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BREATHE California of Los Angeles County receives \$10,000 for 2017 Environmental Champions Initiative Grant from Southern California Gas Company

Utility awards grants totaling more than \$500,000 to 42 nonprofits for projects focused on clean air, energy or water

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31, 2018 — BREATHE California of Los Angeles County announced today that it has received a \$10,000 2017 Environmental Champions Initiative Grant from Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas). SoCalGas awards one-time grants of up to \$25,000 for projects focused on clean air, energy or water. Forty-two nonprofits will receive grants totaling over \$500,000 for projects that will be implemented throughout 2018.

The grant to BREATHE LA will support its O24u® environmental educational program, which empowers youth in underserved Los Angeles communities with health education tools necessary to improve their indoor and outdoor environments, manage lung health risks, and prevent related illnesses such as asthma. The program uniquely addresses environmental education and encourages youth to become advocates for clean air and healthy lungs by promoting sustainable behaviors in support of a healthier environment and greater lung health for themselves and their community.

“SoCalGas is proud to support innovative projects that provide cleaner air, water and energy,” said Trisha Muse, director of community relations at SoCalGas. “We looked for unique projects that would have a measurable and positive impact on the environment, engage the community and help improve the environment in underserved communities.”

For a complete list of the 42 organizations awarded a 2017 Environmental Champions Initiative grant, click [here](#).

Breathe California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) is a 501(c)(3) local public benefit non-profit organization committed to clean air and greater lung health for Los

Angeles County residents; our work is significant because everyone has a stake in the air we breathe. Our work at BREATHE LA is uniquely positioned in the community because we provide services at the crossroads of the environment and health. We promote our quality-of-life initiatives through community education and awareness efforts, particularly committed to improving lung health among those most disproportionately affected by poor air quality and greater incidence of chronic lung disease.

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