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THE COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION RECEIVES \$40,500 IN GRANTS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

INDIO, CA -- (September 23, 2013) -- The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) has received \$40,500 in grants from four local organizations to help support its summer and after school programs.

Rabobank granted \$7,500 to support the CVHC's annual youth summer tennis camp which provides low and very low income children the opportunity to participate in a four-week instructional camp at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

The Anderson Children's Foundation awarded an \$8,000 grant to enrich the lives of the children at Arroyo de Paz Apartments in Desert Hot Spring with lifelong skills, perspectives, physical activity, and cultural understands through Ballet Folklorico dance instruction.

US Bank Foundation awarded the CVHC a \$15,000 grant to offer its disadvantaged children the opportunity to learn science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) infused Lego Robotics summer program throughout the Coachella Valley.

CVHC's after school program which provides homework assistance, tutoring, access to computer classes, organized physical activities, arts, crafts, nutrition, cultural music and dance classes continues its services thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Bank of America Foundation.

"Thanks to the generous support of these organizations, we are able to fund important activities for our resident children," said John Mealey, Executive Director of the CVHC. "These programs enrich children's lives and provide additional educational opportunities that they otherwise might not receive."

For more information about the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition and how to donate to these and other programs, visit www.cvhc.org or call 760-347-3157.

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Located in Indio, California, about one hundred miles east of Los Angeles, the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) is an award-winning non-profit housing development corporation dedicated to helping low and very-low income families improve their living conditions through advocacy, research, construction, and operation of housing and community development projects. This year, CVHC celebrates its 30th year providing affordable housing and community development programs to hundreds of underserved families. To date, CVHC has built and owns more than 4,000 homes and apartments for low-income households in Riverside and Imperial counties. In addition, CVHC has developed childcare centers, after-school programs, and medical clinics. It operates various services for its tenants and others including mariachi classes, English as a Second Language and computer classes, a ballet folklórico program, and tennis and recreational programs. For more information visit www.cvhc.org.

