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Here's Time for Change Foundation's Community Health Champion Award winner

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Time for Change Foundation recently announced Dr. Guillermo Valenzuela as the recipient of its 2020 Community Health Champion Award.

The award was to have been presented April 10 at the organization's 18th annual awards gala in Ontario, but because of concerns about the novel coronavirus, the gala has been postponed. For information, go to

www.TimeForChangeFoundation.org.

Theme for the postponed event is "Vision 20/20: Our Future is Crystal Clear!" and Valenzuela is one of several people and organizations the foundation is honoring for service to those in need.

Valenzuela founded the Guillermo J. Valenzuela Foundation in 2015 with the goal of improving the health of underserved communities in the Inland Empire, according to a press release. The foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$1 million.



Valenzuela has owned and operated several health-care businesses and published more than 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals and he is a past president of the San Bernardino County Medical Society.

His philanthropy outside the foundation includes the Dream Project at Colton High School. For more than 10 years, the Dream Project has provided financial assistance, tutoring and other support to at-risk students, and 100% of the students who participate in the Dream Project graduate, according to the press release.

Valenzuela also established the annual TECH Laptop Scholarship Program in Riverside through which he has awarded more than 250 laptop computers to elementary school students in the Riverside Unified School District over the past 10 years.

Other Time for Change Foundation awards are the Visionary Leadership Award, to the California Wellness Foundation; the Mental Health Champion Award, to Clay Counseling Solutions; the Ramos Family Spirit of Compassion Award, to Linda Hart; the Courageous Philanthropy Award, California Criminal Justice Funders Group; the Community Champion Award, to Erin Brinker; the Dynamic Duo Award, to Jan Robinson Flint and Nourbese Flint; and the inaugural Nancy Varner Angel Award, in honor of Varner's legacy as a co-founder of the Believe Walk, to Nancy Negrette.

Time for Change Foundation works to empower disenfranchised, low-income individuals and families by building leadership through programs and housing to create self-sufficiency and thriving communities. The foundation accepts all forms of donations.

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