



Project Hope Alliance Awarded 2025 Neighborhood Builders® Award

[Costa Mesa], Calif. (October 20, 2025) – Project Hope Alliance is proud to announce that it has received the **2025 Neighborhood Builders® Award**, one of the nation’s most prestigious recognitions for nonprofits driving meaningful, sustainable change in their communities.

Bank of America’s Neighborhood Builders® program recognizes outstanding nonprofit organizations that address critical issues such as education, housing, health, and economic opportunity. The highly competitive and invitation-only program, with honorees selected by a committee of community leaders and past award recipients, includes **\$200,000 in flexible, unrestricted funding and two years of leadership development for its executive and emerging leaders.**

Says Chief Executive Officer, Jennifer Friend, “Bank of America has been a steadfast partner in our mission to end the cycle of homelessness, one child at a time since 2019. To be recognized and awarded the Neighborhood Builders grant at this moment in our organization’s history is truly an honor. The impact of this grant and the leadership training for myself and our Chief Partnership Officer, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, will have a ripple effect on the children and families we journey alongside, as well as the 30,000 students experiencing homelessness in Orange County. The grant will unlock more opportunities by helping us refine, strengthen, and scale our proven model of care, ensuring we lift the invisibility of our community’s kids, so they have every opportunity to thrive in school and in life. We are deeply grateful to Bank of America for their dedication, partnership, and commitment to transforming the lives of students experiencing homelessness in Orange County.”

About Project Hope Alliance

Project Hope Alliance’s mission is to end the cycle of homelessness, one child at a time. Through strategic partnerships with Orange County public and charter schools, Project Hope Alliance utilizes a long-term case management approach to eliminate barriers that impede a child’s ability to succeed academically. By building trusting relationships with students, families, and the community, Project Hope Alliance provides academic support, mentorship, and basic need resources.

About the Neighborhood Builders® Program

The **Bank of America Neighborhood Builders®** program is one of the largest philanthropic initiatives supporting nonprofit leadership and capacity building in the U.S. Through funding, leadership development, and peer networking, the program strengthens organizations addressing the most pressing community needs.

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