



LETTER TO THE EDITOR - TUSTIN NEWS

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Dear Editor,

Taking care of one another. Donating. Volunteering. Philanthropy. Whatever you call it, it's gaining momentum in Tustin where the Tustin Community Foundation is getting ready to award grants to area nonprofit organizations for the fourth year in a row.

During the past four years, Tustin area residents and businesses have pooled their funds through ticket purchases and contributions to the Tustin Community Foundation to provide more than \$130,000 in grants and awards to organizations that assist Tustin area residents and enhance the community. These grants have included purchasing a new pitching machine for **Tustin Eastern Little League**, providing funds to facilitate free "Stewards of Children" awareness/prevention workshops through **Divine Choices**, tutor academically at-risk 2nd-5th grade students who attend Tustin Unified schools in North Tustin at **LEAP Learning Center** and conduct community outreach to meet the needs of underserved and disadvantaged older adults in the greater Tustin area through the **Council on Aging**. Funds from the Foundation have also supported **American Legion Post 227**, **Assistance League Tustin**, the **Tustin Public Schools Foundation**, the **Tustin Area Senior Center**, the **Tustin Police Department Santa Sleigh Program** and 50 other worthy organizations.

The Tustin Community Foundation would like to thank our many donors for their trust and their contributions that allowed the Foundation to offer free **LIVEgreen** seminars, free **Disaster Preparedness classes** in conjunction with the Tustin Police Department and the OC Fire Authority and low cost **CPR training classes** this past year. The **Partners in Parks** committee is currently selecting the artist to create a permanent art wall at Citrus Ranch Park. Whew - Lots of work by Foundation volunteers because of generous donors.

All residents who live or work in the greater Tustin area and want to make a difference are encouraged to contribute to the Foundation where the donations of any size will be pooled with others to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Grants will be awarded at the 15th Annual **Thanksgiving Breakfast** being held at the Salvation Army Tustin Ranch on Thursday, November 17. For more information on the Breakfast or to make a donation to the Foundation, please visit www.tustincommunityfoundation.org or call 714-393-8506. Thank you for helping us help others!

Sincerely,

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