

Youth Served: 2000 Annually; 180 Daily

Membership Fee: \$10 a year Operating Budget: \$600,000

Board Members: 7 Year Founded: 1950

The East Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club is a local, autonomous organization serving the community for 65 years. The last 14 years has seen our club transform to a culture of high expectations with education as the foundation and higher education the goal. Our youth are nurtured to become character-driven leaders equipped to overcome the obstacles and prepared for the opportunities.

MISSION

To enable and inspire all youth and their families, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, healthy, caring, responsible members of the community through our enduring principles of Hope & Opportunity.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: CLUB;

Competence, Leadership, Usefulness & Belonging

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COMMUNITIES SERVED:

Unincorporated East Los Angeles and ELA communities of: Boyle Heights, Union Pacific, El Sereno & City Terrace; Montebello; Commerce; Monterey Park & Southeast Cities.

CLUBHOUSE SITES:

McDonnell Clubhouse; Garfield High School: U.P.P. & Montebello High School Keystone Club.

AREA SERVED:

Latinos in East Los Angeles comprise the vast majority (97%) of the population, the highest proportion of any place with 100,000 or more residents. **BGCELA** are located in an unincorporated area of the County, whereas the L.A. Board of Supervisors acts as its "City Council." (Member Family statistics: 85% live below the poverty level; 35% live in single parent homes; 15% are overseen by Social Services and/or the Foster Care system).

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS:

M.E.N.T.O.R. (Meeting Each Need To Optimize Results): A multi-year plan that guides members on a path to higher education. Personalized and case managed, it maximizes the development potential of a child. Through MENTOR, our staff are able to INTRODUCE them to new friends; INVOLVE them in programs; INTERVENE quickly when problems arise; and INSPIRE them to greatness. Since 2005, our teens have a 100% high school graduation rate in a community where only 34% of adults have a high school diploma. Over 250 recent graduates are now pursuing a Bachelors' or Masters' degree.

STEM

Access to technology is the civil rights issue of the 21st Century. A primary program focus is to give our youth access to the internet, competence on computers, proficient in math and science and gain experience in engineering, robotics and STEM related careers. Five club programs are dedicated to STEM and the advancement of our youth in today's global skills.

Healthy 4 Life/Salud Para Nuestra Juventud:

Strategic and comprehensive, it combines four strong programs: Salsa, Sabor y Salud, a nutrition program focusing on family education on how to instill healthy eating habits; Garden Now, a Community garden/Environmental Science program and Athletics. Additionally, club was chosen as LA County's Dept. of Public Health's pilot site for the science evidence-based program, "Healthy Habits for Teens."

Family Resource Center:

Launched in 2005, the center focuses on the well-being of our youth's support system, their adult guardians. Programs may include; ESL, computer courses, tutoring, family counseling and resources such as legal aid, food, shelter, emergency care, health care, etc. Engaged & Empowered is our goal.

Smart Ride:

Transportation for kids after school is a critical need in our community. Working parents can be more efficient in the workplace if their children are safe and productive. This program **can** transport up to 150 youth daily.

Music. Motion. Murals and Media:

The love of art is expressed and shared through our musical instrument, voice, acting, dance, mural construction and media arts programs. Performance, filmmaking and art exhibitions showcase our youth's commitment to their craft.

TFS 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Attending Brown, Yale, Vassar, UCLA, USC, Cal States, UCs, and other local colleges and universities.