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Funding The Future



Neurodivergent Inclusion In Los Angeles

Briefing for Philanthropic & Foundation Leaders

Philanthropy shapes what is possible. Government funding is often slow, fragmented, and restricted. Corporate investment typically follows proven models. Philanthropy has the unique ability to move first, fund innovation, and catalyze systems change.

For neurodivergent communities in Los Angeles, the gap between what exists and what is needed remains significant – in workforce development, clinical services, and leadership development. Special Needs Network is building programs designed not only to serve individuals and families, but to change systems and expand economic opportunity.

The work is proven. The demand is growing. The funding gap is real.

Philanthropy allows us to build the models that government can later fund and employers can later hire from.

Priority Investment Areas

Special Needs Network is seeking philanthropic partners aligned with the following strategic priorities:

Workforce Development & Employment: Expanding employment readiness, job placement, and employer partnerships for neurodivergent young adults, while also training the workforce that supports them through SNN's multi-year CORE Workforce Development Program.

Clinical & Behavioral Health Access: Expanding diagnostic, therapeutic, and behavioral health services in underserved communities, reducing wait times and geographic barriers to care.

Social Enterprise & Employment Initiatives: Scaling social enterprise programs in hospitality, food service, and related industries that provide job training, employment pathways, and small business development opportunities.

NextGen Collective: Developing the next generation of neurodivergent self-advocates, leaders, and civic voices through leadership development, mentorship, and civic engagement.

Why This Moment Matters

Los Angeles is in the middle of a historic public investment and economic expansion moment. The decisions and investments made now will determine whether neurodivergent individuals and their families are included in that economic future – or left behind.

This is not just a services issue.

It is an economic mobility, workforce, and equity issue.

Philanthropic partners have the opportunity to help Los Angeles become a national model for neurodivergent inclusion, workforce development, and social enterprise innovation.

Partner With Us

Special Needs Network is seeking philanthropic partners to help build, scale, and sustain these programs and initiatives.

To learn more, invest, or partner with us, please scan the QR code.

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