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LA84 Foundation Awards \$5,000 Grant to Community Action Partnership of Orange County's El Modena Family Resource Center Karate Program for Low Income Youth

Orange, CA – January 9, 2018 – Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) is proud to receive a grant from the LA84 Foundation for the amount of \$5,000. The grant will go towards the El Modena Family Resource Center (EMFRC) Karate Club Program. Funding from LA84 are legacy funds from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

The EMFRC Karate Club Program enrolls over 50 students of all ages from neighborhoods surrounding the EMFRC in Orange with a focus on low-income, at risk youth. The Karate Club is a free-of-cost program that is offered year-round and meets three days a week. Two qualified instructors teach the students about physical fitness, self-discipline, respect, self-confidence, and of course, karate. For more information on the program, please visit www.capoc.org/community/karate.html.

The LA84 Foundation (la84.org) is a nationally recognized leader in support of youth sport programs and public education about the role of sports in positive youth development. The foundation, with 30 years of on-the-ground experience, has supported thousands of Southern California youth sports organizations through grant making, while also training coaches, commissioning research, convening conferences and acting as a national thought leader on important youth sports issues. LA84 levels the playing field so that sport is accessible to all children, while elevating the field of youth sports as an integral part of American life.

Curtis Gibbs, Director of Planning and Fund Development at CAPOC stated, "I am pleased that LA84 chose to support CAPOC's four year old karate program at the EMFRC. Our karate program is unique in that it offers nationally recognized karate instructors, Jo-Pledge and Mike Mustoe, to work with our at risk youth, without charging a fee to our low income families. With recognition by LA84, we are hopeful that other local organizations and individuals might choose to support this program, so we can continue to offer these services for free."

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY

With leadership and results dating back to 1965, Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) has evolved into one of Orange County's most comprehensive anti-hunger and poverty relief organization. CAPOC's aim is to make a positive impact in people's lives by helping them meet basic needs and strengthen their support system. Our position within Orange County allows us to identify neighborhood concerns and find unique solutions. We have a stake in the health of our community and have the ability to create real change in the lives of low-income children, families, senior, and veterans. By acting as a resource for ending hunger and poverty, our organization improves the health of our community. We mobilize and direct resources to programs that assist, educate and promote self-sufficiency.

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