

Pledge Your Support For The Youth Of Watts



Through this Global Giving Campaign you have a special opportunity to make a difference in the lives of youth in the Watts district of Los Angeles.

Best known for the infamous Watts Riots of 1965, this inner-city community has been struggling for decades with the challenges of severe poverty, gangs, drugs, and violence. Caught in the middle of all of this are the youth of Watts—kids who have dreams to break their community’s cycle of poverty and violence, yet who not only struggle to get a decent education, they struggle to even get to school each day without being brutalized by gang members or confronted by aggressive drug dealers.

Community activists, led by Los Angeles Council Member Janice Hahn, have seen that activities like skateboarding offer youth a positive alternative to the traditional path toward gangs and drugs, so they seek to establish a new world-class skatepark in the heart of their community—literally in the shadow of the famous Watts Towers cultural landmark. Building the new skatepark at this historic location will make a powerful statement to local youth, that their needs and interests are important to the community. And it will provide the neighborhood yet another landmark residents can be proud of and enjoy in a whole new way.

Skateboarding gives young people focus, helps them build self-esteem, and keeps them active and healthy during those critical hours after school when so many idle youth fall into the trap set by gangsters and dealers. With the help of the Tony Hawk Foundation, the Wasserman Foundation, California Skateparks, and generous Donors like you, the youth of Watts will see this landmark skatepark built, opened, and providing them a positive alternative, a healthy outlet, and a wider path to success in their lives.

Please join us in making a pledge of support to the Watts Towers Skatepark today.

