



February, 2020

Note from the Executive Director



It is unbelievable that it has already been more than three years since Hope and Heal Fund was founded in 2016 - and what an incredible journey thus far! In the last year alone our staff doubled in size, we welcomed new funding partners, completed two grantmaking cycles, launched a brand-new website, and accomplished so much more. We are proud of the progress we have made, not only in our work at Hope and Heal Fund but also in elevating the importance of preventing the everyday gun violence in our communities and providing the expertise and guidance to other funders on how they can make a difference.

This past year gave us some major victories in gun violence prevention. After years of stagnant public funding for community-based gun violence intervention strategies, [Governor Newsom signed into law](#) the FY19-20 budget which included \$30 million for [CaVIP](#) (\$21 million increase in funds to support community-based gun violence intervention strategies). Hope and Heal Fund was thrilled to provide funding for forums to educate policymakers on many of these successful strategies. We also recently celebrated as the California legislature approved a new law that requires the development and implementation of trainings and educational materials for health care providers to talk to their patients about the risks of guns in the home and what can be done to alleviate the risk. Stay tuned for more news about how Hope and Heal Fund will assist in the critical implementation of the new law in 2020.

But even with tremendous victories, we are reminded that there is more work to do. We witnessed horrific mass shootings at Saugus High School and in Fresno, Orinda, Long Beach, and San Diego as well as the murder of community activist and artist Nipsey Hussle. [Hate crimes](#)

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were specifically targeted and last April when religious hate crime turned deadly in Poway, CA where a synagogue was intentionally targeted with gunfire. And, each year our state continues to lose over 3,100 people to gunfire mainly in the forms of homicides and suicides. Let these tragedies remind us why we are all in this fight to end gun violence.

Hope and Heal is set to meet our states' gun violence challenge in 2020 and beyond. We'll expand our reach into impacted communities and we'll expand our thought partners who help advise and guide our strategies. We'll be elevating the intersectionality of gun violence, developing strategies and recruiting partners that recognize the importance of racial equity, harm reduction and addressing trauma and how critical these components are in addressing the gun violence epidemic in California.

Onward.



- **Brian Malte, Executive Director**

2019 Highlights

The Complete Team

Last fall Hope and Heal was very fortunate to welcome [Cuco Rodriguez](#) as our first Program Officer. Cuco joined us in October and has not slowed down since his first day on the job. Cuco brings years of experience working most recently as a Program Officer with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, serving as a valued member of the racial equity team. In the few months that Cuco has been with Hope and Heal Fund, he has traveled throughout the state meeting with community partners and leaders while developing Hope and Heal Fund's racial equity framework and harm reduction model.

We are also pleased to share that Program Manager, [Mary Kopp](#), has joined Hope and Heal Fund full-time. We have been very fortunate to have Mary work with us for the past two years on a part-time basis, and could not be happier that she has joined the Fund full-time.

Racial Equity Framework


The Hope and Heal Fund team has been working together to develop a framework that can effectively illustrate our impact in the gun violence prevention field while simultaneously incorporating a racial equity lens.

We are in the process of defining what we are calling our *Gun Violence Spectrum*, which illustrates the intersectionality of various forms and drivers of gun violence. Historically, gun

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total impact of guns across multiple systems. The racial equity framework allows us to examine gun violence comprehensively rather than being viewed from a single focus or lens. Our team is still refining the framework but we'll be sure to share it with you in the near future.





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is the only state-based fund investing in a public health and community-based approach to preventing gun violence in California.

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OUR VISION

To harness the collective power of individuals, communities, corporate leaders, government and philanthropy to ensure that homes and communities in California are safe and free from death, injury and trauma caused by gun violence.



SAFE HOMES

To ensure that every child is protected by a gun-free home and all homes are places of learning.



SAFE COMMUNITIES

All our efforts focus on free from gun violence, including our address to the health, safety, quality of life, and people of gun violence in California's protected communities.

Check Out Our New Website

After many months of brainstorming, planning, and designing we were thrilled to launch our brand-new [website](#) in November. Our new website articulates our [vision and values](#), highlights both our funding partners and our grantees, and provides users with a “one-stop-shop” for [gun violence prevention resources](#) for California. We hope you will all take a moment to visit the site and use it as a resource in your work.

Convening and Learning Together

Hope and Heal Fund co-sponsored an educational briefing in Sacramento with the [Alliance for Boys and Men of Color: Preventing Violence, Fostering Healing, and Promoting Peace in California Communities](#). The briefing educated policymakers throughout California about the importance of effective community-based strategies to prevent gun violence and the intersectional nature of different forms of gun violence.

In the News and on the Stage

In 2019, we continued to elevate Hope and Heal Fund's brand, mission, and vision more than ever. Please check out our [thought-provoking blogs](#), some of which were picked up by media outlets and other organizations - visit our [Hope and Heal Fund in the News](#) to read more.

2019 Grantmaking

In September we were pleased to fund the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence's new website: [Prevent Firearm Suicide](#). The new site expands upon the [Ed Fund's 2018 paper](#) (also

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We are excited to share that the [National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform](#) (NICJR) released the [Stockton City Report](#) which details the costs of gun violence in Stockton. Hope and Heal Fund also provided a grant to support a city report for San Bernardino, which we expect to receive in March 2020.

Hope and Heal Fund provided a grant to [Giffords Law Center](#) to hold two successful California trainings last fall on the implementation of laws to remove firearms from those who are prohibited or in crisis, including our state's Gun Violence Restraining Order law.

Hope and Heal Fund was pleased to have supported a number of important and timely events and screenings throughout the past year. For more information on our grants and grantmaking strategies, please visit our [website](#).



Los Angeles City Attorney, Mike Feuer welcomed guests to the November 2019 Giffords Law Center training, sponsored by Hope and Heal Fund.

Welcome Our Newest Funding Partners

We were thrilled to welcome our two newest [funding partners](#) in 2019, [Cedars-Sinai](#) and the [David Bohnett Foundation](#). The Fund now boasts 15 foundation partners and 27 individual donors.

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The Hope and Heal Steering Committee

I would like to take a moment to introduce our [Steering Committee](#) for 2020-2022. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with this talented and wonderful group of people:

- Nicholas Bloom, Program Officer, Community Benefit Giving Office, Cedars-Sinai
- Matt Cervantes, Director of Health Programs, Sierra Health Foundation
- Iris Garcia, Program Officer, Akonadi Foundation
- Will Ing, Program Manager, Neighborhoods, The California Endowment
- Alex Johnson, Program Director, The California Wellness Foundation
- Holly Kreider, Program Officer, Heising-Simons Foundation
- Steve Sposato, Individual Donor
- Richard Thomason, Policy Director, Blue Shield of California Foundation

Thank you again for making 2019 a successful year for the Hope and Heal Fund. We feel great about the progress we've made, and we're excited about all we are going to accomplish in 2020!

Share the Numbers

We invite you to share our gun violence statistics, available for download from our [website](#).

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For more information about the Hope and Heal Fund, please visit our website at [HopeAndHealFund.org](https://www.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.

