



Winnick Family Foundation Completes \$100,000 Grant to California Science Center's *Ecosystems* Gallery

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Los Angeles, CA - November 4, 2010 – The Winnick Family Foundation has completed a \$100,000 grant to support the creation of the *Ecosystems* permanent exhibit gallery at the [California Science Center](#) at Exposition Park in Los Angeles.

Within the new *Ecosystems* gallery, guests observe and explore an 188,000-gallon kelp tank teeming with marine life, a desert flash flood, and a special area dedicated to the rich urban ecology of Los Angeles.

Adam Winnick, a member of the [California Science Center Foundation Board of Trustees](#), said: “The *Ecosystems* gallery, which opened in March of this year, is a world-class facility for teaching children and the general public the interconnectedness of all air, water, land and life resources on this planet. We are pleased to be a part of the philanthropic community that supports this unique facility.”

Stated Jeffrey Rudolph, President and Chief Executive of the California Science Center Foundation: “The early commitment of the Winnick family to help realize this new interactive gallery was key to our success in convincing others to support the Science Center’s exceptional learning experience. We have become one of the world’s leading science education venues with an astonishing 1.4 million visitors last year alone. With [The Winnick Family Foundation](#) support, we can confidently continue in our mission of stimulating curiosity and inspiring science learning among all who visit us.”

Added [Gary Winnick](#), Chairman and CEO of Pacific Capital Group: “Our hope is that the interactive *Ecosystems* gallery will become an inspiration and model for eco-conscious urban development.”

About the Winnick Family Foundation

[The Winnick Family Foundation](#) encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or for those having an international component.



Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children's Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and Gary Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick's alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick's alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick's late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.