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Note from the Executive Director



Last December we celebrated our two-year anniversary. And, what a two years it has been! In 2018, we successfully elevated Hope and Heal from a “start-up” to the “go-to” organization on gun violence prevention for the California philanthropic community. We have traveled throughout the state of California, earning our credibility by showing up, listening and speaking directly to community leaders, thought leaders and researchers. It’s these authentic relationships combined with our gun violence prevention expertise that ensures we are meeting the needs of communities across California who work hard every day to end gun violence, heal from trauma and create healthy environments.

We are excited to share the release of the Violence Policy Center’s (VPC) new report: [Lethal Hispanic/Latino Firearm Victimization in California](#). Please be sure to read this timely and important report funded by the Hope and Heal Fund, which offers the most recent data available on Latino homicide and suicide victimization in California, and the role played by firearms. With California having the largest Latino population in the country, this actionable data is incredibly important as we continue to work towards preventing gun violence. We encourage you to use the [social media posts and graphics](#) on your platforms. Please be sure to use the following handles on Twitter: [@hopeandhealfund](#) and [@VPCInfo](#).

Before we get to our 2018 accomplishments, I want to take a moment to thank our 30 donor partners and incredible [Steering Committee members](#) for their continued support and active involvement in the Hope and Heal Fund. We couldn’t do this without you, thank you!

- Brian Malte, Executive Director

Hope and Heal In the News

In 2018, we continued to build and advance Hope and Heal's message and mission through the media. We had one blog published in the [Washington Monthly](#) and a second blog published on [Medium.com](#), which discussed the importance of the national youth movement on gun violence prevention. I was also quoted in two high-profile articles in [Inside Philanthropy](#) and [The Chronicle of Philanthropy](#).

Convening with a Purpose

Last May at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento, in partnership with the Giffords Law Center and the California Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, we sponsored the [Fostering Hope, Transforming Communities summit](#) that connected community advocates from across California to successful and promising local and state strategies for gun violence prevention.

Building Our Capacity



In order to continue to effectively lead in California, we needed to build our capacity. Last fall, we added key [staff](#) to meet the increasing demands of the Fund. Please join me in welcoming [Ally Barron](#), our Development and Communications Officer, to the Hope and Heal team.

Ally previously managed the SKECHERS Foundation, raising over \$3 million for the company's corporate foundation, and managing over \$6 million in grants to serve deserving children and families. Ally has worked in public education, managing the \$13 million Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Endowment Fund. She previously managed a school in Ghana operated by a private foundation and started her career in nonprofit as the Program Assistant at the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Ally has had the privilege and honor to work on some of the world's most cutting-edge grant proposals and projects, and is incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to make an impact on so many lives.

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advocates in November 2019 to discuss their analysis of existing data and research on the intersection of LGBTQ and gun violence. The final report is expected in April 2019.



THE EDUCATIONAL FUND
TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE

The **Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence** (Ed Fund) is finalizing a training program to support law enforcement and other key stakeholders as they implement California's Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) law and the law that requires domestic violence abusers to surrender their firearms. By better enforcing these laws, we can stop mass shootings, prevent gun suicides and remove guns from dangerous domestic violence situations.

Looking Ahead to 2019

We have ambitious plans for 2019 which include our ongoing commitment to making impactful grants to keep our homes and communities free from gun violence. We'll focus on building a vibrant network through the power of convening to share best practices, lift up effective strategies, advance narrative change, educate policymakers and amplify powerful research. Additionally, we are looking forward to our continued efforts harnessing the collective power of individuals, communities, government, and philanthropy to increase resources to scale effective solutions to gun violence statewide.

2018 was a successful year for the Hope and Heal Fund, and with your [partnership](#) 2019 will be even better!

Onward!

Partner with Us

For more information about the Hope and Heal Fund, please visit our website at HopeAndHealfund.org. Please also follow us on Twitter at [@HopeandHealFund](https://twitter.com/HopeandHealFund) for the latest updates on our work to prevent gun violence in California.



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