to convene throughout the year, and for graciously hosting the Grant Hearing each Fall. The nonprofit institution helps improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis. For more than six decades, RAND has used rigorous, fact-based research and analysis to help individuals, families, and communities throughout the world be safer and more secure, healthier and more prosperous. RAND research spans issues, such as energy, education, health, justice, the environment, and international and military affairs. To learn more, visit: <http://www.rand.org>.

# What It Means to Be a Grant Screening Board Member

At a high level, the Everychild Foundation's volunteer Grant Screening Board (GSB) acts as 'foundation staff,' performing the essential function of analyzing applicant agencies and their projects. Its goal is to narrow the applicant pool to the two candidates whose projects best address the critical, unmet needs of children in that grant year. Serving on the GSB offers members an opportunity to work with other philanthropically-inclined women in a challenging, educational environment. The GSB is open to all members and has a maximum of 20 spaces annually. Members may serve up to four consecutive years before making room for others.

So, what really motivates volunteers to spend sometimes upwards of 100 hours of their free time each year working with applicants and Everychild peers? Hear what members of the 2016 GSB have to say...

*"The GSB has opened my eyes to the tremendous and diverse needs of children and families throughout the greater Los Angeles community. It has also helped to inform my personal giving in a more meaningful way." -- Nancy Stark*

*"The GSB is an antidote to our cynical world. To see so many dedicated people tackling the daunting problems facing our city's children with compassion, enthusiasm and effectiveness gives me much hope for both Los Angeles and the human race!" -- Laurie Levit*

*"What we especially appreciate on the GSB is the community. The wider community; with a feeling of greater connection to Los Angeles as we learn the problems and can offer ideas to alleviate them. And the community of Everychild; working with women with different backgrounds and varying ages and learning from each other what accomplishments a group like this can achieve!" -- Michele Lynch*

*"Working with the GSB is amazing. I am very grateful to you for all the insights and vision and for the opportunity to help change the world!" -- Candis Duke-Doerken*

*"Being on the GSB has enlightened me as to the depth and scope of childhood problems in Los Angeles County and made me somewhat of an advocate for needy children. Being aware of the needs of these kids is a powerful tool, which I readily share with friends as well as new acquaintances. In addition, it has empowered me to be very mindful of how I allocate my charitable giving." -- Mary deKernion*

*"Being part of the GSB has been intellectually stimulating. As a group, there is so much learning and feeding off each other's thoughts and comments. It has informed my own giving and has been wonderfully satisfying." -- Diane Liebenson*

*"It has been a complete honor and privilege to be a part of the GSB these past four years. What I hope to convey is the reflection that being a part of this talented, energetic and inspirational group of women has made me a better listener and critical thinker. I cannot think of an experience that has offered me a better, more directed opportunity to truly learn about the challenges facing our City, as well as the chance to hear and learn from other intelligent women about the ways these funds can be most purposefully used." -- Anessa Karney*



*2016 Grant Screening Committee [left to right]: Lisa Cleri Reale, Mary Katz, Candis Duke, Michele Lynch, Terry Peters, Laurie Levit, Susan Brauneiss, Deborah Olliff, Kirstin Meyer, Jacqueline Caster, Elizabeth Friedman, Diane Liebenson, Michelle Katz, Nancy Stark, Ande Rosenblum, Nalini Sri-Kumar, Linda Rubin, Judy Beckmen, and Aparna Sule*

*Not pictured: Priscilla Halper, Dara Barker, Mary DeKernion, and Anessa Karney*

## 'Father of Efficient Markets,' Nobel Laureate, Eugene Fama, Admires Everychild Model

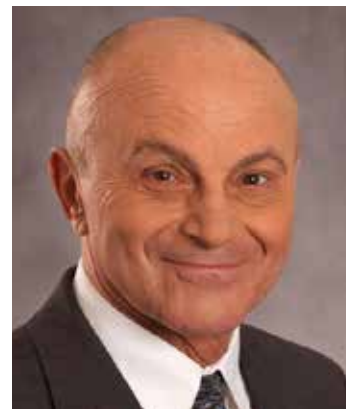
How does the Everychild Foundation manage to serve over one million children with \$15 million in grants over seventeen years without a single fund-raising gala, no mass mailings and no paid staff? The answer is prioritizing efficiency.

Everychild uses a 'giving circle' philanthropic model, which allows its members to apply their talents and time to selecting worthy grants. Instead of fundraising, members pool their contributions to achieve a greater impact, thereby leveraging their donations. Operating costs are kept to a minimum, resulting in more than 95% of each dollar collected going

toward the grantee each year. Everychild has had an even broader impact as its giving model has now inspired the creation of twelve other foundations throughout the United States and in Europe.

The man dubbed, 'The Father of Efficient Markets', American economist, Nobel Laureate and supporter of the Everychild Foundation, Eugene Fama, states that, "Pooling resources, like Everychild does, allows local donors to scale their impact and have a much greater effect on society. It is an efficiently run philanthropy that keeps operating costs to a minimum and maximizes the

dollars going directly to the children's organizations that need it most."



*Eugene Fama, American Economist, Nobel Laureate, and Supporter of the Everychild Foundation*

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# The Everychild Foundation 2016 State of Our Children LA Symposium: Call to Action for Toxic Stress Prevention and Intervention

On February 23, 2016, the Everychild Foundation Policy and Activism Committee hosted the 'State of Our Children: LA 2016 Symposium' at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. The event explored how trauma-informed interventions can save the lives of Los Angeles' at risk children. The day served as a call-to-action for local children's advocates, with the ultimate goal of 'toxic stress' (chronic trauma-induced stress) prevention and intervention.

The event was moderated by Everychild member and former Policy Chair, Denise McCain-Tharnstrom, along with policy journalist, Jim Newton, Editor of the UCLA Blueprint Magazine and author and Former Editor and Bureau Chief of the Los Angeles Times.

Keynote speaker, Neal Halfon, Founding Director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities and nationally renowned toxic stress expert, opened the morning by sharing the disruptive role of toxic stress in reducing memory and increasing the likelihood of dysfunctional behaviors, health decline and cognitive deficits. Halfon challenged attendees to advocate for interventions and practices that work to buffer children from harm caused by trauma, and to push for universal programs that emphasize improving environmental disparities to better protect vulnerable children from 'earthquakes' in their lives.

The next speakers; Dr. Astrid Heppenstall Heger, Executive Director, Violence Intervention Program; Dr. Elisa A. Nichols, CEO, The Children's Clinic; and Javier Stauring, Chaplain & Director, Healing Justice Coalition,



formed a dynamic trio of local expert practitioners. They discussed their experiences with children who have suffered from toxic stressors, and they shared intervention models.

The final presenters, Ted Lempert, Presi-

*'Almost two out of three children in the US are exposed to violence in a given year.'*  
Children Now

dent, Children Now; Paul Curtis, Executive Director, California Coalition for Youth; and Jill Habig, Special Counsel to California Attorney General Kamala Harris, repre-

sented state policy leaders emphasizing the need to reform early childcare, education, juvenile justice, foster care, and homeless system responses, while using a trauma-informed lens.

The State of Our Children: LA 2016 Symposium's ultimate goal was to spark action in the effort to build resilient children, families and communities. To hear a recording of the Symposium and view speaker presentations, visit the Policy page of the Everychild website.



# Message from our Founder and President



As our seventeenth grant is awarded to Richstone Family Center, many of our members have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve so many desperate children mired in unthinkable crisis situations. With our nation's change in leadership, many have also shared deep concern.

They are worried how non-profits, such as Everychild, may be expected to shoulder the burden of social service provision going forward, and

how much will remain the public sector's responsibility -- a concern shared by the entire national philanthropic community. The bottom line is that, while bets may lean strongly in one direction, no one really knows for certain.

But as Everychild members, we do know one thing for sure: we

are an organization of "doers." As such, we will not fear the unknown - we will continue to act. And as my children love to say, "All you can do is what you can do."

So as we move forward together in this new year, we *will* continue to fund innovative, replicable new models that can showcase the most effective and efficient approaches to addressing children's needs. We *will* continue to make our voices heard to protect the vast number of hard-fought advances over the past several decades for children's well being. And ...we *will* continue to make a difference.

We've had seventeen years of success doing exactly that, and there is no reason to believe we will not have at least seventeen more.

With Huge Gratitude and Optimism,

*Jacqueline Caster*

## Nancy Daly Memorial Salon Series:

### "They Call Us Monsters" Documentary Questions Juvenile Justice System

An Everychild salon held on September 22nd featured a private showing of the moving documentary, "They Call Us Monsters." A discussion with the film's director Ben Lear and Elizabeth Calvin, Senior Advocate, Children's Rights Division for Human Rights Watch followed the screening.

The documentary follows three young offenders – Jarad, Juan, and Antonio – who reside in the Compound, the part of the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar that houses Los Angeles County's most violent juvenile offenders. All three are between the ages of 14 and 16 and faced adult sentences for their crimes, amounting to decades to life in prison.



Elizabeth Calvin, Ben Lear, and Jacqueline Caster at the movie screening on September 22nd.

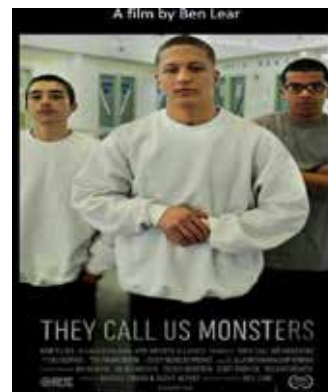
With unprecedented access to the facility, Lear helps audiences understand these young men through a screenwriting workshop, where they each fictionalize their lives. Lear's film asks difficult questions about the American juvenile justice system. What is society's responsibility to these children? Is it fair that the system treats young offenders like they're disposable? Where is the line between adulthood and childhood? Do they deserve a second chance?

Ben Lear is the first director to ever film inside the Compound. As a result of his work on "They Call Us Monsters," he now sits on the advisory board of InsideOUT Writers, an organization that uses creative writing as a mechanism to reduce the juvenile recidivism rate, and is an ally member within the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. He teaches a weekly writing class within the Compound and mentors

former juvenile offenders upon reentry.

During the question and answer session following the screening, Elizabeth Calvin stated that the film does justice to a complex and emotional set of topics.

"Over and over we see close ups of the boys that convey so deeply their fears and insecurities," she said. "Ben did a great job of portraying them as human beings, not monsters."



When asked what motivated him to make the film, Lear said he was invited to observe a writers' class sponsored by InsideOUT Writers. Instead of meeting the kind of tough kids portrayed in prison movies, he saw a classroom of young teenage boys who were giddy with excitement about the class. "When I learned how much time in prison they were facing, I wanted to explore the conflict between being a kid and having already lost your life to prison. I wanted to answer the question: Should young boys who commit crimes get a second chance?"

The Nancy Daly Memorial Salon Series is named after the prominent Los Angeles child advocate who passed away in 2009. Nancy was an Everychild member and one of our first salon speakers.

Salons are usually held in the evening at the home of an Everychild member. Speakers focus on issues facing children in our communities. The purpose of the salons is for our members, who may attend with their spouse or a guest, to become more knowledgeable in their role as grant-makers.

# Thanks to Each of our 2016 Everychild Members for Making This Year's \$1 Million Grant Possible

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# Grant Updates

**2015** The Whole Child's Everychild Foundation Family Housing Program (ECF Housing Program) provides vital assistance to help hard-to-place families with children, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, achieve stability and emotional well being. The program emphasizes permanent housing (vs. short term shelter solutions) coupled with intensive support services. It is now also partnered with LA Unified who has a representative from the Homeless Education Program at The Whole Child's office once a week. This partnership provides the program with expertise and advocacy services needed to ensure that homeless children access added benefits to achieve academic success. ECF Housing Program's goal is to serve 672 children, ages 0-18 (approximately 168 families) over the two-year Everychild Foundation grant period of January 2016 – December 2017.

**2014** 1736 Family Crisis Center "Everychild Foundation Emergency Shelter and Youth Program" is a soon-to-be completed new emergency shelter and center for homeless and at-risk girls and boys, ages, 10-17. In addition to providing safety and care to those under its roof, it will also aid many others who will receive services at its drop-in center.

**2013** The Children's Clinic ("TCC") launched the "Everychild Bright Beginnings Initiative ('EBBI')", a proven "trauma-informed care" pilot program to reduce abuse and neglect and create nurturing home environments during pregnancy and the first three years of life. EBBI has successfully completed its 3-year grant period during which all staff were trained in trauma-induced care, enabling them to effectively identify and address the adverse effects of toxic stress and chronic exposure to violence on infants, toddlers and pregnant mothers. They evaluated roughly 4,000 patients (children ages 0-4 and pregnant women), with over a third being referred for services (early outreach, case management, psycho-education, mental

health assessment, psychotherapy, groups and home visitation programs). In addition, EBBI has provided a range of community resources, including housing, food, transportation, financial resources and necessities for young children. TCC's survey of patient' experiences with trauma-informed care has enabled the clinic to better track medium to high-risk EBBI patients.

**2012** The Public Counsel and Alliance for Children's Rights grant created the nation's first large-scale project to provide comprehensive legal and social services to adoptive and guardianship families. The "Everychild Families Forever Project," extends early outreach to Los Angeles families to facilitate adoptions and guardianships, long-term follow up and the completion of a post- adoption/guardianship study. This result: a successful 2,008 adoptions and 3,918 guardianships over the grant period. Additionally, 1,263 children with special education needs were helped to obtain appropriate school placements and quality Individualized Education Plans. Another 647 with developmental delays and almost 771 with mental health issues were aided in accessing necessary services, and 1,621 children received help obtaining needed medical benefits.

**2011** Centinela Youth Services launched the "Everychild Restorative Justice Center" (ERJC) adjacent to the Inglewood Courthouse to divert youth from the punitive detention system into individualized services proven more effective in reducing recidivism. ERJC includes mental health services, academic support and victim/offender mediation. In 2012, ERJC began also serving the Compton Court jurisdiction. Originally established as only court diversion, the Center now also partners with the Los Angeles Police Department, the County Sheriff's department and other municipal police departments countywide, diverting youth immediately at the time of arrest. It has also expanded to numerous school police departments, helping to disrupt the school to prison pipeline. Overall recidivism rates are less than 11%, with roughly 2,000 youth served to date. ERJC is now expanding into the San Fernando Valley to include the Sylmar Court jurisdiction.



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