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**Bank of America Names Chinatown Service Center and Los Angeles Conservation Corps 2020
Neighborhood Builders®**

*Program Provides \$400,000 in Flexible Funding and Leadership Skills Development Training to
Advance Economic Mobility in Los Angeles*

LOS ANGELES – Chinatown Service Center and Los Angeles Conservation Corps have been named as the 2020 Bank of America [Neighborhood Builders®](#) awardees for Los Angeles. The nonprofits were selected for their work in the Los Angeles community to address issues fundamental to economic mobility, specifically providing social and health services to underserved communities and pathways for at-risk youth to secure better paying jobs.

As an awardee, each organization receives a \$200,000 grant, a year of leadership training for the executive director and an emerging leader, a network of peer organizations across the U.S., and the opportunity to access capital to expand their impact.

“As we consider the challenges that our Los Angeles communities are facing – from the health crisis brought on by the coronavirus to the need for progress on racial equality and economic opportunity – the Neighborhood Builders program is a relevant and timely initiative to support the communities we serve,” said Raul Anaya, market president, Bank of America. “This program enables partners like Chinatown Service Center and Los Angeles Conservation Corps to pivot and expand their focus during the pandemic to make greater strides in addressing fast evolving health, social service and job up-skilling needs in underserved communities.”

As one of the largest community-based health and human service organizations in Southern California, Chinatown Service Center has expanded its capacity during the pandemic to offer COVID-19 testing and treatment to local Chinese-American and Latino communities disproportionately impacted by the virus. Chinatown Service Center will leverage the Neighborhood Builders grant to expand its capacity for COVID-19 testing in these communities to reach 5,000 individuals a year through the purchase of a quick-result COVID and Influenza testing machine, hiring additional staff and enhancing its social and business services.

“Thanks to Bank of America’s Neighborhood Builders Grant, Chinatown Service Center will be able to acquire necessary equipment and added staff to provide quick and effective testing services to ensure the community’s wellness, providing a key element to combat the pandemic so the public can return to normalcy with confidence,” said Peter Ng, CEO, Chinatown Service Center.

Lower income communities continue to be disproportionately impacted by the prolonged economic downturn. Los Angeles Conservation Corps works directly with young adults from historically under-resourced neighborhoods who are experiencing disproportionate rates of unemployment to provide them with job-skills training, education and work experience with a focus on conservation and service projects that benefit the community. With the Neighborhood Builders grant, Los Angeles Conservation Corps will continue to respond to changing workforce needs to build self-sufficiency and pathways to family-sustaining careers in green fields that benefit everyone such as wildfire response, food waste recovery and redistribution, and urban greening to strengthen climate resiliency.

“We are so proud of the way the young people in our program, our Corpsmembers, have shown up this year to care for one another and for the community. I am inspired by their hope and their tenacity, and with this grant, the Corps will be able to continue building pathways, both literally in our neighborhoods and figuratively in the hearts and minds of Corpsmembers and our hardworking staff, to a better future,” shared CEO Wendy Butts.

The Neighborhood Builders program is an opportunity to provide relevant skills development and topics to help nonprofit leaders address current and future community challenges. Each year, Bank of America refines the Neighborhood Builders Leadership Program to include topics ranging from strategic storytelling to human capital management, and highlights themes that are critical to moving the nonprofit sector forward within broader societal and economic context.

Since 2004, Bank of America has invested over \$260 million in 50 communities through Neighborhood Builders, partnering with more than 1,300 nonprofits and helping more than 2,600 nonprofit leaders strengthen their leadership skills. In Los Angeles specifically, Bank of America has partnered with 48 nonprofits since 2004, investing \$9.6 million to provide economic mobility, affordable housing, workforce development, basic needs and wraparound services within the area. The invitation-only program is highly competitive, and leading members of the community participated in a collaborative selection process to identify this year’s awardees. Examples of the leadership training topics include human capital management, increasing financial sustainability, and storytelling. Neighborhood Builders is just one example of how Bank of America deploys capital in communities, builds cross-sector partnerships, and promotes socioeconomic progress as part of its approach to responsible growth.

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