

USC OTSC Philanthropy Report, 2017-2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE

- Hosted **16 philanthropy events**, many in collaboration with Chan Division and over **18 nonprofit organizations**, increasing **student participation by 400%** from 2017-2018.
- Established the **first OTSC Philanthropy committee**, comprised of **56 OT students**, a platform to perform more outreach and showcase USC OT's commitment to philanthropy.
- Mobilized OT students to **volunteer 278 times**, putting in **516 hours** between September 2017 and April 2018.

Goal: To provide opportunities in increasing outreach generally and/or specific to OT, learning about complex social issues, increasing advocacy, and promoting the unique value of occupational therapy.

To inform direction and help increase participation of philanthropy events, we looked at the USC Provost's [Wicked Problems](#), and determined to focus on homelessness, artists for social change, and aging across the lifespan, among other complex issues. Additionally, we created and conducted a feedback survey to understand what the student body's philanthropic interests were to also put these interests into action.

In 2017-2018, USCOT Philanthropy:

- Crafted **30 cards** for the [Cards for Hospitalized Kids](#)
- Fundraised **\$130** through candy grams for victims of **Hurricane Harvey**
- **25 volunteers** shelled peas and prepared meals for seniors at [LA Kitchen](#)
- Donated clothes, shoes, accessories, and more to **fill three vans and one sedan** (thirty 10-gallon bags, fifteen 15-gallon bags) for the [Skid Row Carnival of Love](#) with donations from **over 40 students, faculty, staff** and with the help of **26 volunteers** sorting/transporting clothes
- Wrapped and passed out **100 burritos** to persons experiencing homelessness with [Share a Meal](#)
- Represented OT at the [KidCity Career Fair](#) for low-income youth
- Planted **2 trees** with the [TreePeople](#)
- Performed developmental screenings with [KASEC](#) for **75 infants**, and will take part in 3 more events through June 2018
- Wrote an article for OTAC about Chan Division's way of celebrating OT Month this year

For OT Month:

- **17 students** marched alongside Lady Gaga and the [Born This Way Foundation](#) in solidarity to end gun violence in schools at the [March for Our Lives](#).
- Screened [FITE \(From Incarceration to Education\)](#) documentary for over **90 attendees**, which delves into the lives of formerly incarcerated students' paths to higher education. Panelists were **six formerly incarcerated student changemakers** from CSULA, CPP, USC, and UC Berkeley, film directors, and faculty Dr. Mary Lawlor, Dr. Tessa Milman and Jody Armour from USC Gould.
- Fundraised over **\$1200** and packaged over **300 hygiene kits** for the **Painted Brain's Art Cart**, which provides art materials and hygiene kits for the homeless population in Los Angeles.
- Coordinated a **time management workshop** with Dr. Rachelle Nagata and a **diverse panel of 5 women in OT**, all **USC Chan alum**, for **52 students** in collaboration with [MOSTe \(Motivating our Students Through Experience\)](#), an organization that empowers young girls in underserved communities of Los Angeles to pursue and graduate from college.
- **27 volunteers** shared the power of occupational therapy with over 500 from USC and greater LA community at the [Los Angeles Times Festival of Books at USC](#), through specialized OT services stations, including sensory integration, weight management, and stress management.
- Arranged a Battle of the Cohorts, to incentivize participation in OT Month Philanthropy events.

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Some of the panelists at FITE Night



#MarchforOurLives with Lady Gaga and BTWF



Packaging 300 Hygiene Kits for Painted Brain



Raised over \$1200 for Painted Brain Art Cart



USC Chan Alum Panelists at MOSTe



MOSTe Time Management Workshop & Panel



Sorting clothes for Skid Row Carnival of Love



Meal Prep with LA Kitchen Founder Robert Egger