



The Orange County
*Hispanic
Education Endowment
Fund*

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The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (**HEEF**) supports the mission and work of the Boy Scouts of America.

HEEF and in particular the Orange County Latino community is very appreciative of the Boy Scouts in collaborating and working with Latino communities throughout Orange County, California and this nation in building stronger families and in preparing tomorrow's generation of new leaders. Latino youth in particular face many challenges, but scouting provides the important character, moral and leadership skills that prepare and assist them to become successful in life. Thank you for being there for our youth.

The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund provides community and financial support for students at all levels along the education continuum. An unprecedented initiative for Orange County, **HEEF** has been established to support scholarships, programs and institutions that respond to the needs of Hispanic youth in order to inspire, enhance and improve educational opportunities.

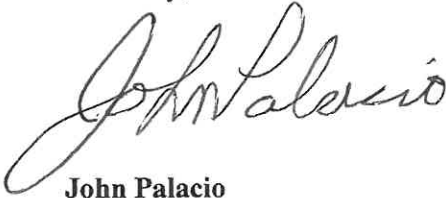
HEEF's goal is to enhance educational opportunities and resources at early ages to reduce school dropout rates and to improve students' educational expectations and opportunities. The Fund is a resource to academically talented Hispanic youth that need to overcome barriers to a college degree.

HEEF has an endowment exceeding \$3.6 million with 34 sub funds. Since 1996, **HEEF** has awarded over \$2.3 million in scholarships to nearly 2,000 deserving individuals.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America to instill important values in our nation's youth is consistent with our focus on the family. We are looking forward to exploring ways to bring this important program to our families. We recommend that all interested families become active participants of the Boys Scouts of America.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 714-856-5214 cell and/or jpalacio@pacell.net. Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Palacio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Palacio
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cc: Marcos Nava, Senior Business Development Specialist Community Organizations, Staff Advisor,
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