

# Think Fund Grant Recipients 2016 – 2017

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## Breakfast & Facebook

Breakfast & Facebook aims at providing youth with the opportunity to collaboratively work with Palo Alto senior citizens. Through a workshop primarily composed of the social media site, Facebook, teens will have the opportunity to share their social media skills and knowledge with the elderly.

## clickPA

clickPA is a centralized website for events, opportunities, and other activities tailored to the local teen community. The website, content, publicity, and technology is entirely run by the clickPA core staff composed of interns from Gunn High School, Castilleja School, and Palo Alto High School.

## Festival of Colors

Festival of Colors aimed at bringing diversity to the Palo Alto community. Through the celebration of the Hindu Festival, Holi, this event provided music, colored powder, and henna tattoos to youth & teens, while allowing them to explore a different culture.

## Intramural Basketball Sports Program

The Intramural Basketball Sports Program engages Gunn High School students in a facilitated sports tournament during the school day. This break from the traditional school day encouraged students to get active, develop a sense of team and community, and have fun.

## Kick for Charity

Kick for Charity is a summer camp coordinated by Palo Alto teens who mentor and coach elementary school children in the popular sport, soccer. All proceeds were donated to Charity: Water.

## MakeX

MakeX is a free community makerspace located at the Cubberley Community Center. The program offers access to cutting-edge digital tools, power tools, and building materials. Facilitated by local high school students, MakeX aims to promote creative design through peer mentorship. Visitors can tackle several projects with the help of expert designers available only at MakeX.

## PalyHacks

PalyHacks is an international 24-hour hackathon for high school students hosted at Palo Alto High School. Run by students, made for students; PalyHacks invited anyone with an interest in technology to build a project.

## PA Roots

PA Roots is a teen run magazine for Palo Alto youth. The magazine serves as a platform that represents the teen voices of Palo Alto. The goal of PA Roots is to augment teen voice and to highlight the skills and talents of teens.

### Project Enybody

Project Enybody is a collaborative of Palo Alto teens focused on raising awareness of combating climate change through various events, social media campaigns, and educational projects. The word “enybody” is intentionally spelled with an “E” instead of an “A,” with the idea to make ‘ENY’ an acronym for Earth Needs You.

### SfN Neuroscience Conference

The SfN Neuroscience Conference strived at fostering and aiding the neuroscience research community while educating and inspiring interest in young minds. With several guest speakers, the event provided teens with the opportunity to learn about the intersectionality of neuroscience within the arts, humanities, and everyday life.

### Students United Against Cancer

Students United Against Cancer focuses on raising awareness and provides support to people with cancer and their impacted families. The group organizes and hosts different events throughout the school year, and provides a network of support to anyone who is affected by cancer at any capacity.

### SUAC Retreat

SUAC Retreat aimed at providing middle school and high school students with the opportunity to participate in activities to help raise awareness of cancer. This event included goodie bag making for Ronald McDonald’s House and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital.

### Super Smash Bro’s Tournament Series

Super Smash Bro’s Tournament aimed at providing youth with the space and opportunity to meet other Bay Area teenagers who share similar interests in video gaming. Through a friendly and competitive environment, this tournament allowed teenagers to connect and interact.

### Teen Arts Council

The Teen Arts Council is a creative community of Palo Alto teens dedicated to enriching the lives of their peers through artistic expression. The council coordinates events and projects inspired by the passions of council members representing the teen population.

### Teens Exploring Code

Teens Exploring Code Hackathon aimed at providing middle school and high school teenagers with the resources and tools to make their technology-related ideas come to life. Through mentorship, support, and computer programming workshops, Teens Exploring Code strived at being inclusive to teens of all programming backgrounds.

### Tug of War Documentary

Tug of War is a film written and directed by local high school student, Zack Gibson. This film is centered on the importance of parent-teen conflict and unspoken agreements between them in hopes to encourage open communication between parents and their children.

### Youth Job Expo

The Youth Job Expo aimed at providing Palo Alto teens with a platform to explore job and internship opportunities from local Palo Alto companies and organizations. The event offered career-related workshops to teenagers in hopes to assist them in their future endeavors.