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Youth since 1966



SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER



Annual Report

**2022
2023**



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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



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

Message



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 normalcy. 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

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024



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)

Financial

OVERVIEW

Contributions

Individual	\$14,622.82
Government	\$223,093.86
Foundations	\$354,543.84



Other Contributions

Gifts in-Kind	\$98,500.00
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Other Revenues

Programs, Rents	\$231,367.89
Fundraisers	\$49,988.18

Total 100%

***Based on \$1,075,504.76
total expenses**

Expenses*

Program Services	\$938,892.54
Administration Expenses	\$136,612.22

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Projects

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



WeCare

Who are we?

Program



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!



WeCare offers the service of picking up children from their school at dismissal time.
43 of our daily students are picked up.

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

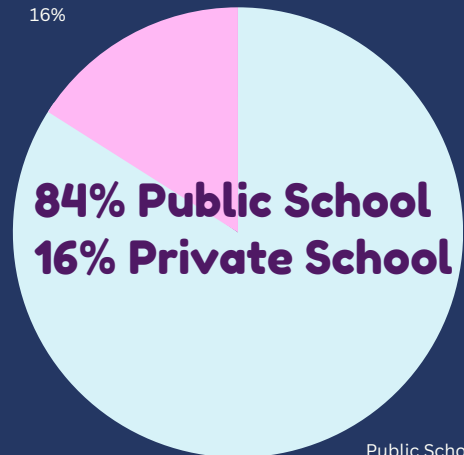


School Percentages

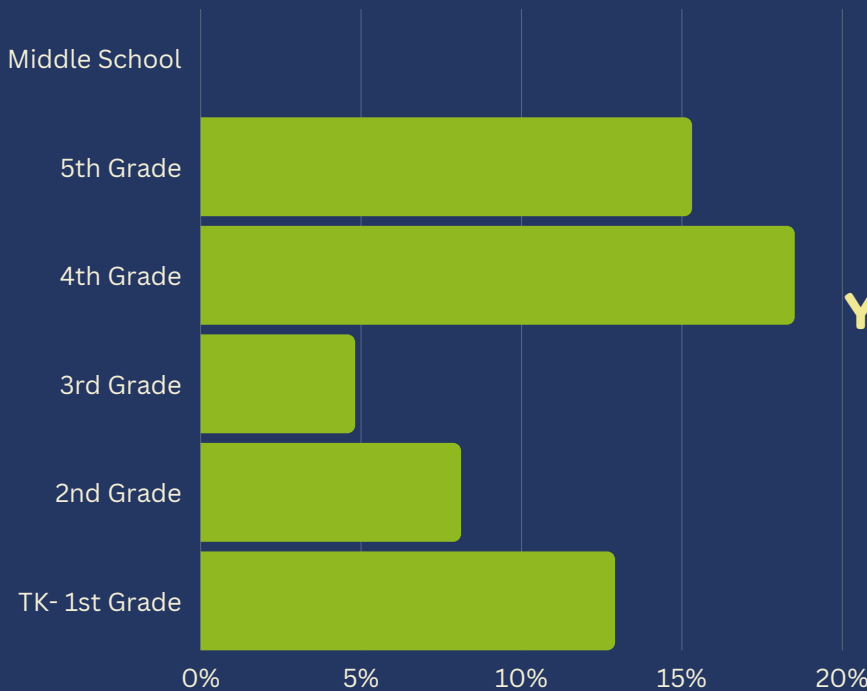
Private School
16%

84% Public School
16% Private School

Public School
84%



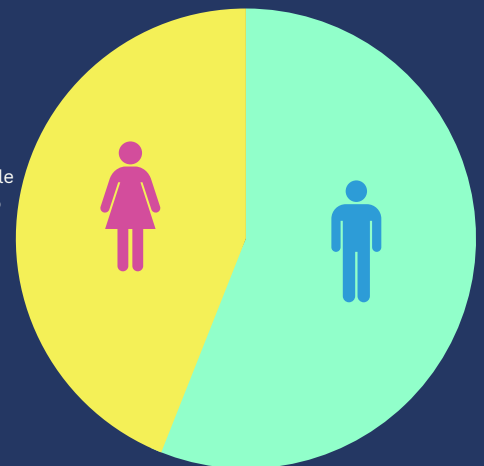
Grade Percentages



Youth Gender Percentages

Female
44%

Male
56%



SHOUT

Program



After-School Program
Programa Después de Escuela

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.



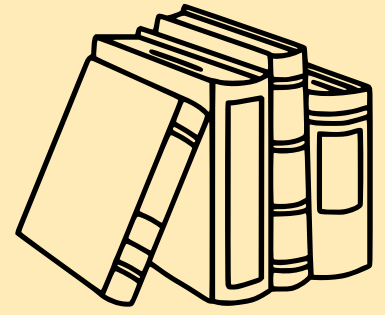
"When I think about shout, what comes to mind is friendship, getting to meet new people, fun events, very welcoming staff, and a lot of laughs with beautiful memories created."

Michael Serrano

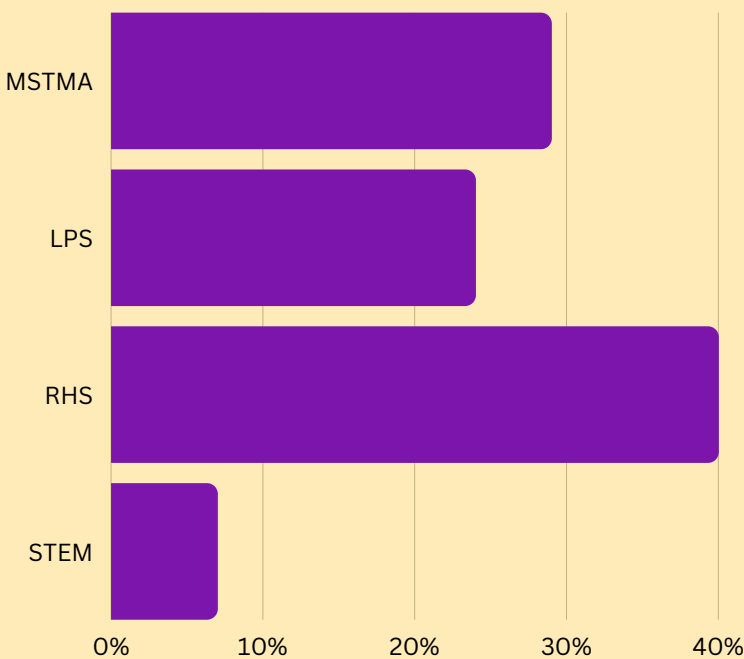


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Program

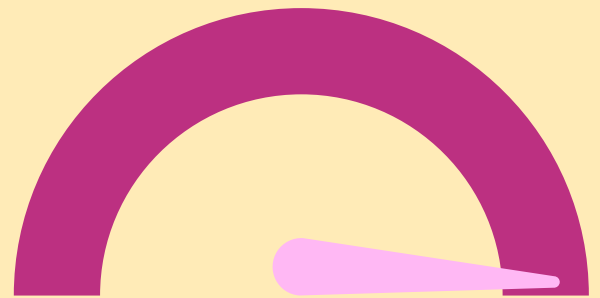


Students attending our program



Total HighSchool Students served

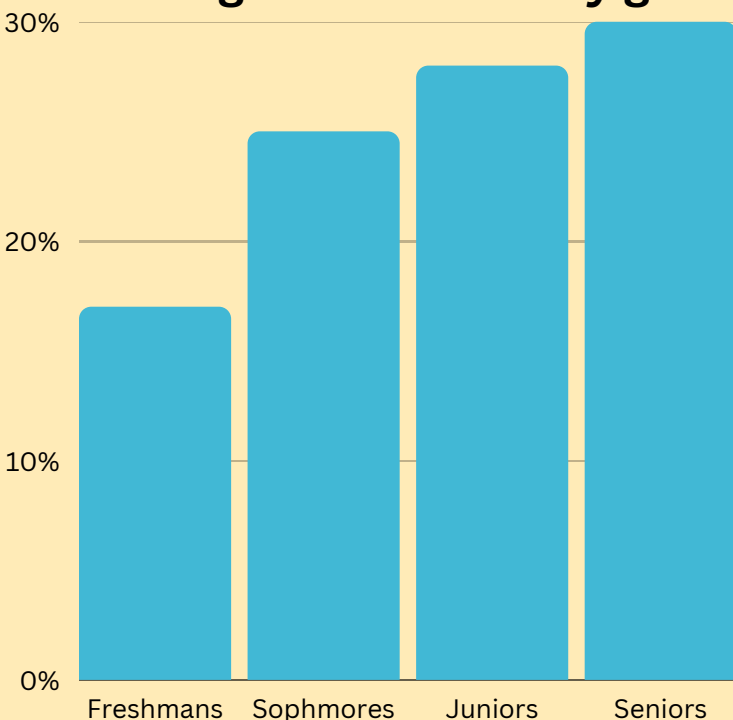
1,300



99%

Graduation Rate

Percentage of Students by grades



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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 Province 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

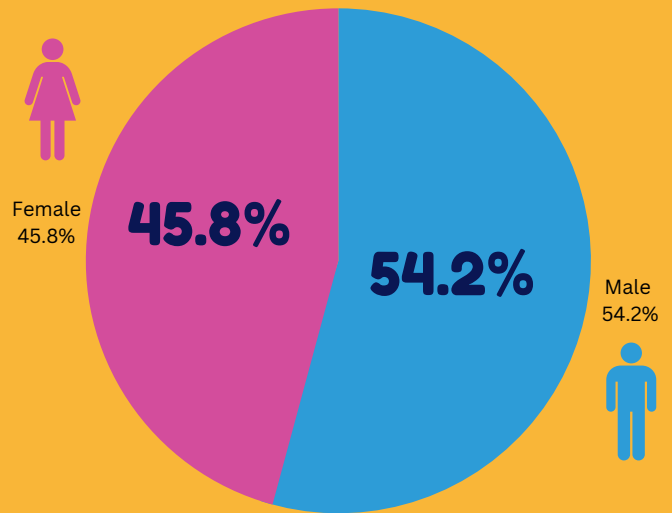
Annual Highlights



Total 131 Youth Attendance

- 56 Youth Confirmed
- 54 1st Yr Confirmation
- 10 Oratory Volunteers
- 11 Core Team Members

Gender Percentage



Female
45.8%

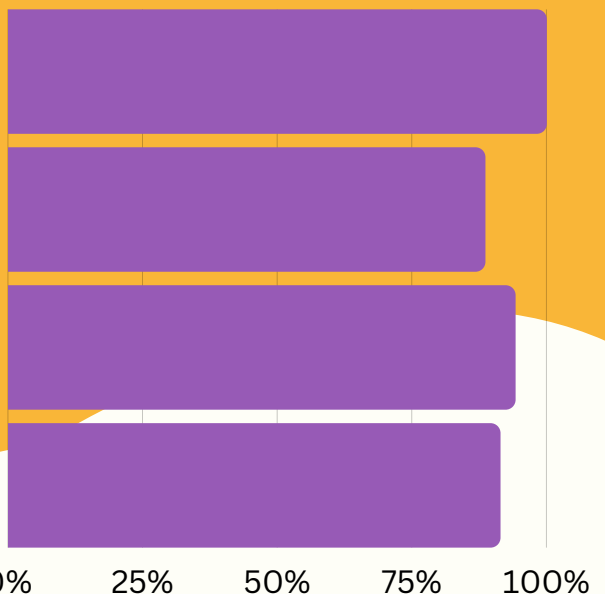
Male
54.2%



Teens in Youth Ministry

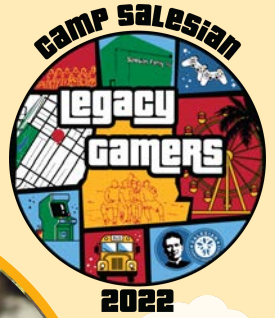


- On Track to Graduate High School
- Comfortable making friends
- Built Trust with an Adult
- Likely to recommend our programs



"Camp Salesian"

Program



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.



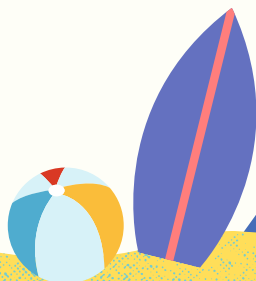
Counselors
High School & College Students
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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



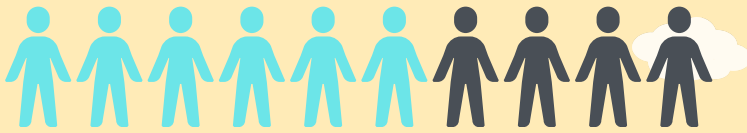
Activities: Special Events

- Swimming
- Liturgy
- Field trips
- Arts & Crafts
- STEAM
- Athletics
- Water Day
- Talent Show
- Carnival Day



SUMMER CAMP

Annual Highlights



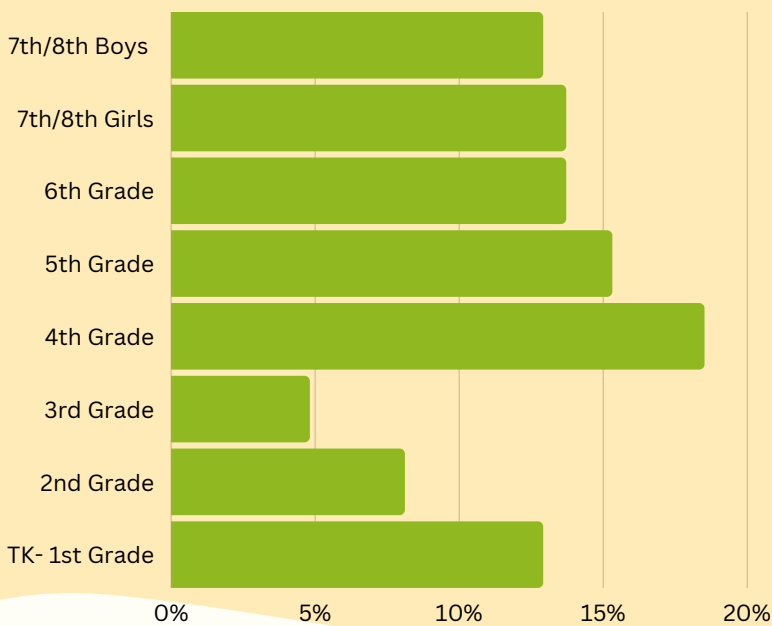
Total 172 Youth Attendance

117 Campers

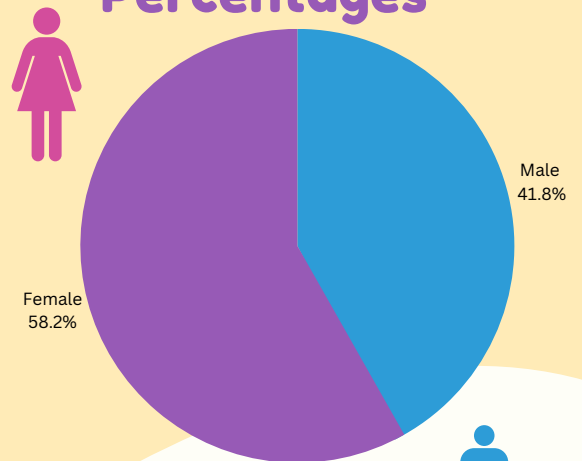
55 Counselors

7 International Volunteers

Grade Percentages



Counselor Gender Percentages



FINANCIAL RESOURCE

TOTAL

Foundations/ Donors	\$22,185.95
Campers' Payments	\$34,723.00
Total Income	\$56,908.95
Total Expense	\$61,445.29
SFYC Investment	\$4,536.34



OUR PROGRAMS

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.





OUR PROGRAMS

ORATORY PROGRAM



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.

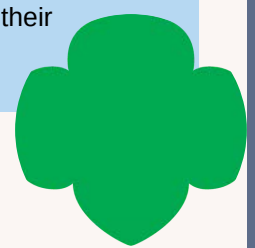


SALESIAN GIRL SCOUTS

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.



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2022-2023

Monthly Donors

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PLATINUM MEMBERS

JOE & DIANNE LUMSDAINE
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Be a Part of our
Monthly 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

Thank
you!



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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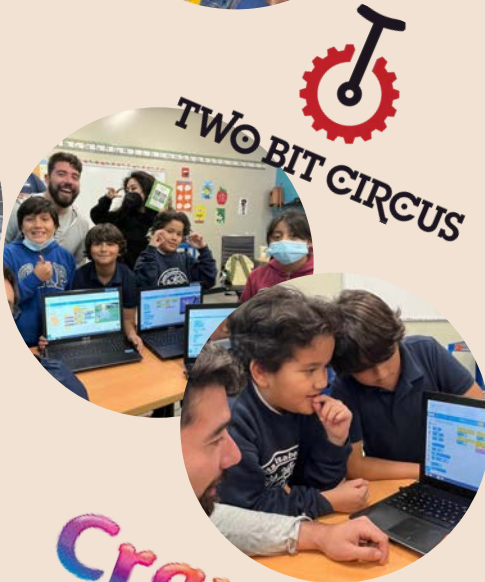
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CAR DONATIONS

Donating is easy, the pick-up is free, and your gift is tax-deductible.

PROGRAM Partnerships





Salesian Family Youth Center

ANNUAL GALA

2023

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

Gala SPONSORS 2023

Rotary Club of Los Angeles

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Auto Club Southern California (AAA)

Archdiocese of LA Mission Office

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Salesian Family Youth Center

ANNUAL GALA

Be a part of the Change...

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 Individuals
Full Course Meal
Open Bar



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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 pages
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

Public Relations & Government Affairs

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
- NCCYC
- 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



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Luis Chacon!

Our SALESIAN community



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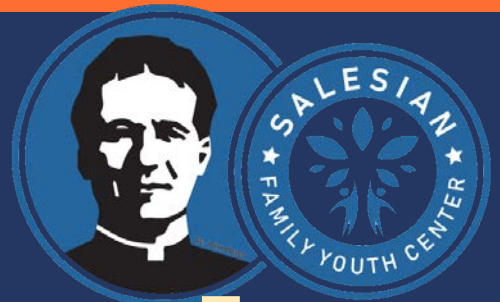
St. Isabel
Elementary School



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BE SALESIAN!**



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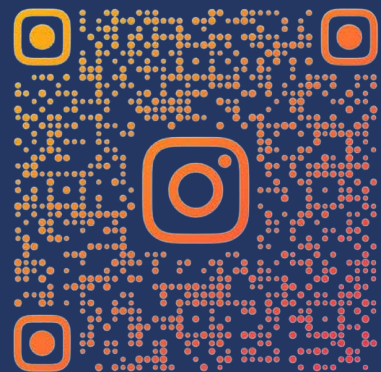
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