SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER

Annual Report 2022-2023

Empowering Youth since 1966

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OUR WORK

SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER
57 YEARS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Since 1966, the Salesian Family Youth Center of Los Angeles – located within walking distance of more than 13,000 elementary, middle and high school students – has served the Boyle Heights and City Terrace communities by providing positive after-school activities and low-cost alternative programs for thousands of at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 6 and 18.

Salesian Family Youth Center
St Bridget Chinese Catholic Church
Bishop Mora Salesian High School
St Isabel Catholic Church
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Santa Isabel Elementary School

"Do good while you still can..."
DON BOSCO
OUR MISSION

TO INSPIRE AND ENABLE THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BOYLE HEIGHTS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE, RESPONSIBLE, AND CARING CITIZENS AND TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES IN THIS EFFORT.

Our PROMISE

AS VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER, WE PROMISE TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CREATING A PATH TO THEIR DESIRED FUTURE.

Our VALUES

- Open-mindedness
- Empowerment
- Honor
- Respect
- Determination
- Commitment
Dear valued friends and supporters,

As the executive director of the Salesian Family Youth Center, I am grateful to be writing to you today to share some exciting updates and progress we have made in the past year. Firstly, we are grateful that we are slowly going back to a sense of normality. However, this new normality brings different challenges, particularly with the behavior of some of our children and young people. We are adapting to the new reality and working hard to make sure our children take the best advantage of everything that we have to offer.

Secondly, we have been following our strategic plan, and I am thrilled to share that we have been successful in many ways. Among them, we have increased our online presence, been intentional about reaching out to new local businesses, and initiating a “friend-raising” program. This strategy has helped us to be more connected with our community.

Thirdly, taking advantage of finishing our second strategic plan this year, we have decided to create a study where we will find the best practices for our youth center over the last 7 years. This study will help us see where we are, what we have done great, and where we want to be in the future. From this study, we will create our next strategic plan for 2024 to 2027.

Finally, we had our first Gala, an amazing experience of love and care where the community helped us achieve our goals. This Gala has empowered us to keep moving, and we hope to have our second Gala next year in February 2024. Please keep this amazing event on your calendar.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our supporters and donors who are making this work possible. I also thank God for leading our path and giving us the strength and motivation to continue our mission. We are committed to serving the youth in our community and providing them with the necessary resources and opportunities to reach their full potential.

Thank you so much for all your support and for being part of our family.

Sincerely,

Jc Montenegro, PhD
Executive Director
GOAL #1
TO PROVIDE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND TEENS WITH INTENTIONAL AND IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THEIR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, SALESIANITY, ACADEMICS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

GOAL #2
TO ENHANCE OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY THROUGH STAFF TRAINING, BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVED PROCESSES THAT INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.

GOAL #3
TO ENHANCE OUR STORY TELLING AND MESSAGING WITH ALL OUR PARTNERS.

GOAL #4
TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT BY STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS (I.E., PARENTS, SALESIANS, SCHOOLS, CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OTHER PARTNERS)
### Contributions

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What is Youth of the Year?

Youth of the Year is a scholarship program created in 2022 that provides 3 members from our programs to receive an academic scholarship. We provide three different categories to allow all of the youth in our programs to have an opportunity to be rewarded.

Teen of the Year

Crystal Flores-Baez

We had about 15 teenagers and young adults helping out Crystal to clean up the planters and take out all the weeds that were in the boxes. After cleaning out the overgrown foliage we planted succulents in the inside and outside area of the club. We also added some solar paneled lights to light up the garden at night.
JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

Pablo Lozano

"I went to skid row to give food to the homeless people living there. I was glad to see my friends from the Youth Ministry core team and family members come and help. The people we served were cooperative and really appreciated the help"
- Pablo

ELEMENTARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Joseline Estrada

Joseline has been attending our center for the past six years and grew up here at the club. She is a role model to our younger students and loves to lend a helping hand.

“I am always at the club doing anything I can because it is like a second home to me”
- Joseline Estrada
Our 2022-2023 school year for the We Care Program was the year of growth! We have served our largest number of students since 2019 and were able to grow both in size and in the program. We welcomed collaborations with various organizations such as the Two Bit Circus foundation, where students learned coding, to Renee Boulware’s art classes. Our students continued their tutoring everyday while also having activities like Arts & Crafts, STEM, Cooking, and GYM. We served our community during our Thanksgiving Luncheon and helped over 70 families during Christmas time to receive gifts. This was the inaugural year for our We Care Dance Club and our Recycle Club. We can’t wait to see what the next school year brings our way!

**Pick-up School List**
- Santa Isabel Elementary
- Sacred Heart Elementary
- Endeavor College Prep
- Puente Learning Center
- Extera 2nd Street
- Brightwood Elementary
- Sunrise Elementary
- KIPP Sol
- Doloris Mission
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Our Lady of Talpa
- Euclid Elementary
- Evergreen Elementary
- Bridge Street Elementary

**Things We Do At WeCare...**
- Tutoring
- Arts & Crafts
- STEM
- Athletics
- Dance
- Field Trips
- Cooking
- Swimming
WeCare
Annual Highlights

Total Youth Registered
142 Youth
56 New Students
86 Returning Students

School Percentages
- 84% Public School
- 16% Private School

Youth Gender Percentages
- Male 56%
- Female 44%

Grade Percentages
- Middle School
  - 5th Grade
  - 4th Grade
  - 3rd Grade
  - 2nd Grade
  - TK-1st Grade

Private School 16%
SHOUT IS AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM CONTRACTED BY BEYOND THE BELL TO PROVIDE SERVICES INSIDE THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. HAVING A COMMUNITY GRANT, ALLOWS US TO SERVICE STUDENTS FROM SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO COME AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR AMAZING PROGRAM.

"When I think about shout, what comes to mind is friendship, getting to meet new people, fun events, very welcoming staff, and a lot of laughs with beautiful memories created."

Michael Serrano
Students attending our program

Total HighSchool Students served

1,300

99% Graduation Rate

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Youth Ministry Program

COORDINATOR’S SUMMARY
The youth ministry experienced significant growth and progress this year. Our commitment to providing diverse opportunities to our youth and their families has brought the addition of two new programs. We now offer Girl Scouts and a monthly parent connection group for our confirmation parents. Oratory, our Saturday program continues to be a youth favorite, and collaboration with the Salesian Family is growing. Our core team has become crucial for fostering leadership and empowering our teens to take an active role in youth ministry. Finally, by partnering in community events, we are creating a positive impact but also building stronger connections with the wider community. We are working to ensure that we continue to be intentional about remaining responsive to the changing needs of those we serve.

COLLABORATIONS
Over the past four years, the Salesian Family Youth Center has successfully partnered with St. Mary’s Church to enhance youth programs. This year we have expanded our partnership with St. Isabel Church, further extending our reach to serve the youth in our community. Additionally, the Salesian Family Youth Center has been actively working with the Salesian Provence Youth Ministry team, the St. Dominic Savio Core team, and the Los Angeles Archdioceses. These collaborative efforts have significantly contributed to the growth and impact of the youth programs in the area.
Youth Ministry
Annual Highlights

Total 131 Youth Attendance
56 Youth Confirmed
54 1st Yr Confirmation
10 Oratory Volunteers
11 Core Team Members

Gender Percentage
Female 45.8%
Male 54.2%

On Track to Graduate High School
Comfortable making friends
Built Trust with an Adult
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“Camp Salesian”

Campers
TK-8th Grade
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

This year Camp Salesian was operating for 7 weeks from June 20th to August 5th providing field trips to the Santa Monica Pier, the CA Science Center, Griffith Park, and a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game. Our weekly activities consisted of arts and crafts, STEAM, faith sharing, swimming, and more.

Activities:
- Swimming
- Liturgy
- Field trips
- Arts & Crafts
- STEAM
- Athletics

Special Events
- Water Day
- Talent Show
- Carnival Day

Counselors
High School & College Students
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

We provide a place for all students to find a passion, talent, or opportunity to grow their knowledge and confidence.
SUMMER CAMP
Annual Highlights

Total Attendance
172 Youth

Grade Percentages

7th/8th Boys
7th/8th Girls
6th Grade
5th Grade
4th Grade
3rd Grade
2nd Grade
TK- 1st Grade

FINANCIAL RESOURCE

Foundations/ Donors
Campers’ Payments

TOTAL

$22,185.95
$34,723.00

Total Income
Total Expense

$56,908.95
$61,445.29

SFYC Investment

$4,536.34

84% of our families received financial aid.
TEEN CLUB

Our Teen Club was established in 2021 to provide a program that could continue the mission of our summer volunteering throughout the year. The teens select the topics they want to discuss, as well as continue their friendships along the way. This past year we accomplished having topics like stress management, relationships, etc. Also, the Teen Club took a college trip to San Diego and visited UCSD and SD State. Also we had a bonding retreat in Lake Arrowhead.

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Our adult league has grown and had 3 seasons this year! We host 18+ adults who compete for 8 weeks for a trophy and bragging rights to being the winner of the season. We had a summer, fall, and spring season this year and each season has 7-12 teams.

SALESIAN FORCE BASKETBALL

Salesian Force Girls Basketball has been an outstanding championship team that traveled all around California competing against other teams. They have multiple practices a week in preparation for League Tournaments. Coach Yas Oda who is the head coach works hard the entire year to prepare the athletes to demonstrate their skills and talents.
Oratory Miguel Magone has proudly served the community for six years. We are happy to share that our doors have been open to children on weekends, offering them an enjoyable and age appropriate experience. Our high school teens take the lead in organizing a wide range of activities such as engaging games, workshops, and exciting trips for our participants.

As you may know, the main purpose of Girl Scouts is to create girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girls are provided with:

1) a safe environment
2) positive adult role models
3) interactive and challenging enrichment programs
4) leadership development that helps them develop their life skills, abilities, and talents.

The Girl Scouts Leadership Experience leads girls through activities to help them discover themselves and their values, connect with others locally and globally, and take action in their lives and in their communities to make the world a better place.
Thank you!

**Monthly Donors**

**Bronze Members**
- Mari Evelin Moreno
- Arnold & Lois Maldonado
- Ruth Brandt
- Michael Camarillo
- Steve Sosnowski
- Stella Marin

**Silver Members**
- Roxanna Gaete
- Paris Salido
- Raul Vallejo

**Platinum Members**
- Joe & Dianne Lumsdaine
- Gail Klein
- Silvia Jimenez

**Donors**

**Bronze** $15.00/month
**Silver** $25.00/month
**Gold** $75.00/month
**Platinum** $100.00/month
**Diamond** $5,000/year
**Diamond Elite** $25,000/lifetime

**Round-Ups**
- Melissa Somoza

**ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER**

This summer, you can be the reason 200 children have a life-changing experience. We're inviting you to help us bring international Salesian missionary volunteers to our center, at a cost of $1,200 per volunteer for the entire summer.
Our Donors

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WHEELS FOR WISHES
CAR DONATIONS

Donating is easy, the pick-up is free, and your gift is tax-deductible.
Our First Annual Gala was supported by many different people: those who attended, those who helped create it, and those who sponsored it. We raised over $40,000.00. All proceeds provide services for the youth of Boyle Heights and surrounding communities.

Thank you to everyone who was a part of our Gala 2023.
We simplify the employee benefits process, so you can come back stronger.

Health and pension administration for nearly 2 million families from over 45 offices across the U.S.

Through every challenge, we support you.

Proud to honor the Salesian Family Youth Center and their 2023 Gala

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St. John Bosco HS
State Farm
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ANNUAL GALA

Join us on February 24, 2024

PRICES

FULL TABLE $2,500
- Seats 10 Individuals
- Full Course Meal
- Open Bar

HALF TABLE $1,250
- Seats 5 Individuals
- Full Course Meal
- Open Bar

SINGLE SEAT $250
- Seats 1 Individual
- Full Course Meal
- Open Bar

SPONSORSHIPS

CHAMPION Sponsor DONATION OF $10,000
- Best Table for 10 people
- Addition to the Donor’s List
- Digital Program Book - 2 full pages
- Logo on Website
- Logo & Recognition at the Gala
- Custom Promotion Banner
- Social Media Feature
- Speech at the Gala

ADVOCATE Sponsor DONATION OF $5,000
- Premium Table for 10 people
- Addition to the Donor’s List
- Digital Program Book - 1 full page
- Logo on Website
- Logo & Recognition at the Gala
- Custom Promotion Banner
- Social Media Feature

ALLY Sponsor DONATION OF $2,500
- Shared Table for 5 people
- Addition to the Donor’s List
- Digital Program Book - 1/2 page
- Logo on Website
- Logo & Recognition at the Gala

SUPPORTER Sponsor DONATION OF $1,000
- Shared Table for 2 people
- Addition to the Donor’s List
- Digital Program Book - 1/4 page
- Logo on Website
- Logo & Recognition at the Gala

SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER
2ND ANNUAL
Gala
Saturday, February 24, 2024
6:00pm - 10:00pm
Castaway
1250 E Harvard Rd.
Burbank, CA 91501

Scan our QR code!
Of all the meetings, gatherings, and activities that we attended, 99 people have been sent emails to start collaborations

**Non-Salesian meetings or activities:**
- Small Business Council
- Friends of Hollenbeck Park
- State of LA Businesses
- Small Business Virtual Mixer
- Accenture Pancakes & Politics Speaker Series:
- First in-Person Membership Orientation:
- Contra Ready L.A.
- Acces L.A.
- Mtg Job Corps.
- All Children Thrive.
- Mtg. Glenn
- Women in Leadership
- Nonprofit Council
- Education & Workforce Development Council Mtg
- Rotary Club Beverly Hills
- Small Business Strong
- Community Relations (Job Corps)
- Government & Fiscal Affairs Policy Council Mtg
- Interview with Telemundo
- Finance for entrepreneurs
- Land Use, Construction & House Policy Council
- NGO Committee on Migration Member
- Michel Moore, Pancakes & Politics
- Two bit Circus Gala
- Rector Major at Boys and Girls Club in San Francisco

**Visits and Zoom meetings:**
- Jessica
- Gregg Padovan
- Joy Lam
- Anabel - Loyola
- Adam Bell - Boys Camp
- Damien Orozco
- Del Harrison
- Yanira Olica
- Katelyn Kowalsky
- Michelle Matthews
- Michael C McCann
- Sri Lanka Consulate
- Darius
- Rosie and Heidi’s foundations
- Lawrence - Bank of America
- T-Mobil
- Katy Elliot
- Bissa Sotelo
- Vivian Hairdresser
- Charlotte Hennessy - Path Ways
- LAPD
- Dan Murphy Foundation
- Augustine – Intouch
- Jiménez Wealth Strategies
- Samuel Wambayo
- Cal Soto Don Bosco Workers
- Humberto Estratalan - Unite it
- David Fuhrman
- Monica Reyes LAUSD Unified

**Ecclesial - Salesian meetings or activities:**
- Confirmation training.
- Provincial Chapter.
- Heaven Bound Concert
- Provincial Youth Ministry Team
- Memorial Mass Richard Grant
- Mission appeal St Peter
- NCYC
- Rector Major Visit
- Marketing Social
- The Radio Sower
- Youth Centers of the Province at San Francisco
- Tijuana Volunteering trip
- Religious Education Congress
- Salesian Leadership Congress

**Conferences - Workshops that came from PR:**
- Motivational: Glenn Bowie
- Coding Crew: Two-bit circus
- Loteria game night for the Teen Club - Friends of Hollenbeck Park
- Mola Museum Visit

Follow Luis Chacon!
Our SALESIAN community

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