# California Banks Making an Impact
## Supporting the Southern California Community

**Pacific Western Bank** partnered with the Ventura County Community Development Corporation (VCCDC) to provide access to capital resources for hard-working families with big dreams. One single mother the VCCDC was assisting had four sons and an unstoppable determination to own her own home; juggling parenthood, a full-time job, and college, she was ultimately able to achieve her goal to provide the best for her family, with the help of the bank and its ongoing support of the VCCDC. This mother represents just one example of many low-income working families that Pacific Western Bank is committed to supporting.

**Premier Business Bank** changed their community by supporting an organization in need: the Big Bear Youth Baseball and Softball League, which has more than 400 players ranging in ages of 3 to 14 years old. The bank sponsored an event called Home Runs and Hot Dogs, which raised thousands of dollars to support the league.

**CIT Bank** volunteers partnered with local elementary schools and taught students in grades K-5 about entrepreneurship, financial literacy and work readiness using the Junior Achievement curriculum. Additionally in June of 2017, CIT hosted its inaugural volunteer program called CIT Cares Month to enable employees across the country to give back to communities where they live and work. Nearly 1,700 employees (40 percent of their U.S. employee population) took part in 160 projects nationwide. In Pasadena, employees volunteered at Friends in Deed and restocked the pantry with more than 4,000 pounds of food that was distributed to approximately 60 families. In Irvine, bank employees hosted a beach clean-up with the Surfrider Foundation, and collected 27 bags of trash.

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> We encouraged the children to enhance their social skills for future independence. It was a humbling experience and we thank BCLC for giving us the opportunity to make a meaningful impact."
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> **First Choice Bank team member**

**First Choice Bank** had hands-on involvement with the Blind Children's Learning Center. The bank helped organize activities where employees explained the concept of money, sorting currency by touch, and "buying" pizza. The bank encouraged children to interact with strangers to enhance their social skills and work toward future independence. Dedicating time and resources to helping disadvantaged youths achieve financial independence is a core value for First Choice Bank.

**California Bank & Trust** was the presenting sponsor in the Pepperdine Coastal Run/Walk for Foster Youth earlier this year, held at Dockweiler Beach in Los Angeles. CB&T secured the active participation of employees, community members, and customers in order to raise funds to support initiatives of Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Education to improve the lives of foster children in Los Angeles County.

Through their Community Possible "Month of Play", **U.S. Bank** provided more than $50,000 to renovate the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club JAMS (John Adams Middle School) Club site complete with a "big reveal" celebration for the youth. More than 30 U.S. Bank employees volunteered more than 200 hours to give the club a fresh coat of paint including a beautiful mural painted side by side with the youth. The bank's funding also allowed the club to replace the club's flooring, buy much needed storage, as well as 17 brand new computers for their learning center.

**Pacific Premier Bank** was awarded an affordable housing project grant by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco to build Potter's Lane, a 16-unit affordable housing development to serve chronically homeless veterans in Midway City. It is the first of its kind in California to use recycled shipping containers to create permanent housing for our veterans. Potter's Lane was designed to complement the surrounding environment by creating a beautiful, energy efficient and cost effective housing solution in Orange County.