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THREE LOCAL NONPROFITS AWARDED \$200,000 IN GRANTS TO FUND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES

Stations reach \$1 million in grants through its 21st Century Solutions program

Universal City, CA – (December 2, 2016) – NBC4 Southern California and Telemundo 52 Los Angeles, in partnership with the NBCUniversal Foundation, announced today the three local nonprofits selected to receive grants totaling \$200,000, through its 21st Century Solutions initiative. Since its launch in 2012, the two stations have awarded \$1 million in grants to charities across the region.

The grants support community organizations that are advancing neighborhoods forward through innovative programs with creative solutions to various social challenges. Hundreds of Southern California-based nonprofit organizations competed for a 21st Century Solutions award ranging from \$100,000 to \$50,000 in the areas of Civic Engagement, Education, Environment, Jobs and Economic Empowerment, Media and Technology.

The following organizations are this year's awardees:

- [**GlobalGirl Media**](#) – **\$100,000**

The GlobalGirl Media Digital Journalism program empowers young women with hands-on experience by learning to create, develop, write and produce stories using the latest technology.

- [**School on Wheels**](#) – **\$50,000**

Through its Digital Learning Centers, homeless youth can use the latest technology and educational resources to help them with homework, tutoring and vocational training in the Compton, Chino Hills and Skid Row communities.

- [**TreePeople**](#) – **\$50,000**

The Cool City Project will plant trees in Huntington Park that can help combat local climate changes of rising temperatures and droughts.

“Funding to these deserving organizations means Southern Californians will have more social services available to improve the lives across many areas in the region,” said Steve Carlston, President and General Manager, NBC4 Southern California. “Expanding community programs flourish and grow neighborhoods, and we’re thrilled to be at the forefront in making a difference.”

“We are excited to provide local community-based organizations with funding opportunities to help expand their programming to serve the needs of our growing community,” said Celia Chavez, President and General

Manager, Telemundo 52 Los Angeles. “We look forward to seeing the impact of these innovative programs for years to come.”

Through the 21stCentury Solutions grant challenge the NBCUniversal Foundation in partnership with the NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations award a total of \$1.2 million to 30 nonprofits in 10 markets across the country. One winning organization and two runners-up were awarded grants in each market.

To see the full list of 21stCentury Solutions grant recipients, click [here](#) or visit nbcuniversal.com.

About NBC4 Southern California

NBC4 Southern California is the West Coast flagship station of the NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations, serving the vast region since 1949. NBC4 produces more than 40 hours each week of local news and weather, and the station features the largest award-winning investigative unit in Southern California. NBC4’s news operation has received nearly every industry award bestowed on local news, including numerous Los Angeles Emmy and Golden Mike Awards, two national and two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, and a Peabody Award. NBC4 news is delivered across the main broadcast on channel 4, at www.nbcla.com, and through multiple interactive social media platforms 24/7. The NBC Owned Television Stations, a division of NBCUniversal, also operates COZI TV (www.cozity.com), a national network that brings viewers some of America’s most beloved and iconic television shows and movies.

About Telemundo 52 Los Angeles

Telemundo 52 / KVEA is Telemundo’s West Coast flagship television station, serving the Spanish-speaking community in the Los Angeles market. Owned by NBCUniversal, Telemundo 52 has been delivering local news, information and entertainment to viewers throughout Southern California for nearly 30 years, reaching approximately 10 million viewers in five counties. Viewers turn to Telemundo 52 for breaking news, weather and sports headlines across a variety of platforms, including online at Telemundo52.com and via mobile and social media channels. Today, Telemundo 52 produces more than 25 hours of local news and programming each week and demonstrates its commitment to the community by cultivating local partnerships and capturing the diversity of Southern California.

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ABOUT SCHOOL ON WHEELS

School on Wheels, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1993 by Agnes Stevens, a retired teacher. Today, hundreds of volunteers work one-on-one with children whose homelessness prevents them from receiving the academic stability and help they desperately need. The heart of the School on Wheels' program is the volunteer tutors who come from all backgrounds and professions, with a shared goal - to reach out to a child, to teach, to mentor, and assist in his or her educational life.

The mission of School on Wheels is to enhance educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The goal is to shrink the gaps in their education and provide them with the highest level of education possible. Their program serves as a consistent support system to homeless students at a time of great stress and fear. School on Wheels brings the message to homeless students that they are cared about and important. They do this by offering:

- One-on-one weekly tutoring with a volunteer
- Backpacks, school supplies and school uniforms
- Assistance in entering school
- Help in locating lost records
- Guidance for parents in educational matters for their children
- Skid Row Learning Center
- Tutoring in six counties in Southern California, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

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