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# Press Release

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA**

**Newport Beach, Calif., October 25, 2016** – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) recently accepted a \$10,000 Grant from Bank of America. The donation will help support the ENC’s Environmental Education programs.

“Bank of America has a long history of strengthening the local communities they serve through local lending, employee volunteerism and grants to Orange County nonprofits” said ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. “More than 18,000 Bank of America employees participate in hundreds of environmental educational events each year. We are grateful that their work with communities includes helping nonprofits like the ENC with critical needs like environmental education!”

The grant from the Bank of America Foundation will help the ENC restore a 1.3 acre parcel adjacent to the Nature Center. Once integrated into the existing wildlife habitats and walking trails, most of the property will host a Nature Play Area that will be utilized by the ENC’s future Nature Preschool as well as the public during non-school hours. It will serve as a prime example of how to provide nature-based play for children in an urban setting.

“We’re very proud to partner with the Environmental Nature Center to help revitalize and build a stronger community,” said Allen Staff, Orange County market president, Bank of America. “The ENC inspires all generations to protect our environment and helps strengthen our community as a place where people want to live and work.”

### **About the ENC**

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For over 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life’s pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 28,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community’s knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community’s first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community’s foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit [www.ENCcenter.org](http://www.ENCcenter.org). The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.