LEGACY LA
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT
BUILDING DREAMS, BUILDING A LEGACY
Mission and Vision

Legacy LA’s mission is to make positive interventions in the lives of young people by offering alternatives to gangs and violence. Legacy LA builds the capacity of youth to reach their full potential and equips them with tools to transform their lives and community.

Legacy LA believes that personal and community transformation goes hand in hand! We believe that community transformation will only occur if we focus on helping youth living in the Ramona Gardens community reach their full potential. Our vision is long term community change where youth are provided with all of the resources and support needed to achieve their dreams.

*Frank Quevedo, our beloved friend and board member, passed this year. Mr. Quevedo has been an invaluable member to Legacy LA since 2007 and made an indelible impact. Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed dearly.
90% of youth step into leadership roles after participating and graduating from Legacy LA's Dream Big Youth Council Program

100% of graduating seniors applied to and entered college in Fall of 2020

24,417 academic programming hours provided including SAT Prep, College Club, mentoring and tutoring services

240 hours of mindfulness instruction provided to middle school youth

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Legacy LA Programs

Dream Big Leadership Program

Legacy LA’s Leadership Program focuses on social justice, advocacy and empowerment. Teens become agents of change for their community by learning strategies and skills to organize themselves and local residents to tackle pressing issues. Youth receive a college scholarship for each completed year of the program.

In 2019-2020, the program awarded $6,125 in scholarships for Youth Council graduates.

Leadership Programs:
- Youth Council
  - Year 1
  - Year 2
  - Year 3 - Youth Council Interns
  - Social Justice Interns
- Comunidad Unida
- Through Our Eyes

Legacy LA’s Student Success Program is a comprehensive academic intervention program focused on addressing & removing the academic, social, and behavioral barriers that prevent youth from achieving academic success.

Student Success Programs for All:
- Case Management
- Academic Support
- Multicultural Arts & Poetry
- Gamer’s Club
- Parent Workshops
- Rainbow Alliance
- Book Club

Middle School
- Mindfulness
- STEM

High School
- Mentoring Activities
- Advisement Services
- College Club
- College Applications
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Pathways

College Persistence
- Financial Literacy
- Talking Circle
"I have been coming to Legacy LA since I was an eighth grader in middle school. I joined as a youth in the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) program. I have been working on and off as a staff member for six years. One of the greatest memories I've had as a student at Legacy LA has been going to Big Bear for a retreat through the Dream Big Youth Council Leadership program at Legacy. The main thing that influenced me to join Legacy as a staff member was the opportunity to continue to give back and help transform my community. I am the co-founder and coordinator of the "Through Our Eyes" (TOE) program through the guidance of Legacy. Through TOE, I have been able to empower youth to use their voice and organize a meeting with the police and community to discuss the historical tension between the two parties. I am responsible for curriculum development, recruitment, program evaluation, and facilitation. What keeps me motivated to continue the work I do is knowing the need we have for programs like "Through Our Eyes." Members of the community continue to get harassed by police officers in the community and therefore need a space to advocate for fair treatment by police officers."

Eddie Leon
Legacy LA Alumnus

"All my life I was told that I would never be anything or get anywhere in life. Like many kids in my community (Boyle Heights), we were all categorized as the "bad" kids. In high school, I was in a college prep after-school program, where I was kicked out because my 2.9 GPA "wasn't good enough" for any college or university. I then turned to Legacy LA in 2015 where I first joined the Youth Council with my first mentor, Lucy Herrera. I received so much help from staff who genuinely wanted to see me succeed as they helped me apply for college and write my personal statement. Now, I attend East Los Angeles College to get my Associates Degree in Psychology. After being a student in Youth Council, then a Youth Council Intern, followed by becoming a Social Justice Intern, I got to learn more about my community and realize that I was not the only one facing these struggles. I have many great memories as a student at Legacy LA, but the one that will stay with me forever was our yearly retreat to Big Bear where I got to know and understand myself better. I was also able to see how much of an impact I can make in the world and how my voice is powerful enough to tell MY story. Working with the Middle School Program students every day is amazing because these students are very intelligent and unique in every way possible. When I receive my degree in psychology, I want to be able to give back to my community and provide extra mental health support to students due to the struggles they face every day."

Clelon Gonzalez
Legacy LA Alumnus
Legacy LA Organizational Financials
FY 2019-20

Income

Expenses

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