

# COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION

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## Press Release

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### **The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition Receives \$11,000 grant from The Community Foundation**

**Indio, Calif.** – The Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties awarded the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) a \$11,000 grant to provide educational services to low- and very-low income families and individuals, particularly children. These funds were granted to CVHC from The Community Foundation's Seraphim Fund which aid women and children, including the economically disadvantaged. The grant will help pay instructors of CVHC's Bilingual Computer Technology program (BCT), and help purchase educational software and computers.

CVHC currently operates its Bilingual Computer Technology program at one site in Indio, two in Coachella, and one in Mecca, CA. The grant from The Community Foundation will help expand the program to two additional Coachella Valley Housing Coalition sites in Mecca.

John Mealey, CVHC's Founder and Executive Director, stated that CVHC's BCT program "helps meet the need for educational support in the rural community of Mecca. The rural communities of the east-end of the Coachella Valley have been traditionally underserved as educational programs have been few and scarce."

The BCT program will provide children access to computers to assist with their homework and increase their computer literacy. This program will increase children's exposure to computers, helping them acquire skills needed to thrive in today's technology driven world.

Adults also receive assistance via the Bilingual Computer Technology program. A component of the program is to conduct workshops for adults that range from resume writing to internet job search that create opportunities for adults to learn basic computer skills. A goal of this program is to educate adults on basic

computer usage so that their opportunity for employment increases and their awareness of technology is elevated.

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**Located in Indio, California, about one hundred miles east of Los Angeles, the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) is a non-profit housing development corporation dedicated to helping low and very-low income families improve their living conditions through advocacy, research, construction, and operation of housing and community development projects. CVHC has constructed more than 3,100 homes and apartments for low income households in Riverside and Imperial Counties. In addition, CVHC has developed childcare centers, after-school programs, and two medical clinics. It operates various services for its tenants and others including mariachi classes, English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes, an art program, and tennis and recreational programs. For more information, visit [www.cvhc.org](http://www.cvhc.org)**