

The Julia Burke Foundation NEWSLETTER 2020



Equal Justice Initiative

By Jacqueline Jones-Peace,
Senior Attorney & Director of Development

After decades of litigation, advocacy, and community education efforts, Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) has emerged as a national leader in the fight to stop mass incarceration and excessive punishment. At EJI we provide free legal assistance to the poor, the incarcerated, and those facing execution, particularly those who have been wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced. We represent children prosecuted as adults, people with disabilities, and the disfavored and marginalized. EJI seeks also to leverage the role of art and personal narrative to deepen our shared understanding of America's history of racial injustice; it is critical to understand the connections between the legacy of slavery, racial terror lynching, and segregation, with the modern era of mass incarceration and racially-biased criminal justice policies.

EJI has argued and won five United States Supreme Court cases, including landmark decisions to prevent courts from sentencing juveniles in non-homicide cases to life-without-the-possibility-of-parole, to ban mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juveniles, and to extend Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment to people with dementia and other mental conditions.

In the state of Alabama, we continue to challenge unconstitutional conditions of confinement in jails and prisons, in the most overcrowded and violent prisons in the nation. Last year, the United States Department of Justice relied heavily on EJI reports documenting widespread corruption and a pervasive culture of violence and dysfunction at Alabama's St. Clair



Prison. The Justice Department report concluded that Alabama "routinely violates the constitutional rights of prisoners" by failing to protect them from rampant violence and sexual abuse and called on Alabama to take remedial steps or face a federal lawsuit. In July, for the second time in 18 months, the Department of Justice issued a new report confirming the unconstitutional conditions in Alabama's prisons which EJI has been investigating and reporting on.

Thanks to generous support from The Julia Burke Foundation, the Equal Justice Initiative will greatly advance efforts to reform the criminal justice system, challenge the death penalty, and advocate for reforms in sentencing practices and conditions of confinement.

For more information, visit www.eji.org.

UC Berkeley Innovative Genomics Institute By Peter Gallagher, Senior Analyst

In March 2020, when the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic was becoming apparent, Dr. Jennifer Doudna and Innovative Genomics Institute (IGI) faculty moved rapidly to pivot and leverage their facilities and staff to address the crisis head-on. Lack of high-volume diagnostic testing was—and remains—one of the most pressing challenges to combating COVID-19, especially for marginalized and underrepresented people who lack access to testing through conventional channels.

A core tenet of our mission at IGI is to ensure that the discoveries and technologies we develop are equitably distributed and accessible to all. From the beginning, IGI focused on assessing a broad range of people potentially exposed to the novel coronavirus, including residents of local nursing homes, the East Bay's homeless population, first responders, and

essential workers around the state. Additionally, IGI forged new partnerships with local nonprofits to help support the need for testing among vulnerable populations in the East Bay, including those experiencing poverty, homelessness, recent incarceration, or health disparities.

Recently, with support from The Julia Burke Foundation, IGI launched the IGI FAST (Free Asymptomatic Saliva Testing) Study for COVID-19, a novel research study which is exploring the viability of asymptomatic testing

to prevent the spread of COVID-19 using saliva sample intake. IGI has established multiple testing kiosks on the UC Berkeley campus, and has enrolled thousands of participants in this groundbreaking study. This approach does not require a health professional to collect a swab, so it is much quicker and less expensive than traditional sample collection. Our lab has already detected several infections in people with no symptoms who may not otherwise have been tested, allowing the campus to perform contact tracing and quarantine, stopping the spread in its tracks. We thank The Julia Burke Foundation for its belief in our mission and work at this time of tremendous need—our accomplishments and future goals are feasible thanks to your willingness to step up in response to this crisis. For more information, visit www.innovativegenomics.org.



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Letter from the President

Dear Friends of The Julia Burke Foundation,
We are living in unusual times, as we face multiple unprecedented challenges. This is that rainy day when we also have unprecedented momentum individually and collectively, to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. Let's follow Julia's example and each find our own way to do that. Thousands of non-profits are experiencing unforeseen difficulties with their major fundraising events cancelled, and a severe shortage of volunteers who either are sick, or are staying home as a precaution for their and their family's safety.

Please note that our own Annual Walk and Reunion in honor of Julia's birthday is canceled this year but we hope to see everyone when we are able to gather safely in 2021.

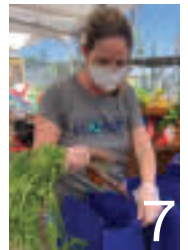
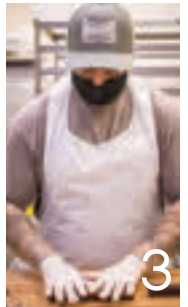
Meanwhile, may we all listen and learn, as we go forward with inspiration from Julia to improve ourselves and our world.



Marilyn Burke

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President

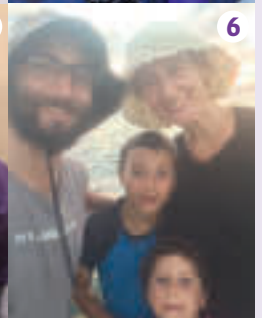
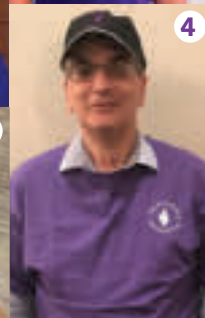
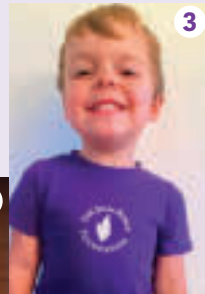
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Julia People

We are humbled that Julia's friends have chose to honor her memory in so many wonderful ways. From sporting Julia tees and onesies to naming their children after Julia, we love to see so much participation!

1 Jessica and Amy Stoneham, Chief Financial Officer **2** Fiona Eve and Ryder Alexander Kalams **3** James Payne **4** John Katsulas, Director of Forensics, Boston College & member of the Julia Burke Committee, American Debate Association **5** Melissa Knievel Lowder with her son Alex **6** Rabbi Yonatan Neril and family, Haifa, Israel



Troops Direct

By Aaron Negherbon, Founder & Executive Director

The rapid onset of COVID-19 caught our entire nation off-guard. Our lives were upended, as homes and businesses shut their doors, while the hangars, warehouses, and operations centers of the National Guard opened theirs. To the front lines of COVID-19 our *Homeland Heroes* ran, leaving their families to counter an invisible enemy inside our shores. Undersupplied and underprepared, they contacted Troops Direct for assistance.

Requests for Personal Protective Equipment flowed in from National Guard units across the nation – face masks, gloves, surgical gowns, sanitizer, nutritional staples and more. The needed quantities were not in the hundreds but in the hundreds of thousands, as federal and state supply chains were going dry. We reached out to The Julia Burke Foundation, and *Operation Julia* was a GO!

The Julia Burke Foundation enabled Troops Direct to immediately fulfill the critically needed requests from our National Guard when government



fulfillments for protective and sanitization equipment were trailing by months. On behalf of all the Americans in uniform that Troops Direct is proud to serve, thank you to The Julia Burke Foundation for your unparalleled love and support.

For more information, visit www.troopsdirect.org.



Homeboy Industries

By Alison Lass, Manager,
Global Homeboy Network & Media Relations

For over 32 years, Homeboy Industries has created a place of refuge and of respite—a home for all who enter. We stand as a beacon of hope in Los Angeles to provide training and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community.

In March, alongside so many others, we had to pause our operations and thriving in-person, relational spaces. We reacted quickly to maintain engagement with the marginalized populations we serve—they have never been more in need of the services and support we provide. Funding provided by The Julia Burke Foundation allowed us to pivot and provide technology to our clients in the form of laptops and tablets. This allowed us to stay in touch with over 90% of the people we had been working with prior to the shelter orders. Our college students had laptops to start online course work. The trainees had tablets for connections to online mental health appointments and for conversations with our legal department in regards to family reunification and upcoming court hearings. We provided access to one-on-one GED tutoring sessions, to parenting classes, to recovery meetings, and to connect via Zoom as needed to the 35 classes per week offered through our Educational Services Department.

As we worked to reopen Homeboy in a phased approach, a grant from The Julia Burke Foundation helped us secure Personal Protective Equipment and supplies. This support also allowed Homeboy Industries to keep the Homeboy Bakery open from early in the morning until late at night, providing bread for many essential businesses in the region. Our catering department partnered with the city of Los Angeles, and also Los Angeles County, Meals on Wheels, and José Andrés' World Central Kitchen, to provide over 100,000 meals to the most at-risk in our community, such as housebound elderly and foster youth living in group homes. For more information, please visit www.homeboyindustries.org.

World Central Kitchen

By Daniel Poole, Development Manager

World Central Kitchen, founded in 2010 by chef and humanitarian José Andrés, uses the power of food to heal communities and strengthen economies in times of crisis and beyond. We've created a new model for disaster response to help devastated communities recover and establish resilient food systems. We respond to natural disasters—like hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires—and other disasters, such as refugee crises, a government shutdown, and now a global pandemic.

Our COVID-19 response began in mid-March, when we mobilized to get meals to people who needed them most. Throughout the pandemic, we've partnered with thousands of restaurants to feed marginalized and vulnerable communities and our courageous medical

professionals on the front lines. This program, which we call Restaurants for the People, tackles two challenges simultaneously: growing hunger around our country and an economic crisis affecting millions of Americans in the restaurant industry. By paying local restaurants to cook fresh meals for their neighbors in need, we're ensuring that families stay fed, while restaurants are able to keep their lights on and their teams working.

The Julia Burke Foundation has helped us provide thousands of fresh meals to children and their families, the elderly, and frontline medical workers. We know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food—it represents dignity and hope for what's to come. For more information, visit www.wck.org.





Day 4 Hope

By Caroline Devitt, Church of the Redeemer

With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, Church of the Redeemer, in Sarasota, Florida, held its largest one-day community outreach event, *Day 4 Hope*, this July. These back-to-school events are hosted on local church campuses and provide homeless and needy children with everything they need to begin the first day of school with dignity. While the event looked a bit different this year, the redesigned *Day 4 Hope* proved to be a safe, socially distanced success. Children and families were invited to stay in their cars while volunteers delivered all the necessary supplies to them, all while wearing a smile behind their masks. Along with all the school supplies needed to have a great and successful school year, children were given gift cards and vouchers to receive a haircut, dental exam, medical exam, eye screening, and much more before the start of school. The Church of the Redeemer is honored and humbled by the generosity of The Julia Burke Foundation, whose support made this event possible, thus helping hundreds of children in need. For more information, visit www.redeemersarasota.org.

Project Kinship

By Steven Kim, MSW, Executive Director

Project Kinship seeks to provide hope, healing and transformation to lives impacted by incarceration, gangs, and violence through supportive services and training. We have learned that hope comes alive when we find our humanity through the tenderness of kinship.

This year Project Kinship partnered with The Julia Burke Foundation to expand services to some of the most marginalized Transitional Age Youth (TAY, 16-24 yrs) in Orange County, CA. Many of these TAY come from communities living below the Federal Poverty Line, have fallen into the cycle of incarceration, and are seeking an exit ramp toward a better future. With support from The Foundation, Project Kinship was able to expand its services and provide critical resources for system-impacted youth, including the KREW (Kinship, Re-entry, Education, Work) support/education group. This group provides an opportunity for TAY to receive support from peers and mentors in a caring and safe space, while acquiring skills for employment and education pathways. In this safe space, participants share their struggles of losing loved ones, the incarceration of a parent, substance use, and community violence. In the midst of the pain, participants and mentors constantly remind each other that they are more than the worst mistake of their past or their circumstances. These amazing people are not giving up and neither will we. We are grateful to be in partnership with The Julia Burke Foundation in creating a world where hope lives and the cycle of despair ends. For more information, visit www.projectkinship.org.



Defy Ventures

By Andrew Glazier, President and CEO

Defy Ventures provides entrepreneurship, career readiness and personal development programming to incarcerated men and women, whom we call Entrepreneurs-In-Training, or EITs. Because men represent the vast majority of residents in the carceral system, the system itself is designed around men, including systems of discipline and rehabilitative programming. Women are the fastest-growing segment of the incarcerated population in the U.S. and yet criminal justice reform and prison programs have largely overlooked their needs. Like the prison system itself, the people we serve are primarily men, but last year we realized that our program suffered from the same inequity as the prison system at large – we had inadvertently developed a program that was designed around incarcerated men and that lacked responsiveness to incarcerated women.

With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, we began to adapt our curriculum to ensure that it would provide a robust and responsive approach for incarcerated women. Through focus groups, women described many of the specific challenges they faced, such as maintaining and establishing relationships with their children while

incarcerated, overcoming stigmas associated with being a woman with a criminal record, and finding positive role models to look up to while rebuilding their lives after prison. Defy consulted with experts to develop curriculum components addressing these and other issues, such as gender and power, workplace communication, patterns of gender-based bias in the workplace, and reentry challenges women experience. We also added to our curriculum case studies featuring women entrepreneurs, to share their stories of success and their challenges.

COVID-19 has interrupted in-person implementation of our new gender-responsive curriculum, but we have been able to follow a correspondence program model in some facilities. EIT Michelle said, “Defy has reset my course and has definitely changed who I am inside, as well as the quality of my life on the outside. I feel alive, loved, empowered and more



grown. I have a new confidence. I've been set free and I feel that something has been restored inside of me.” We are deeply grateful that The Julie Burke Foundation stepped forward to help us make this gender-responsive curriculum a reality!

For more information, visit www.defyventures.org.

South County Outreach

By Dennis W. Williams, Director of Development

This spring, South County Outreach partnered with The Julia Burke Foundation in Orange County, CA, to prevent food insecurity and homelessness for 5,000 low-income households affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing the recent surge in people seeking help, President & CEO LaVal Brewer explained, “South County Outreach is experiencing a 34% increase in the number of families coming to us for help because of the pandemic. Many of these families have never been in this situation before – facing eviction for not paying rent, or not having enough food to put on the table.”

“We are so thankful for the generosity of The Julia Burke Foundation during these unprecedented times of social, health, and economic uncertainty. Without this substantial investment in the wellbeing of our clients, thousands more single parent households, children, seniors, and the unemployed or otherwise underemployed would be facing homelessness and hunger. The Julia Burke Foundation gave us the power to help pay rent and feed those most vulnerable to the economic fallout of COVID-19, and we are beyond grateful for their partnership,” says Brewer. For more information, visit www.sco-oc.org.



Westside Pacific Villages

By Carol Oike Kitabayashi, Executive Director

Westside Pacific Villages (WPV), in Los Angeles, California, is a volunteer-driven membership organization that helps older adults so they may remain active and independent in their homes. Our villages are not physical locations or caregiving agencies, but organized networks of older adults, local volunteers, and community partners that come together to share skills, expertise, and support for each other, creating new possibilities for successfully aging in place. WPV believes purposeful,

healthy, and active aging is possible when people in the community are connected in the spirit of collaboration and giving.

In March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, WPV was poised to assist those most vulnerable to the deadly virus. WPV has since waived its annual fee and has provided a free COVID-19 Action Response for an Elder Support program (WPV CARES) to reach and support as many seniors as possible during the pandemic.

With generous support from The Julia Burke Foundation, WPV expanded its operation beyond its stated service areas and more than doubled in size. We provide delivery of groceries and other essentials, support calls and small gifts, and a friendly face with a few precious minutes of human contact—essential service for our vulnerable and isolated seniors. For more information, visit www.thewpv.org.



International Rescue Committee

By Valerie Kaung, Officer, Corporate Partnerships



The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is a global organization that responds to our worst humanitarian crises, helping people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. The IRC supports refugees and displaced people across 40 countries and 20 US cities, including Los Angeles, where a grant from The Julia Burke Foundation provides critical support for the IRC response to COVID-19.

When refugees arrive in LA to start a new life, they often need financial and vocational support, as they seek to provide for themselves and their families. IRC programs are designed to help refugees thrive in America—from ensuring children are enrolled in school and adults have access to employment opportunities, to helping families receive acute medical care needed to recover from trauma or illness.

At the outset of the pandemic and ensuing shutdown, the IRC in LA redesigned its approach and continued to provide all its services online. The greatest concern has been for the many refugees and immigrants who, due to lack of resources and the spectrum of challenges related to the pandemic, are unable to meet basic needs such as buying food, accessing healthcare services, or paying rent. Another significant concern is the digital divide that puts many refugees and immigrants at a disadvantage. The IRC in LA shares The Julia Burke Foundation's dedication to serving those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and is grateful for The Foundation's vision and resolve to support refugees and immigrant families in Southern California. For more information, visit www.rescue.org.

Monument Crisis Center

By Alexa Gambero, Pantry Services Coordinator

Monument Crisis Center, a family resource center serving Contra Costa County, revamped our programming this March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, we responded to the dire circumstances facing our community. Many people are dealing with significant stress and uncertainty, especially concerning how to feed their families, pay their bills, and keep a roof over their heads. As part of our COVID-19 response, an emergency food distribution

program has assisted an average of 300 households or 1,200 individuals each day. With the support of The Foundation, all in need have received vital groceries including nonperishable food, fresh fruits and vegetables, and dairy products.

This year we held our first-ever Virtual Summer Camp for three weeks of activities including STEM experiments, art projects, self-reflection, exercise, and even the creation of a COVID-19 time capsule. Youth & Family Navigator

Karla Tinajero shared: “By providing a virtual summer camp and all the materials necessary for the activities, MCC offered campers an enriching experience and brought their parents a welcomed respite from the stress of COVID-19 and the changes it has brought.” For more information, visit www.monumentcrisiscenter.org.



Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation

By Ticia Mahler, Director of Communications

Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation (SMHF) focuses on securing philanthropic support for Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Florida. It is through the generosity of our donors that we have been able to provide grants to the hospital to enhance patient care, facilities, technology, ongoing clinical education, and medical research for over 40 years.

During a healthcare crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) becomes more important than ever. With help from The Julia Burke Foundation, we were able to provide SMH with

critical resources to help ensure that patients received the very best care, while also protecting frontline workers throughout the Health Care System. This included enhancing the Hospital's rapid in-patient COVID-19 testing, which dramatically reduced the time needed to determine whether a patient is positive for the virus. Support from The Foundation provided for antibody testing and aided in the purchase of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize

the spread of the virus across the Health Care System's campuses. We are so grateful to The Julia Burke Foundation, whose ongoing support helps us remain faithful to our mission: *To provide health care services which excel in Caring, Quality, and Innovation.* For more information, visit www.smhf.org.



The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul Of Contra Costa County

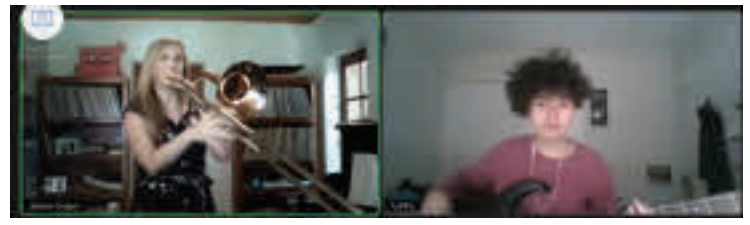
By Claudia L. Ramirez, Executive Director

When Contra Costa County, in California's Bay Area, shut down in March 2020, St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County (SVdP) kept its doors open as an essential business. For 56 years, SVdP has been serving our low-income neighbors, covering basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing. Annually, SVdP provides tens of thousands of residents of Contra Costa with assistance, while offering the compassion and dignity that those in poverty seldom experience.

Even before the COVID-19 crisis hit, over 26% of families in Contra Costa were living below the Self-Sufficiency Standard, meaning they lack enough income to meet the cost of providing basic living needs. Meeting the needs of a growing vulnerable population is only possible through the kindness of donors; with a generous grant from The Julia Burke Foundation, SVdP is able to improve the lives of our neighbors who are most in need.

The pandemic has hit our low-income neighbors who work as restaurant servers, retail workers, and in transportation the hardest – those who have no option of working from home. Funding from The Julia Burke Foundation has helped these fragile families stay afloat at a time of great need.

For more information, visit www.svdpc.org.



Generations In Jazz Foundation

By Irene Pech, Board Member

The Lafayette Summer Music Workshop (LafSMW), in Lafayette, California, provides jazz instruction to students of all ages. The faculty includes professional musicians and music teachers from the USA and beyond. This was the 22nd year of the Workshop and it was held virtually, July 19-24, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the experience was not the same as attending the camp in person, it still worked quite well. We had 106 students, 27 full-time faculty, and 3 part-time faculty. Scholarships, both full and partial, were awarded to 18 of the students who attended camp. The scholarship students ranged in age from an incoming 6th grader, to a veteran public school teacher from Washington state who has taught for 40 years. There were 29 master classes, 27 theory classes, and 27 free-choice classes.

Due to the pandemic, we could not have groups of musicians playing and improvising together. Both teachers and students missed this experience. However, the upside of this was the individual instruction that students received. Each teacher was in their home or office, working with one student, (or occasionally a small number of students), each in their own home. At the end of the camp, the teachers each performed individually. Their performances can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nro7mYWKzXU>

For more information, visit www.gjf.org.

The Food Basket, Hawai'i Island's Food Bank

By Kristin Frost Albrecht, Executive Director

With generous financial support from The Julia Burke Foundation, The Food Basket (TFB) was able to undertake innovative action during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a wide variety of emergency food access options were available to vulnerable families in our island community. In May, Hawaii had the nation's second-highest unemployment rate, at 22.6%. In Hawai'i County, with the highest unemployment and poverty in the state, and with 82% of school-aged children on Free and Reduced Meals, we saw the numbers of food-insecure residents skyrocket.

Beginning in March 2020, TFB began their COVID-19 pandemic response with the implementation of low-contact, drive-through

'Ohana Drops at 13 sites island-wide, which provided up to two weeks of non-perishable food for families, along with fresh local produce, refrigerated items such as eggs, dairy, fish, meat and/or frozen ready-to-eat meals. In April, TFB partnered with two restaurants that were severely impacted by the pandemic to prepare ready-to-eat frozen meals using local ingredients. This program has helped to keep staff working and the restaurant businesses viable, while providing nutritious and comforting meals to thousands of pandemic-affected residents. 40,000 frozen, ready-to-eat meals have been distributed throughout the various pandemic response programs. For more information, visit www.hawaiifoodbasket.org.



A Place Called Home

By Laura Mills, Associate Director of Development

The Shaheen Scholarship program, through A Place Called Home (APCH), has sent over 450 young people to college since 2002. In addition to the financial awards made possible by The Julia Burke Foundation, APCH staff offer vital assistance around navigating academic systems, managing the transition to college, accessing on and off-campus resources, and more. These layers of support are especially important for our Scholars – over 90% of whom are first-generation college students – as they navigate the uncertainty of higher education in the age of COVID-19.

This year, The Julia Burke Foundation has made a significant difference in the lives of the young people we serve. The Foundation currently supports a cohort of 11 APCH Shaheen Scholars who are attending colleges and universities across the state, and funds the weekly delivery of groceries and basic goods through our Family Resource Depot.

Initially launched in March 2020, the APCH Family Resource Depot responds to the current pandemic by providing direct and immediate assistance for families of APCH members through the weekly delivery of groceries, paper goods, cleaning supplies, and more. As of September 2020, the Depot serves over 1,500 people in 320+ households each week. With the support of The Julia Burke Foundation, we've distributed over 100 tons of food, representing more than 350,000 meals, since the shutdown. This is a vital service

for our families, many of whom lost work hours or their jobs entirely due to COVID-19, and who were already facing financial insecurity prior to the pandemic.

South Los Angeles has been one of the hardest-hit communities in the current crisis, and for APCH it is crucial that we continue providing academic support, essential goods and services, and technological aid to our members and families. The Julia Burke Foundation is making that possible, and helping to ensure that our community can not only weather this storm, but also emerge stronger and more resilient. Thank you for your belief in our work and young people. For more information, visit www.apch.org.



Students Rising Above

By Sarah Fahey, Director of Marketing and Communications

Students Rising Above (SRA) creates transformative change, supporting and empowering low-income, first-generation college students to obtain a post-secondary education and secure career-ladder jobs, fueling a diverse and inclusive workforce and thriving economy. Together with SRA, The Julia Burke Foundation is helping change lives, breaking down the social and economic barriers for more inclusive communities for the next generation. With steadfast support from The Foundation, we have provided



individualized, wraparound services to SRA's Burke Jesuit Scholars, ensuring they have the necessary college and career advising resources to thrive in their critical senior year of high school, and be the first in their families to pursue a post-secondary education. Currently, Burke Jesuit Scholars are attending colleges and universities all across the country, including College of the Holy Cross, Loyola Marymount University, and the University of San

Francisco.

The historical support of organizations like The Julia Burke Foundation has allowed SRA to grow our programming and enhance services to our students in the nine county San Francisco Bay Area. The Foundation's commitment and longtime

partnership have transformed the lives of hundreds of first-generation college students from low-income communities, who have demonstrated a deep commitment to education and a strong desire to make positive change in their communities, as well as across the globe. Together, we will continue the journey, making opportunities for social and economic mobility possible. For more information, visit www.studentsrisingabove.org.

National Speech & Debate Association

By Nicole Wanzer-Serrano, Director of Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In 2020, it seems more and more people think they are engaging in "online debate" in the comment sections of various websites. Thanks to the generosity of The Julia Burke Foundation, hundreds of students will get to learn what *online debate* really means, through a series of free online speech and debate tournaments.

Last year, The Julia Burke Foundation generously provided recruitment, training, and competition opportunities for rural speech and debate in West Virginia. Speech and debate participation has been on the decline in West Virginia, but thanks to The Foundation, we are able to support a National Qualifying tournament this year, ensuring that West Virginia will be represented at the June 2021 National Speech & Debate Tournament, the world's largest academic competition.

And thanks to The Julia Burke Foundation, we now offer a subsidy program to help teams across the country participate online. Online speech and debate eliminates the travel costs for competition, but can also accentuate the inequalities that limit access to technology for students. We're thankful to The Foundation for assistance in purchasing necessary technology so that more students have access to speech and debate.

For more information, visit www.speechanddebate.org.

Bay Area Urban Debate League

By Jonah Feldman, Executive Director

Like many others, the Bay Area Urban Debate League (BAUDL) had to shut down our operations in March due to the need for social distancing. But with support from The Julia Burke Foundation, we will be able to provide online debate education to hundreds of students from around the Bay Area this year!



Students will be debating the topic “Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.” A very timely and important topic! That broad topic area will be used for the whole year, but in each individual debate round the students will debate a small subsection. So far, students have researched the pros and cons of mandatory body cameras for police officers, eliminating ICE, and reforming school policing to stop the school-to-prison pipeline.

Online debate offers an exciting opportunity for BAUDL students to gain familiarity with critical communication technology and to participate in competitions all across the country. However, many BAUDL students face huge barriers to participation in online debate because they lack appropriate technology, don't have the technical know-how, or don't have the room at home to isolate from siblings and parents. The core mission at BAUDL is to reduce the gap in debate opportunities that has historically existed between well-funded public and private schools, and lower resourced urban schools. In partnership with The Julia Burke Foundation, BAUDL facilitates participation for our students in online debate, working to ensure that the opportunity gap does not grow in this new digital arena. For more information, visit www.baudl.org.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League

By Michael Cirelli, Executive Director

With support and partnership from The Julia Burke Foundation, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League (LAMDL) has launched comprehensive and responsive programming to address the new challenges that our league has faced since school closures. Despite our distance, LAMDL has created new and dynamic ways to support our community, engage students, and build powerful partnerships.

With schools closing in March, and our tournaments postponed, we quickly offered an ongoing speech and debate lecture series, “Debate to Great: Skill Builds and Career Paths,” that offered hands-on debate skill sessions, as well as career panels from former debaters. Additionally, we hosted an online speech contest, “Resolved: Celebrate Debate,” that allowed students to share their best debate speeches from this current year. Finally, this summer we partnered with the Bay Area Urban Debate League and the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League to offer our Summer Debate Institutes as a statewide collaboration. We had

more than 150 debaters from across the state participate in our annual summer institute and prepare for the upcoming season. Support from The Julia Burke Foundation has facilitated a full schedule of tournaments, invitational opportunities, and online lectures and roundtables in the virtual environment. We have actually doubled the number of tournaments that our students can attend, and we have attracted lecturers from top programs like Harvard and



Dartmouth. Incredibly, despite the challenges of school closures and virtual learning, our league did not lose any schools from our roster of 30 schools, and we are actually growing our league by 6 schools. For more information, visit www.lamdl.org.

Washington Urban Debate League

By David Trigaux, Program Director

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent protests for racial justice have swept the nation, bringing new awareness to racial inequality and the fight for civil rights. While this situation has disrupted some non-profits, the Washington Urban Debate League has risen to the occasion, and with generous support from The Julia Burke Foundation, we have adapted and are thriving in this new environment.

Extensive research shows that participation in policy debate builds life-long skills and improves academic outcomes, but it is often unavailable to those who need it most, in struggling urban public schools. The Washington Urban Debate League (WUDL) is one of the youngest urban debate leagues in the country, but we have been growing like crazy, supporting debate programs in more than 40 public schools across the D.C. area.

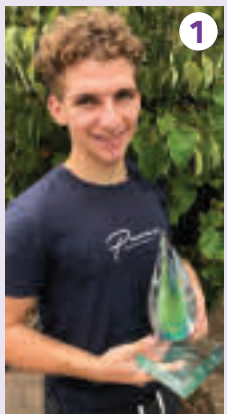
Thanks to The Julia Burke Foundation, we have taken many of our most motivated younger debaters to regional tournaments.

This early exposure gives them a taste of higher-level competition and sets them up for success long-term. The coming year looks extremely bright. We are expanding the league to new schools and new students despite the pandemic and have an amazing cadre of outstanding young debaters who are poised to challenge for TOC bids this year. For more information, visit www.urbandebatewashingtondc.org.



Freshman Brooke McClinton and Ranu Baylor of Roosevelt debate at a local competition in 2020.

The Julia Burke Awards For Debate



1 IIAN NURKO The College Preparatory High School 2020 Recipient, Oakland, California • Attending Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

2 ARDEN BARTON Tournament of Champions Julia Burke Award Recipient • From Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, TN • Scholarship to Harvard • Charity of Choice: Malaria Consortium

3 JULIA LYNCH American Debate Association 2020 Recipient • From the University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL • Deferred her scholarship • Charity of Choice: Miami Urban Debate League

Domestic Violence Crisis Center

By Jill McDonald, MPA, Executive Director

Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) in Minot, North Dakota, was honored to receive a generous gift from The Julia Burke Foundation this year. DVCC serves victims of domestic or sexual violence in a very rural part of north-central North Dakota. The Julia Burke Foundation funding provides teletherapy services to victims across six counties in our state. These resources are scarce in this area, so often people encounter long wait lists prior to receiving services, and many people do not follow through with seeking care when facing an extensive wait. This project allows our mental health team to offer services free of charge, with minimal wait times, for the people we serve. The mental health team at DVCC is comprised of three providers who use a range of modalities to help people move toward resiliency following the trauma of domestic or sexual violence. Clients learn healthy coping skills, allowing them to move forward from a *victim* identity into a *survivor* identity. Thank you Julia Burke Foundation! For more information, visit www.courage4change.org.



Empower Yolo

By Natalia Baltazar, Director of Development and Community Relations

Empower Yolo provides twenty-four hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, confidential counseling, training, legal assistance, and other services for individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and child abuse. The Wallace and Vannucci Shelter, a thirty-five-bed facility staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offers safe refuge, a comprehensive empowerment program, therapeutic services, and case management to the residents, in Yolo County, California. However, the shelter kitchen was old and did not provide adequate space or storage for the hundreds of families using it over the years. The space was cramped, cabinets were worn out, and appliances were old and in constant need of repair. After two years of active fundraising, Empower Yolo placed the project on hold until the rest of the funding could be raised. Thanks to the generosity of the Julia Burke Foundation, construction commenced mid-July on this long-awaited renovation.

Although things are noisy and busy at the shelter during this time, clients and shelter staff are making



the best of it. Shelter staff has also been preparing the children to return to school at 100% distance learning this fall during the pandemic. They are following all safety guidelines to protect clients and their children, staff and the construction workers on site every day.

We are looking forward to using the finished facility in the fall, which will dramatically improve our ability to support individuals and families who come to us at the most difficult time of their lives. Our residents will know that this new kitchen was built with them in mind; it will be a clean and comfortable place to prepare food and share meals with their families, providing comfort and healing for all survivors and their children.

“Even though our clients may speak different languages, food is a universal language, and so is laughter. The laughter that happens around the table is such a contrast to the violence these clients experienced before coming to the shelter, that’s what makes this kitchen such a special gift,” says William Irlmeier, Facilities Manager & Shelter Kitchen Remodel Project Manager. “A heartfelt thank you from all of us at Empower Yolo.”

For more information, visit www.empoweryolo.org.

Massachusetts Institute Of Technology Gear Lab

By Professor Amos Winter, MIT Department of Mechanical Engineering

This spring, a generous gift from The Julia Burke Foundation enabled MIT to complete the research required to bring three mature technologies to market: prosthetic feet, solar-powered desalination, and low-energy drip irrigation. Moreover, this support from The Foundation provides financial security for our team through the uncertain times of COVID-19.

In our prosthetic limb program, we recently actualized three distinct product lines of prosthetic feet: high-performance, low-cost, ruggedized prefabricated feet to enhance the mobility of soldiers and veterans in rough environments; 3D-printed feet that can be designed, fabricated, and prescribed in a single day; and modular carbon fiber feet with interchangeable components that can be quantitatively specified to change stiffness and foot size, and which can integrate into existing manufacturing practices.

Our solar-powered desalination project has a new collaboration with the US Dept. of Reclamation Phoenix

Area Office, which works with the Navajo Nation in the American Southwest. Many people in the Navajo Nation do not have local access to potable water, and often have to transport it more than 50 miles to their home. As this population is geographically dispersed, centralized water purification systems are not financially viable. Our photovoltaic-powered electrodesalination systems may provide a low-cost viable source of clean water to these communities.

Lastly, our low-energy drip irrigation program also experienced significant advancements this summer. Prototype systems will be created at MIT this year and brought to Africa next year. Our newest drip emitter designs have demonstrated substantially lower operating energy than current commercial products, and contain unique features to help prevent clogging – a persistent issue in the dripper industry. For more information, visit www.gear.mit.edu.

Figure 1. MIT high-performance, low-cost, ruggedized foot



Figure 2. MIT drip irrigation emitter design with novel features to reduce pumping energy and potentially prevent clogging.



The GEANCO Foundation

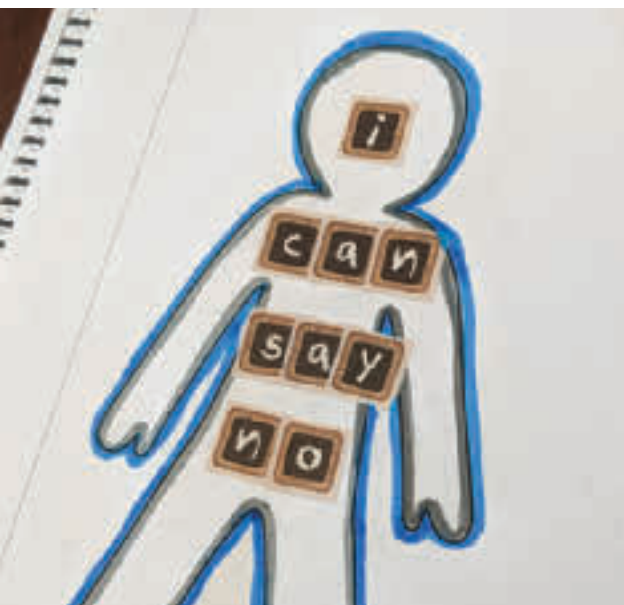
By Afam Onyema, Chief Executive Officer

The GEANCO Foundation saves and transforms lives in Nigeria. Earlier this year, as the coronavirus pandemic took fatal hold in the country, GEANCO received generous support from The Julia Burke Foundation to provide local health workers, traditional birth attendants, and our partner hospitals with much-needed Personal Protective Equipment. We also trained these essential workers on COVID-19 precautionary measures using the World Health Organization guidelines. Through this partnership with The Foundation, we were able to donate gloves, facemasks, sanitizer, disinfectant, and hand-wash buckets with soap to these heroic frontline healthcare workers. The Julia Burke Foundation also provided critical support to Nigerian schoolchildren quarantined in their villages with no means of mental stimulation and engagement – with no laptops, no smartphones, and no physical books. Together, we provided 240 tablets preloaded with educational software and hundreds of West African books to Nigerian youth all over the country. These tablets allowed our partner schools to initiate successful remote learning



programs, ensuring these students won't be hindered in their continued educational progress and advancement. Thank you to The Julia Burke Foundation for your critical support at this time of unprecedented need.

For more information, visit <https://www.geanco.org>.



Arm Of Care

By Amanda Dove, Executive Director

ARM of Care, based in Walnut Creek, California, uses Art, Recreation and Movement to restore and empower those who have been sexually exploited and those at risk for exploitation. Helping these vastly underserved young people and survivors to find joy in the world and overcome the unhealthy patterns associated with low self-worth, through expressive arts therapies, is our goal.

The Julia Burke Foundation gift to ARM of Care will transform our organization, giving us the capability to conduct immediate, large scale outreach and prevention efforts, to expand the number and variety of programs we offer, and to grow our team of Program Specialists in order to serve hundreds of survivors whom we simply did not have the resources to help until now. ARM of Care equips the communities we serve with the tools they need to work through trauma, teaching them to find joy and self-worth again, through the beauty of individual creativity and expression. The ARM of Care team would like to thank the courageous members of The Julia Burke Foundation for understanding the value of this work and for providing the generous support to make it possible. For more information, visit <https://armofcare.org>.

Sunday To Sunday

By Ginny Prior, Web/Content Producer

The Julia Burke Foundation has enabled Sunday To Sunday Productions to bring cinematic storytelling about gifted preachers to an ever-increasing audience with its online and cable TV program *Sunday to Sunday, The Preaching Journey*.

The Sunday To Sunday team, led by Roman Catholic priest, retired college professor, and television producer Father Mike Russo, says this effort forwards the youthful spirit of Julia Burke. She served as an altar server when Father Russo was a priest at Saint Monica's Catholic Church in Moraga, CA. "She was a young person of great promise," said Father Russo, "and her legacy continues in the work of The Foundation."

This year, Sunday to Sunday was recognized by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences SF/Northern CA Chapter with a 2020 Emmy award for Outstanding Interview/Discussion Program. Last year, the program garnered the Gabriel Award from the Catholic Press Association for the *Best TV Series & Storytelling*.

Since founding this non-profit production company just three years ago, Sunday To Sunday has focused its efforts in applying contemporary cinematic production to highlight unique aspects of Catholic ministry, stimulate



conversation, and bring to light the word of God. This program aims to help improve the quality of preaching nation-wide by providing case studies of gifted preachers for study in university, seminary, and adult education of gospel witnesses.

Father Russo credits The Julia Burke Foundation with helping fund the first complete season of Sunday to Sunday, including the Emmy-award winning episode exploring Philadelphia priest Chris Walsh's work ministering to an African American congregation at Saint Raymond of Penafort. "To go from zero to an Emmy Award in three years...it couldn't have been done without the support of The Julia Burke Foundation," he said. For more information, visit www.sundaytosunday.net.

Parker School

By Krista Anderson, Publications Associate

Through the generous support of The Julia Burke Foundation, Parker School's speech and debate team enjoyed numerous big wins throughout their 2019-20 season, despite it being cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a small, independent day school in Kamuela on Hawai'i Island, Parker School's debate team "was the team to beat all season," said Carl Sturges, then headmaster and head debate coach who retired in June after 18 years with Parker School.

The team placed first in perhaps their biggest victory in years, with a first-place sweepstakes trophy at the University of Utah Beehive Classic Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October. A true underdog, Parker was the smallest school in attendance, competing against 40 other schools from five states, with over 1,200 participants. This stunning win made them the first-ever Hawai'i debate team to place first at a major college-hosted mainland tournament. Parker Debate also walked away with a third-place sweepstakes trophy at the University of Puget Sound Invitational in January. Our 27 debaters competed against students from 28 mainland schools and swept the open policy debate category, placing first and second. The Julia



Burke Foundation generously provided for travel to both these mainland competitions.

As it was everywhere, the debate season for Parker School was cut short, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thus abruptly ending their hopes of winning state. "They were as good a team as we've ever had," said Sturges. "Beyond a shadow of a doubt, they proved themselves. This team made me - and ourselves - very proud."

For more information, visit <https://www.parkerschoolhawaii.org>.

UC Davis MIND Institute

By Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D., Director

The UC Davis MIND Institute is an internationally recognized collaborative research center focused on understanding, preventing, and treating the challenges associated with neurodevelopmental disabilities. The MIND Institute brings together experts from a variety of disciplines to collaboratively investigate autism, fragile X syndrome, ADHD, and Down syndrome, while providing care and support to individuals facing the challenges associated with these conditions. In January of 2020, Autism Speaks announced its annual selection of studies that "advance its mission of enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow" and 3 of the top 10 autism studies came from UC Davis MIND Institute.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, research in the lab and all over the world was put on an indefinite pause. Support from The Julia Burke Foundation helped Dr. Miller's research group rapidly adjust the way in which they are conducting work, including the development and incorporation of remote, telehealth, and "no contact" methods of data collection. This rapid shift positions them to secure future extramural support for exciting new ideas with the ultimate goal of helping children and families affected by autism and ADHD. For more information, visit <https://health.ucdavis.edu/mindinstitute>.



Challenged Athletes Foundation

By Leeza Metrovich | Business Development Associate

During the escalating crises of the past several months, people with physical disabilities have become more vulnerable to decreased physical activity and social connection. Many are immunocompromised and at risk of serious health complications, requiring them to be under extreme quarantine through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) empowers people with permanent physical disabilities, creating inclusive opportunities by providing adaptive sports equipment, training, and competition expenses, and hosting camps and clinics to progress in sports. March 2020 saw the largest annual grant distribution ever for CAF with 3,921 challenged athletes in all 50 states and 42 countries receiving support across 103 different sports. With funding from The Julia Burke Foundation, 24 children received adaptive sport wheelchairs to participate.

Cecil Tuakoi, who lives with a rare form of scoliosis, learned about adaptive sports as a way to connect with peers and be physically active. This year CAF awarded him with his very first basketball wheelchair. The impact of having custom-fit adaptive equipment and access to sports is life changing for youth with a physical disability. Working essentially as an extension of



the body, no single piece of equipment works for every child. Now with a chair designed for his specific measurements, disability type, and sport, Cecil can move safely and naturally on the court. For more information, visit <https://www.challengedathletes.org>.



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MEMORIAL WALK & REUNION

For the safety of our friends, we are canceling this year's Walk & Reunion due to Covid19.

We look forward to rescheduling in the future to walk, catch up and honor Julia.

Please check our website for updates throughout the year. www.JuliaBurkeFoundation.org

2019 WALK PHOTOS | Thank you for joining us at last year's walk...we love seeing you!



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