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**Local Nonprofit HARC Receives \$30,000 Grant from S. Mark Taper Foundation to Provide Organizations with Updated Local Health Data**

*Palm Desert, CA (January 23, 2018)* — HARC, the Palm Desert based non-profit, recently received notification from the S. Mark Taper Foundation that it has been awarded a general operating support grant in the amount of \$30,000. This generous grant will allow HARC to continue its mission of providing objective, reliable research, analysis and technical services to communities in order to facilitate better decision-making regarding health and quality of life.

The S. Mark Taper Foundation, founded in 1989, is a private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of people's lives by supporting non-profit organizations and their work in our communities.

“We are humbled by this opportunity and look forward to a successful partnership with the S. Mark Taper Foundation,” said Dr. Jenna LeComte-Hinely, HARC’s Chief Executive Officer.

HARC provides research and evaluation services related to health, wellness, and quality of life. HARC’s most well-known work is the triennial survey of health and wellness in the Coachella Valley, which provides in-depth data on a myriad of subjects such as healthcare access, utilization, health behaviors, major disease, socioeconomic needs, mental health, and much more. Funds from the S. Mark Taper Foundation will support HARC’s ability to provide this critically needed data to the community at no charge.

**About HARC**

HARC, Inc. (Health Assessment and Research for Communities) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing research and evaluation services related to health and wellness. HARC is funded in part by grants, donations, and the consulting services they offer. More information can be obtained by calling HARC at (760) 404-1945, or visiting the organization's website at [www.HARCdata.org](http://www.HARCdata.org).

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