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SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for being part of the Salesian Family Youth Center. With God's help and your support, we've continued to serve our community and meaningfully impact the lives of children and young people. Not long ago, a six-year-old girl walked into my office and said, "Hello JC, how are you doing?" Focused on emails, I replied quickly, "Good." She looked at me again and said, "How are you doing?"—expecting me to ask her back. So I paused and asked, and she shared her day and wish for a coloring page. Just months ago, this same child would barge in demanding one. These small but powerful moments remind me that every Interaction matters.

This year has been full of those moments. We took teens on a university tour; some are now preparing for college. We visited homeless children in Skid Row, inspiring youth to serve others. Over 100 young people joined our Youth Summit to reflect on life in L.A. and how they can lead change. Their insights have even been shared with city officials. None of this happens by chance. We've been guided by planning. In 2025, we launched our third three-year strategic plan, focused on:

- Financial Stability
- Program Expansion
- Measuring Impact
- Deepening Community Connections
- Cultivating the Salesian Spirit

There's so much more we could share. But above all, thank you for your support, encouragement, and love for our mission. We hope you'll visit us soon and see what your generosity makes possible. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to serve the children of our community.

Sincerely,

JC Montenegro, PhD
Executive Director



OUR LOCATIONS



**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
Elemntary School**



*"Do good while you
still can..."*
DON BOSCO



OUR WORK

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.



OUR *Mission*



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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.

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OUR *Promise*



OUR *Values*

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.

- Open-mindedness
- Empowerment
- Honor
- Respect
- Determination
- Commitment



OUR

Strategic Plan

GOAL #1

Financial Stability

Develop innovative and diverse revenue streams to ensure lasting financial health and resilience for the Salesian Family Youth Center.



GOAL #2

Program Expansion

Broaden the range of programs available to youth to support their personal, educational, and professional development.

GOAL #3

Measure Impact

Develop a technique or mechanism that can help us measure impact effectively and continuously measure our impact



GOAL #4

Community Presence

Strengthen the Youth Center's presence and relationships within the local community.

GOAL #5

Salesianity

To Educate staff, volunteers, and youth about the Salesian spirituality and integrate it into the youth center's culture.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

INCOME

Private Grants	\$370,375
Government Grants	\$625,917
Program Revenue	\$17,895
Fundraising Events	\$66,906
Contributions Income	\$58,138
Donations	\$15,080
Rental Income	\$245,708
Miscellaneous Other Income*	\$110,294
Total Income	\$1,552,366

*Miscellaneous Other Income combines \$72,623 in other income and \$37,670 in reimbursed expenses.

EXPENSES

Employee Benefits	\$19,841
Professional Fees	\$78,536
Contract Labor.....	\$82,179
Stipends.....	\$7,243
Insurance	\$59,386
Repairs & Maintenance	\$11,068
Dues & Subscriptions	\$25,875
Training & Conferences	\$48,075
Supplies	\$45,025
Vehicle Expense	\$16,805
Equipment Purchases	\$198.00
Program Service Expenses	\$127,460
Fundraising Event Expenses	\$67,473
Facility Expenses	\$16,090
Communication Expenses	\$6,501
Utilities	\$88,466
Other General Operating Expenses	\$18,325
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,422
Payroll Expenses	\$700,920

Total Expenditures \$1,422,636

JANAHE CUEVAS ELEMENTARY



CHRIS ARA
JUNIOR HIGH



HANNAH RAMIREZ
TEEN OF THE YEAR



YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Youth of the Year is a scholarship program established in 2022 that awards academic scholarships to three outstanding members from our programs. The program includes three categories for elementary, junior high, and high school students, ensuring that youth of all ages have the opportunity to be recognized and rewarded for their achievements.

*Thank you for
sponsoring our Teen of
the Year!*



ANGEL INVESTOR

For focused giving of time, talent
and treasure

SFYC

WeCare

91

youth

Teen Club

30

youth

Youth Ministry

228

youth

**Homeless
Outreach**

20

youth

Athletics

67

youth



Summer Camp

263

youth

SHOUT

1,278

youth

Outreach

32

youth

Total Youth served

2,009

WE CARE

*after school
Program*



Who are we?

At the We Care Program, kids of all ages can be themselves and grow their talents. We teach perseverance, support learning and activities, and model values like kindness and responsibility. These lessons help children gain confidence to face the world. We are proud to serve the youth and community of Boyle Heights.



DAILY ACTIVITIES

Wellness Program

Arts & Crafts

Sports

Cooking

STEM

Tutoring

Field Trips

Swimming

WE PICK UP FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

St. Isabel Elementary

Dolores Mission Elementary

Sacred Heart Elementary

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Elementary

Our Lady of Tapia

Kipp Promesa

Kipp Endeavor

Ynez Elementary

Euclid Elementary

Extera 2nd Street

El Rio Community School

Hollenbeck Middle School

Brightwood Elementary

2nd Street Elementary

East College Preparatory

Evergreen Elementary



WE CARE

Annual Highlights



Type of School

Percentage

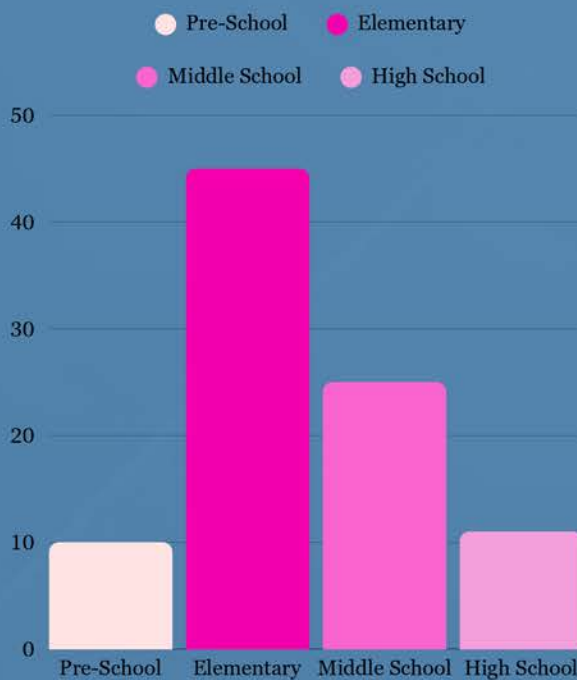
Private School

27%

Public School

73%

STUDENTS GRADE LEVELS



41 FEMALES STUDENTS

49 MALE STUDENTS

91 Youth Served



SHOUT

afterschool Program



**546 STUDENTS
SERVED**

It is always an experience working at Roosevelt High School. With all the programs that we offer and the partnerships that we have on campus. Every school year is different, with new ideas, clubs, programs, new partnerships, etc. The goal is to support our students achieve student academic success and help our school achieve 100% graduation rate

PROGRAMS

- Study Hall/Homework Help
- Medical Terminology
- Dance Drill Spirit Team
- Breakfast Club/Student Advocacy
- Leadership
- Journalism
- Driver ED
- JV Baseball Workout
- Robotics JV/V
- Fitness
- Horror Club
- TUPE
- TAC
- Art
- Chess
- Mariachi
- Cyber



**732 STUDENTS
SERVED**

We had the opportunity to provide our services at Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School for the first time, marking a fresh beginning that turned out to be a successful one. Since it was both the school's first time offering afterschool services and our first year on their campus, we were determined to make this a meaningful and memorable experience.

PROGRAMS

- Tutoring
- Leadership
- Equation Nation
- Journalism
- Drivers ED
- Medical Terminology
- Folklorico
- Dances of the World
- Red Cross Club
- Lash Extension Course
- Gardening Club
- DJ Club
- Chess Club
- Gamers Club
- Art Club
- Theater Club

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SHOUT

annual highlights



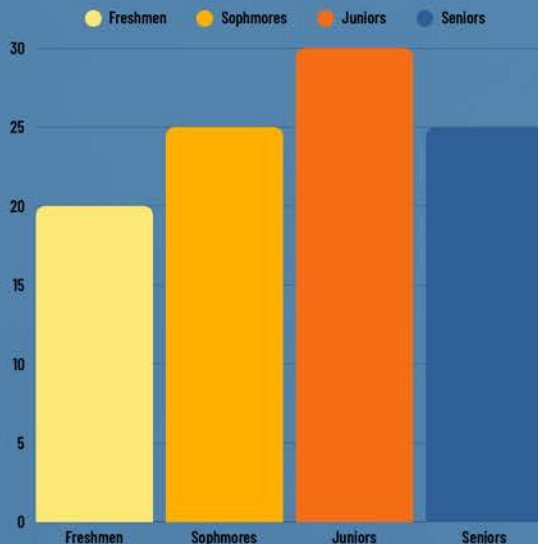
**Theodore Roosevelt
Senior High**

546 Students Served

45% FEMALE STUDENTS

55% MALE STUDENTS

97% LATINO/HISPANIC 0.4% ASIAN
1% AFRICAN AMERICAN 1% WHITE
0% FILIPINO 0.6% OTHER



**Percentage of
Students Class Grades**



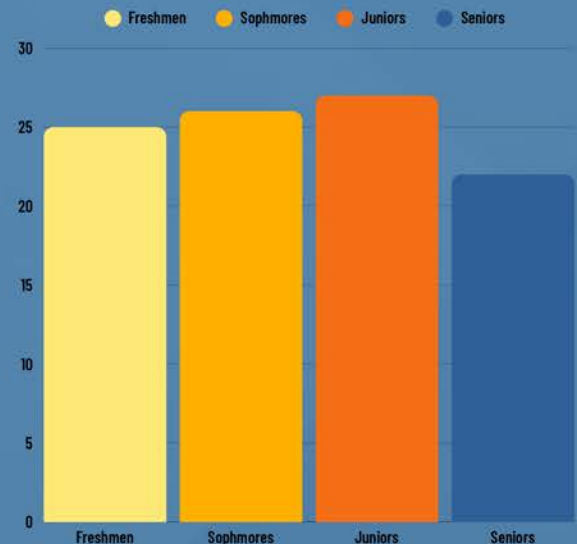
**Francisco Bravo Senior
High Medical Magnet**

732 Students Served

62% FEMALE STUDENTS

48% MALE STUDENTS

84.4% LATINO/HISPANIC 7.7% ASIAN
1.4% AFRICAN AMERICAN 2.7% WHITE
2% FILIPINO 1.8% OTHER



**Percentage of
Students Class Grades**

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. ISABEL
PARISH



ST. MARY'S
PARISH

Our Youth Center



We also support activities with Bishop Mora High School, St. Dominic Savio, and St. Bridget Parish youth.

The vision is for SFYC to serve as a bridge among the Catholic parishes in Boyle Heights, offering young people a safe community where love is the guiding value, faith is never imposed, and youth are encouraged to build bridges rather than barriers.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Leadership in traditional Mexican Posadas.
- Theatrical representation of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Salesian Youth Leadership Workshop.
- Support during emergency situations such as wildfires, organizing and delivering donations (including Palisades fires).
- Participation in parish fundraising, collaborating in parish festivals for both parishes.
- Play of the Stations of the Cross.
- Salesian Feast days (Don Bosco festival, visit of the relic of Carlo Acutis, etc.).

KEY IMPACT POINTS:

Strengthened the sense of community and belonging.

Transmitted Salesian and Christian values through lived experience of faith

Developed leadership skills and social commitment.

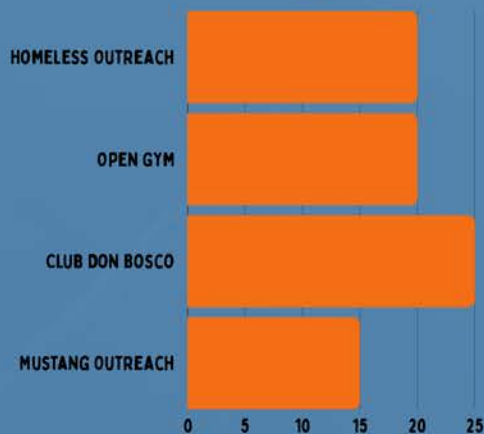
YOUTH MINISTRY

annual highlights



Age	Percentage
5-10 years old	14%
11-17 years old	17%
18-25 years old	57%
25 and older	13%

Additional Programs



228 Youth Served



54% FEMALE

46% MALE



SUMMER CAMP

Program



This year the Salesian Family Youth Center was open for 7 weeks from June 16, 2025 to August 1, 2025 providing daily sessions of arts & crafts, STEM, liturgy, game room, gym time, swimming, and more. We provided field trips as well to Seal Beach, the California Science Center, the Los Angeles Zoo and Griffith Park.

COUNSELOR DATA

Total Number of Counselors attending camp: 72 volunteers.

We had 10 staff overseeing the camp, totaling staff & volunteers at 82 people.

We had 32 male volunteers and 40 female volunteers.



Most of our students live in Boyle Heights and East LA, while others attend because their parents work downtown. Some families even travel from as far as Gardena, showing how much they value the program.

Most of our counselors come from local public schools, including Roosevelt, Mendez, and Bravo High Schools, while college students make up 29.2% of our team.

SUMMER CAMP

Annual Highlights



SALESIAN CAMP FINANCES

Financial Resource	Amount
Income	\$46,610.00
Personal Expenses	\$-36,380.72
Operating Expenses	\$-26,837.52
Camp Salesian Balance	\$16,608.24

THE REMAINING BALANCE WAS COVERED BY THE GALA INCOME.

263 Youth Served

166 CAMPERS REGISTERED

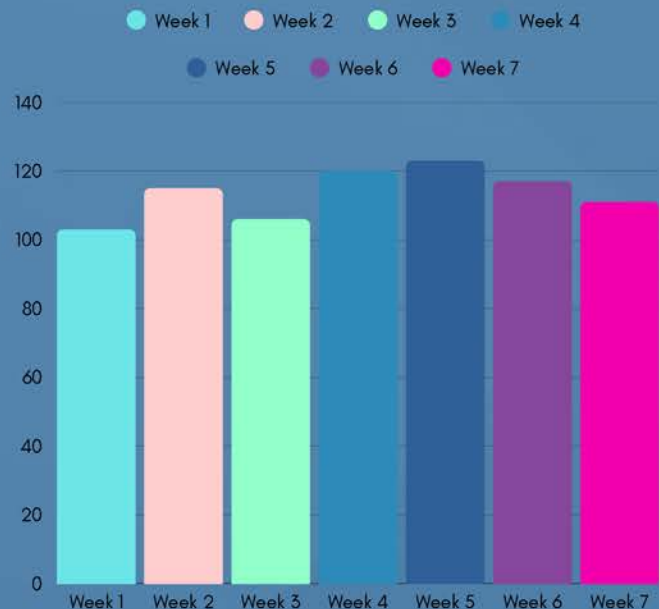
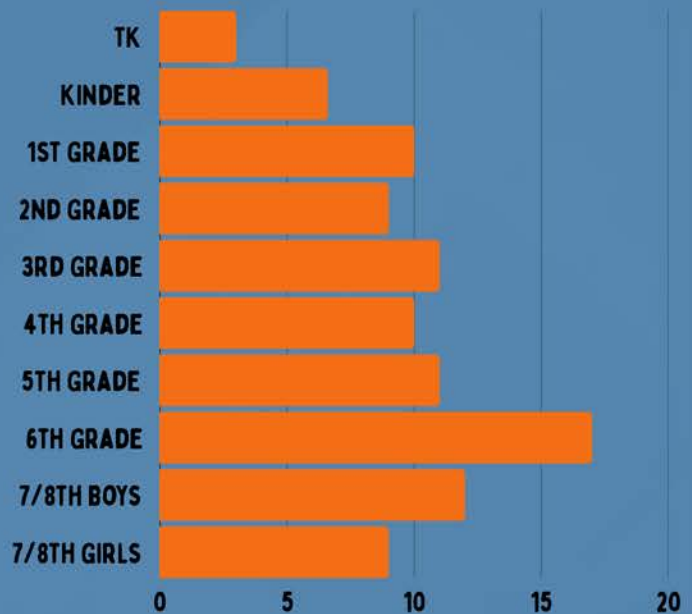
97 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

50.6% MALE STUDENTS

49.5% FEMALE STUDENTS



PERCENTAGE OF CAMPERS BY GRADES



CAMPERS ATTENDANCE PER WEEK

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CAREER READINESS

Our Career Readiness Program consisted of 2 cohorts this year. They were all in Fall and Spring. A total of 32 students have completed and graduated from the program since we began. These past 2 cohorts had topics such as budgeting and money management, interview process and resumes, and customer service. In the span of the 6-8 weeks the students dived into one of these topics with our speakers and learned how to better be prepared when they begin their careers.

*Thank you
Speakers!*

BIG thanks to...

Gary Young - Dragonfly Design Group

Dulce Acosta - USC

Mikey Vera - US Bank

Sam X Renick - founder of "It's a Habit!" Company

Veronica Corona - Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

Mina Martinez - Prestige Etiquette

Christopher Luna - Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

Luis Chacon - Marketing and Government Affairs



TEEN CLUB



Teen Club is a youth group for our counselors, providing a space to connect and grow before and after Camp Salesian. The group meets every Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM, from August to March, and includes activities like social time, debates, and field trips in a welcoming environment.

Our program began as a group for the teen volunteers from summer camp to continue. Through our program we have grown to provide homework assistance, debates, activities, safe outings and more! The Teen Club has been a staple in connecting the youth throughout the year and not just when summer camp is in session.

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JOURNALISM



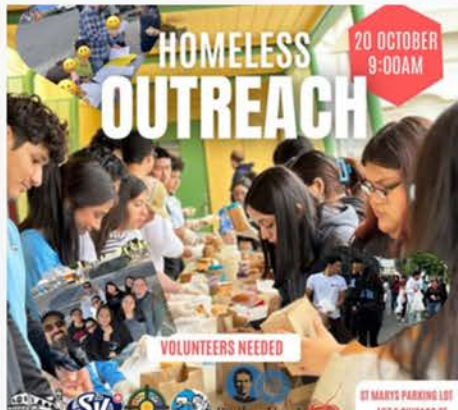
"Roosevelt and Bravo Notes from Chicago"



At the Salesian Family Youth Center: the book premiere and signing of "Roosevelt Notes from Chicago" and "Bravo Notes from Chicago." These two books are collections of stories written by young people from our very own community, stories of identity, leadership, purpose, and dreams.



HOMELESS OUTREACH



We have been visiting Skid Row to provide food and distribute clothing. On this trip, a group of students from Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School collected clothing to share during the visit and personally handed it out, making the experience meaningful for everyone involved.

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STREET ORATORY



This is an informal initiative where we create a safe playground with children and their parents right on the streets of Skid Row. Beyond distributing toys, donations, or clothing, the most important part is helping children feel surrounded by safe, caring people. What we invest here is not money or material things, but time and joy. Everything else in life money, material goods can be recovered, but time never comes back, and that is what we generously choose to give to the children.



CLUB DON BOSCO



This is a group of young people who gather every Friday from about 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for improvised soccer games when the Salesian High School Bishop Mora field is available. Participants include students from Roosevelt High School, Bravo High School, St. Isabel Elementary School, Breed Elementary School, and Salesian High School. It is another testimony to how sports and the Salesian environment bring everyone together.



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GIRL SCOUTS

Troop #82563

Troop #82563, made up of 24 girls, completed a year of engaging activities that fostered leadership, teamwork, and community involvement; through service projects, skill-building opportunities, and outdoor experiences, our members grew in confidence and character, and we are grateful for the support of our families, volunteers, and the valued partnership of Girl Scouts that made this program year a success.



GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was on December 3, 2024, and we received a meaningful amount of support from all our supporters. They are the key support to keep our programs thriving! It allowed our youth center to purchase new couches for our game room area.

Be ready for this year's GIVING TUESDAY! Any donation received will make a difference for our children of Boyle Heights. Thank you Donors!



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MAMBA LEAGUE

Our Girls' Mamba League team consisted of 10 young girls. They were all between the ages of 7 and 9 years old. The majority had never played basketball before which made it so rewarding to see how much the girls grew in the sport. Our team went far in the league finishing undefeated and winning the league championship!



To end our basketball season we had a joint basketball banquet with both boys and girls teams that participated in the Mamba League. This was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlour! We had an awesome time celebrating our kids along with their families totalling 50 people. We gave out awards such as MVP, most improved, and shooter (who made the most shots)



DODGER DREAM TEAM

This year, our Dodgers Dream Teams included three co-ed teams: Coach Pitch (7-8), Minors (9-10), and Majors (11-12), with a total of 27 players. Over the 6-week season, all equipment and uniforms were provided through our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley and the Dodgers Dream Team Foundation. We look forward to continuing this partnership and growing participation in the baseball program.





Big Sunday provides our families with food baskets for their Thanksgiving dinner.



The LA Clippers provided our youth tickets to enjoy a live game and make lasting memories.



Baby2baby provides all our families with essential needs such as clothing, hygiene products, backpacks, toys, and so much more...



Salesian High School has provided a facility for us to host our Soccer Tournaments and Clubs.



Adopt-a-family provides majority of our families during the winter holidays with a special surprise for the entire family.



Our partnership includes the use of the pool, events, resources, and other special support programs for our youth center.

SFYC Partnerships



A Place for Youth

We collaborate to offer activities that help young people grow into better human beings.



The Dodgers gave our youth tickets to enjoy a live game and make lasting memories.

Visión y Compromiso

Dedicated to empowering promotores and community health workers to improve well-being in underserved communities.



Provide our youth with fresh meals all year long!



A non-profit that has provided us tickets for movie showings in the area

GALA 2025



*Thank you to everyone
who was a part of our
special day!*

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GALA 2026

Join us on

FEBRUARY 28, 2026



*Be a part of
the change*

LUMINARIAS RESTAURANT



PRICES

FULL TABLE

Seats 10 Individuals **\$2,500**

Full Course Meal

Open Bar

HALF TABLE

Seats 5 Individuals **\$1,250**

Full Course Meal

Open Bar

SINGLE SEAT

Seats 1 Individuals **\$250**

Full Course Meal

Open Bar

EVENT

Highlights

YOUTH CONFERENCE

"We are Now"

On April 12, 2025, the Salesian Youth Conference brought together over 100 young people from across Los Angeles under the theme "We Are the Now." The day featured engaging activities, small group discussions, and youth-led brainstorming sessions addressing challenges such as mental health, educational inequity, and community safety. Participants left inspired with practical ideas to make a difference in their schools and neighborhoods.

We especially thank Dulce Acosta for sharing her journey through mental health struggles and family conflict, Guillermo Piñon for encouraging teens to reflect on how friendships shape their identity, and Rafael Dominguez for his powerful testimony on immigration and the strength of carrying one's story. Their contributions made the conference a meaningful and impactful experience for all attendees.



OUR DOCUMENTARY

We created a 24-minute documentary to amplify their voices. This is their story. Their reality. Their perspective.

A Life Between Two Worlds

For many of these young people, life is a constant struggle between two identities. They were born in the U.S., but they don't feel fully American.

They visit their parents' homeland, but there, they are seen as outsiders. They love their parents' traditions but are also shaped by a different culture. They speak Spanish at home, but at school, they struggle with English and feel like they aren't smart.



IMPORTANT *events*

COLLEGE TRIP

Our annual college trip provides programming for students to discover colleges and universities from the Bay Area. This year we took 44 students to visit 7 colleges / universities. Our college trip has an exceptional record of having students apply and get accepted into these schools. We have had around 18 students in the past 3 years attend one of the colleges/universities that we visit due to their experience.



Participation:

Total Participants: 53 (44 students, 9 chaperones)

Grade Levels:

- Sophomores: 20%
- Juniors: 30%
- Seniors: 50%

60 First-Generation College Students: 65% of student participants



RISING TOGETHER

In times of crisis, true community shines through. As Los Angeles faces devastating fires that have displaced families and strained local resources, the Salesian Family Youth Center (SFYC) has stepped up to support those most in need. Guided by compassion, leadership, and the unwavering spirit of service, SFYC has been working tirelessly to bring relief and hope to our community.



OUR Donors



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Thank you to all our generous donors! Your support makes it possible for us to continue serving our youth. Every contribution is used to its fullest potential, ensuring maximum impact in the lives of those we serve. We are truly grateful for your commitment and belief in our mission.

”

OUR Monthly Donors

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Thank you for believing in our mission!



Los Angeles Area Events

- Advocacy at ACCESS Sacramento with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Principal for a Day in Public Schools
- World Trade Week with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mexican Independence Day with the Consul of Mexico
- Inaugural Event – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Education Summit – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- ACCESS – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- State of Business – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Visit from Christopher Luna – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce



Event Highlights

- Mixer with LA Fundraisers Network (LAFN)
- Participation in the JAR Foundation Gala
- St. John Bosco High School Gala
- Catholic Charities Volunteers Recognition Dinner
- Spectrum Noticias Launch
- YMCA Luncheon and Program Sharing
- Youth Conference
- Career Day at Salesian High School
- The Wall visiting the Salesian Family Youth Center
- Participation in St. Bridget's 85th Anniversary
- Collaboration with Visión y Compromiso
- Catholic Association of Latino Leaders (CALL a big thank you to Edgar Morales)
- Missionaries Mass at the Cathedral
- Missionary Dinner for Mission Appeal
- Mission Appeals for our Youth Center

Our Board Members

Fr. Mel Trinidad, S.D.B
 Carlos Camargo
 Br. Tom Mass, S.D.B
 Miriam Hernandez
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Relations

My dream is to become an anesthesiologist so I can help people feel safe and cared for during surgery. I want to attend UC Santa Barbara to gain the education and skills I need to reach this goal. Helping others through medicine inspires me, and I'm determined to work hard to make this dream a reality.

Angela

My dream is to graduate from a good college like UCSB or UCSD and become a civil engineer. With my earnings, I want to help people in need—those struggling with family, finances, or food—and show them they are not alone. I also hope to build a youth foundation inspired by Luis Chacon, who taught me the importance of supporting and guiding young people.

Massi

DREAMS

& aspirations

My plan is to attend a prestigious university like MIT, Princeton, or Harvard and pursue a career in medicine or engineering. I want to earn well to support myself and give back to my community.

Eduardo

Hello, my name is Viviana Gonzalez, and I am 20. I dream of becoming a teacher and earning a college degree to achieve my goals and inspire my family, showing that education and perseverance can overcome challenges

I dream of creating an online platform for teens to share stories, get support, and grow. Even without money, I believe it can make a real difference through connection and guidance.

Sonia

YOUTH CENTER DREAMS

- Repair our Gym Floor
- Remodel the Lakers Room, new screen and projector.
- Enough computers to help the kids improve their reading levels.
- Find partnerships to 100% free services to our communities and keep our doors open



Serving Youth since 1966



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