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LACC OPENS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*New student project funded by seed money from
Children's Hospital Los Angeles*

(April 20, 2021) Los Angeles City College (LACC) will open its new “The City’s Garden,” a student-led project to help combat food insecurity among students and the surrounding LACC community, on April 22, 2021.

LACC student members of the Re/Generation Garden Club presented their community garden proposal to community and civic leaders. In learning about this opportunity in 2019, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) stepped forward and provided initial funding as well as additional annual support for upkeep as part of the hospital’s community impact work.

The Re/Generation Garden Club’s mission includes providing LACC’s student community with opportunities for academic and hands-on research to strengthen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational experience; encourage self-reliance through agricultural gardening; broaden workforce training and provide opportunities for educational community events.

“Our new garden expands opportunities for experiential learning, provides increased access to affordable nutritious food for our students and our community and fights climate change,” said LACC Biology Professor Sean Phommasaysy, who oversees the project.

“The City’s Garden adds to our overall commitment to provide healthy food to students and the community,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. “Our garden will build stronger, safer communities by connecting citizens to each other and their local food systems.”

Children's Hospital Los Angeles leaders and its Office of Community Affairs worked with LACC Foundation Executive Director Robert Schwartz and LACC Foundation Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Martha Pelayo to partner in support of this initiative.

"Fresh foods, clean air and green spaces are important contributors to healthy, vibrant communities," said Paul S. Viviano, President and CEO, Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "Our institution and our volunteer team members have made a commitment to support initiatives leading to good health throughout our local community."

"The LACC City Garden is a wonderful initiative that students in the Re/Generation Garden Club and faculty have brought to fruition," said Ellen Zaman, CHLA's Executive Director of External Affairs. "Children's Hospital Los Angeles is proud to partner with LACC as it brings this remarkable resource to the campus and the community."

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.

About Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Founded in 1901, Children's Hospital Los Angeles is the highest-ranked hospital in California and fifth in the nation on the prestigious U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of best children's hospitals. U.S. News ranks Children's Hospital Los Angeles in all 10 specialty categories. Clinical care at the hospital is led by physicians who are faculty members of the Keck School of Medicine of USC through an affiliation dating from 1932. The hospital also operates the largest pediatric residency training program at a freestanding children's hospital in the Western United States. The Saban Research Institute of Children's Hospital Los Angeles is home to all basic, translational, clinical and community research conducted at the hospital, allowing proven discoveries to quickly reach patients. Our mission: to create hope and build healthier futures. To learn more, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#), and visit our blog at CHLA.org/blog.