



PERLMAN FOUNDATION
Bridging the Gap

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**PERLMAN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF
FIRST ANNUAL BRIDGING THE GAP AWARDS**

20 Charitable organizations in seven states to receive a total of \$110,000 in grant funding

(Los Angeles, CA; Jan. 18, 2013) – [The Perlman Foundation](#) is pleased to announce the results of its first annual Bridging the Gap Awards (BGA), an unrestricted grant opportunity designed to identify and support small- and medium-sized charitable organizations that exemplify the Foundation’s mission to serve low-income communities. Through the BGA, the Perlman Foundation, which originally sought to give away \$50,000, is contributing a total of \$111,000 in funding to 20 organizations in Alabama, California, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

"We were overwhelmed by the quality of the BGA applicants and the importance of their work," says Gregory Perlman, President and CEO of GHC Housing Partners, who established the Perlman Foundation in 2009 to serve the communities where GHC Housing Partners has a presence. "Upon reviewing the applications, we decided to more than double our grant funding for this cycle and increase the number of awards from 15 to 20."

The Perlman Foundation selected the BGA grant recipients based on the vision, passion, and documented results of each organization. "These grassroots organizations are making a real difference in our communities, and we created the BGA grants to help them build their capacity and continue their amazing work," says Shaun-Teka Joyner, Executive Director of the Perlman Foundation. Following the initial selection of BGA recipients, the Foundation conducted an in-depth assessment of each organization’s needs and resources, in order to determine the amount of its BGA grant amount. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The recipients of the 2013 Bridging the Gap Awards are as follows:

- AIM for Academic Growth, Excellence, Success (AIM), Inglewood, Calif.
- Alabama Poverty Project, Inc., Birmingham, Ala.
- Building Futures Incorporated, North Hollywood, Calif.
- CODE to College - Connecting Communities to UCLA, Los Angeles, Calif.

- College Access Plan, Pasadena, Calif.
- Family Promise of Knoxville, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Heart Gallery of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.
- Krimson and Kreme Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center, Pasadena, Calif.
- Mental Health America of Aiken County- Nurture Home, Aiken, S.C.
- Mentoring and Partnership for Youth Development, Pasadena, Calif.
- Milo Group, Inc., Birmingham, Ala.
- New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church Community Support Corp., Birmingham, Ala.
- P.U.S.H. TO WIN OUTREACH, INC., Houston, Texas
- Prince of Peace Outreach and Deliverance Ministries, Cleveland, Ohio
- SEP Coaching: Strategies for Inside Change, Pasadena, Calif.
- Tarrant Literacy Coalition, Ft. Worth, Texas
- The Southeast Raleigh Assembly, Inc., Raleigh, N.C.
- Urban Compass, Los Angeles, Calif.
- USC Troy Camp, Los Angeles, Calif.

About the Perlman Foundation

The Perlman Foundation is a charitable, tax-exempt, 501(c) 3 organization established in 2009 by Gregory Perlman, President and CEO of GHC Housing Partners, to provide support and assistance to lower-income children, families and charitable organizations that are working to improve their communities. The Perlman Foundation seeks to empower individuals and organizations through philanthropic grants and programs that invest in people, projects, ideas, and dreams. To learn more, please visit www.perlmanfoundation.org.

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