

SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER

2023 -2024



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Youth
Since 1966

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Dear Salesian Family,

This year has been incredible, with several activities that have made a significant difference in our club's life. One of our biggest accomplishments this year is the completion of our second strategic plan. We have partially achieved our four strategic goals.

Our first goal was to provide children, youth, and teens with intentional and impactful programs. This past year we took 10 young people to Chicago for a leadership conference. This conference changed their lives. By the time this End of the Year report is printed, we may have a short book documenting their leadership development.

Working on our second goal, we enhanced our organization through development projects. We held our first-ever board retreat, where we had the opportunity to dream about where we want our club to go and be. This retreat was made possible through the support and collaboration of JR Dzubak and Don Rodriguez, two amazing Executive Directors of local Boys and Girls Clubs.

For our third goal, we enhanced our storytelling and messaging abilities. We continued to publish our monthly e-newsletter, and we maintained our presence on Instagram. We have been able to continue our monthly e-newsletter, as well as maintain our presence on Instagram. I highly encourage you to visit our Instagram page @SalesianClubsLA to see all the incredible information we share. One of our projects involved collaborating with the Water Department to create videos aimed at promoting mindfulness about water consumption.

Our fourth goal focused on increasing engagement and support by strengthening our relationships. Thanks to Luis Chacon, we have fully accomplished this goal, to the point that we were recognized by the LA Chamber of Commerce as the "Small Business Member of the Year." This recognition continues to challenge us to further collaborate with our community.

There are so many amazing programs we run, and I could talk about them endlessly. However, one page is not enough. Our latest project is to create an "oratory" with the children we found at Skid Row. We aim to give these children an opportunity to experience childhood despite their circumstances.

None of this would have been possible without you! Your support means the world to us. THANK YOU SO MUCH for being part of our Salesian Family. I pray that God continues to bless you always!

Sincerely,

JC Montenegro, PhD
Executive Director



58 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.

OUR WORK



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



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 Elementary School

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

STRATEGIC PLAN *Summary*

2021-2024

GOAL 01

To provide children, youth, and teens with intentional and impactful programs that support their character development, Salesianity, academics, health and well-being.

TO CREATE AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF:

Character development/ Salesianity programs

- Run at least 1 program at SFYC and watch the Don Bosco Movie as a culminating event.
- Ensure that each monthly youth night focuses on an aspect of Salesianity.
- Designs with Salesian phrases in different places of the SFYC
- Recognition for students that show they possess the qualities for that month (character counts awards) (WC)
- Develop and submit proposals for character development / Salesianity Programs

Sports/physical fitness programs

- Contact other leagues in our areas to compete against.
- Establish the age groups of the leagues and pricing for them.
- Invite parish to form part of sports league Parishes (St Mary's, Santa Isabel, Talpa, Resurrection)

Program evaluation process, tools, and calendar

- Create organizational evaluation calendar.
- Finalize program impact and outcome measures
- Create tools and process for impact and outcome measures

Organizational manual that will help us Salesianize our Organization

- Celebrate Salesian Feast days.
- Short Mission trips and community service
- Include Salesianizing Programs as part of Admin. Meeting Agenda

STRATEGIC PLAN

Summary

2021-2024

GOAL 02

To enhance our organizational capacity through staff training, board development, and improved processes that increase efficiency and coordination of activities.

TO CREATE AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF:

Staff Training that is based on our mission, values, and our promise

- Incorporate Beyond the Bell trainings.
- Picking 1 staff training per year that is suggested & voted on by the staff that they feel is needed.
- Implement Stewardship training for all staff
- Meet with all program directors and create the calendar of staff training
- Create an ongoing Salesian Training

Structure and Growth of Board Directors

- Review calendar as Administrative Team and include review at each meeting Create external calendar for public.
- Recruit at least two board members per year.
- Incorporate event sponsorships from calendar in Resource Development Plan

Coordination of Program Activities

- Create communication plan of the Salesian mission in Los Angeles with all the events of all the Salesian presences.
- Each program will support theme of communication plan each month
- Come up with lesson plans and activities that reflect communication's monthly plan.

Consistent Expectations, Rewards, Recognition, and Discipline

- Recognize youth of the year by SFYC Youth of the year from SFYC or from the LA Salesian community.
- Create and implement an Employee of the Quarter Plan for the organization
- Written plan for staff to follow consequences for student behavior

STRATEGIC PLAN

Summary

2021-2024

GOAL

03

To enhance our story telling and messaging with all our partners.

TO CREATE AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF:

Updated E-news, Calendar, Social Media, and Website

- Monthly calendar will be submitted to designated person in charge of publishing.
- Monthly formative article on website and E-news.
- Post pictures and videos on instagram, Linked-In, etc.

Messaging our mission, vision, values, goals, and promises.

- Incorporating these messages with the logo in We Care & camp flyers.
- Create and distribute annual impact sheet for each program and organization
- Organizing an end of the year event inviting community and partners to join us while we celebrate our accomplishments

A Communication plan with each of our partnerships

- Review and update the communication plan that we have already made.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Summary

2021-2024

GOAL 04

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)

TO CREATE AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF:

A teen volunteer program at the Salesian Family Youth Center

- Coming in to RHS and have a lunch event to promote
- High School volunteer program
- Coming in to STEM of Boyle Height HS and have a lunch event to promote
- Middle school volunteer program
- Summer Camp Teen Volunteer Database & Training

Young adult sport leagues

- Basketball league for young adults
- Marketing plan for having adults sign up
- Database of coaching staff, players, and referees

To create a stewardship plan for each of our partners

- Train staff on stewardship plan
- Create and implement stewardship plan for donors

Increase Community Engagement

- Has been attending Roosevelt Events, LAPD, Mariachi Plaza, LAUSD, Hollenbeck Clean up events
- Create SFYC shirts for staff and volunteers to wear for community events
- Community Beautification project
- Parent Programs

FINANCIAL



2023-2024 Overview

Income

PRIVATE GRANTS	523,591.38
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	294,420.95
PROGRAM REVENUE.....	8,400.00
FUNDRAISING EVENTS.....	137,113.56
CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME.....	35,891.47
DONATIONS.....	23,990.00
RENTAL INCOME.....	204,261.73
MISCELLANEOUS OTHER INCOME.....	42,168.78
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 1,288,883.87

Expenses

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,974.50
PROFESSIONAL FEES	93,574.34
INSURANCE	57,764.01
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	12,825.90
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,458.99
TRAINING & CONFERENCES	32,629.42
SUPPLIES	14,285.28
VEHICLE EXPENSE	26,671.20
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	50,882.31
FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES	62,444.20
FACILITY EXPENSES	13,380.42
COMMUNICATION EXPENSES	5,792.07
UTILITIES	66,681.62
OTHER GEN OP EXPENSES	6,555.62
MISC EXPENSES	3,336.45
DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	200,000.00
PAYROLL EXPENSES	555,034.22
ENCATEGORIZED EXPENSE.....	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$ 1,243,171.57

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Heidy Ramirez

Heidy Ramirez Reyes is a senior at Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School and has been part of the Salesian Family Youth Center for the past three years. She is the President of SHOUT's TAC Leadership program while also a regular attendee of other SHOUT afterschool programs. Heidy is the definition of a determined mindset that undoubtedly overcomes all the obstacles that come her way.



Teen of the Year

Brianna Celaya

Brianna Celaya is in the 7th grade and attends Kipp Endeavor College Prep. Brianna describes herself as funny, smart, and outgoing. Brianna is one of the older students here at the club and is such a great role model for the youngsters at the center. Brianna comes from a long line of family who have been part of the Salesian Family Youth Center and her family continues to make an impact in the community today.



Junior of the Year

Sophia Laguna

Sofia is a 4th grader at Dolores Mission School. Sofia is a bright student who always makes sure to stay on top of her grades. She enjoys being active and playing different sports. She loves being active so much that she joined the running team at her school and came in 9th place in one of her big races. She possesses that leadership quality in her that will help her get far in the future.



Elementary of the Year

WeCare

Program

Who are we?



Activities:

- Tutoring
- Arts and Crafts
- Cooking
- Sports (Mamba League and Dodgers League)
- STEM
- Field Trips
- Swimming



Student pick up:

1. St. Isabel Elementary
2. Sacred Heart Elementary
3. Extera 2nd Street
4. Our Lady of Guadalupe
5. Dolores Mission
6. Evergreen Elementary
7. Kipp Endeavor Prep
8. Kipp Sol
9. Kipp Promesa
10. Brightwood Elementary
11. Griffin Ave Elementary
12. Glen Alta Elementary
13. Euclid Elementary

This 2023-2024 school year brought valuable innovations to the WeCare Program. We continue to grow in numbers and try our best to provide the kids with a place they can call home. The staff continues to do their best when it comes to tutoring the kids and making sure they excel in all academic subjects. This year brought a new mini computer lab. Kids can go and do online homework and improve their reading skills. They have the opportunity to participate in new sports leagues like the Mamba League and Dodgers Dream Team, as well as to start a wellness program that offers our kids and their families the resources needed during difficult times.



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

115 YOUTH Served

New Members

12

Returning Members

103

Private School: 20%
Public School: 80%

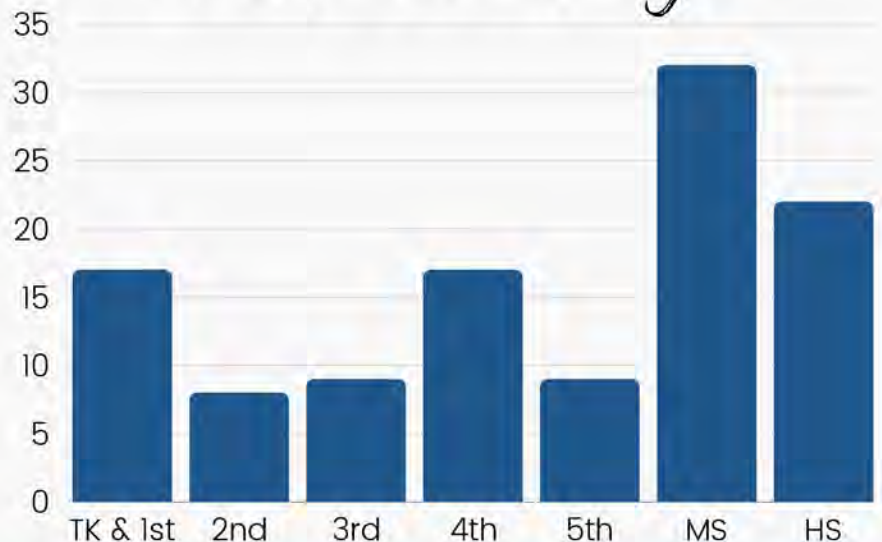


Female: 53%



Male: 47%

Grade Percentage



Families receiving Financial Aid

96%

SHOUT



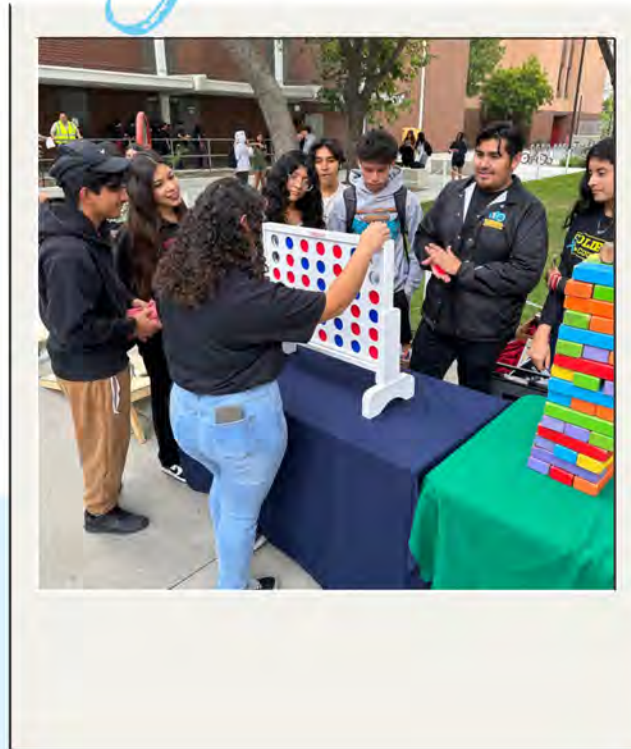
Who are we?

Program

The SHOUT after-school program supports high school students in grades 9 through 12. Located at Theodore Roosevelt High School, we serve students from all surrounding community schools and pathways. Our program offers a FREE hot supper to all community students for the first 30 minutes following school dismissal. We provide a balanced schedule featuring three main components: Physical Education/Recreation, Education, and Academic Enrichment. Operating Monday through Friday from dismissal until 6:15 PM, we occasionally hold special events on weekends and a lot of community service opportunities.

Programs

- TAC Leadership
- Arts n Colors
- CyberPatriot
- Drivers Ed
- Tutoring
- College and Career
- Robotics
- Breakfast Club
- Mariachi
- Indoor Drumline
- Fitness Gym
- Dance Drill
- Color Guard
- Ditch the Coach
- Anime
- Gamers Club
- T.U.P.E.
- Dreamers Club



Robotics

The high school robotics team is a dynamic and innovative group where students collaborate to build a robot from scratch. Each member of the team plays a crucial role, contributing their unique skills and expertise. Some students focus on programming, writing the intricate code that brings the robot to life. Others take on the role of the driver, mastering the controls and ensuring the robot navigates challenges with precision. Technicians work meticulously to troubleshoot and maintain the robot, while designers and mechanics collaborate to create and construct its physical components. Additionally, timekeepers ensure that the team stays on schedule and meets all deadlines.



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total Youth

900 YOUTH Served

Latino or Hispanic

98%

African American

1%

White

1%

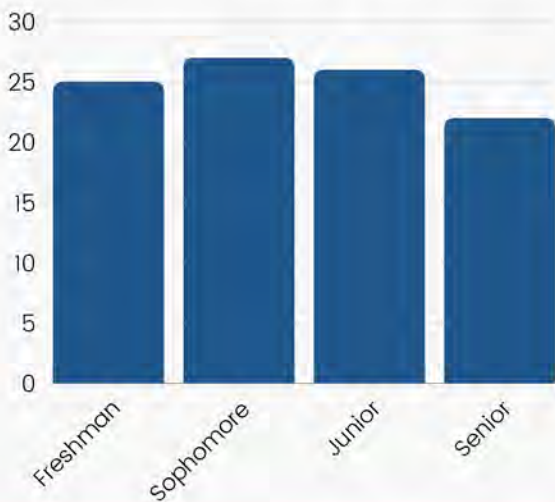


Female - 58%



Male - 42%

Grade Percentage



Freshman - 25%

Sophomore - 27%

Junior - 26%

Seniors - 22%

Graduation Rate

100%

Follow our SHOUT program on Instagram



@SHOUT0707

Summer Camp Program

Who are we?

This year the Salesian Family Youth Center was open for 7 weeks from June 19, 2023 to August 4, 2023 providing daily sessions of arts & crafts, STEM, faith sharing, game room, gym time, swimming, and more. We provided field trips as well to the Santa Monica Pier, the California Science Center, Griffith Park, and the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game. Also, we had special events like Water Day, Carnival Day, and our annual Talent Show.



This summer we also got to have a special meal per week where different organizations and donors cooked for our camp! Without the support of the community our children wouldn't have enjoyed at least one home cooked meal per week. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizations that supported our summer special meals.



Follow our program on Instagram

 @salesianclubsla

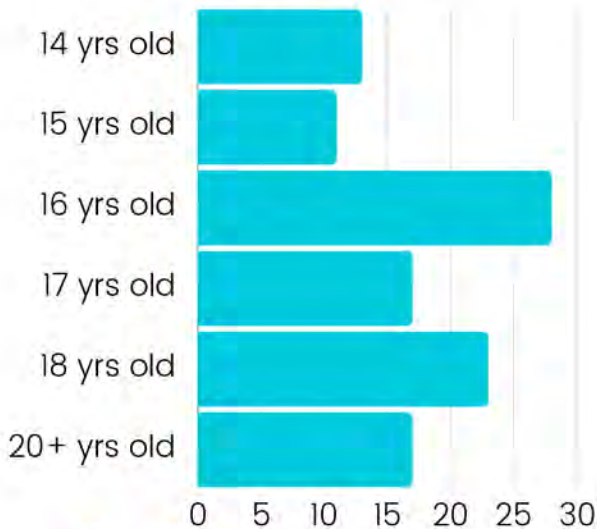
ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total Served
260
Served

Youth Campers
151
Volunteers
109

Upper Grades: 58.9%
Lower Grades: 41.1%

Volunteers



Males-61

Females-48

Grade Percentage



Males- 73



Females- 78

Families receiving Financial Aid **75%**

Youth Ministry

Who are we?

This year we have started in some events the joint work of the youth ministry of the Salesian parishes of St Mary's, St Isabel, St Bridget, St Dominc Savio and Salesian High School Bishop Mora. We call this movement: Salesian Youth Movement Los Angeles - Boyle Heights.



Events

- Don Bosco's Celebration at St Mary's
- Youth Day with confirmation Students
- Club Don Bosco every Friday at St Isabel
- Holy week retreats at St. Mary's and St Isabel Parishes
- Salesian Soccer Tournament
- Salesian Youth Movement at St Bridget
- Movie Night at St Isabel
- Pre-SYLC Work Shop
- Leadership Training
- Homeless Outreach
- Provincial Youth Ministry Team Retreat
- Youth Ministry Coordinators Mtg
- Southern California Salesian Leadership Mtg
- Our Lady Guadalupe Novena
- Kairos Retreat at Salesian High School



Homeless Outreach

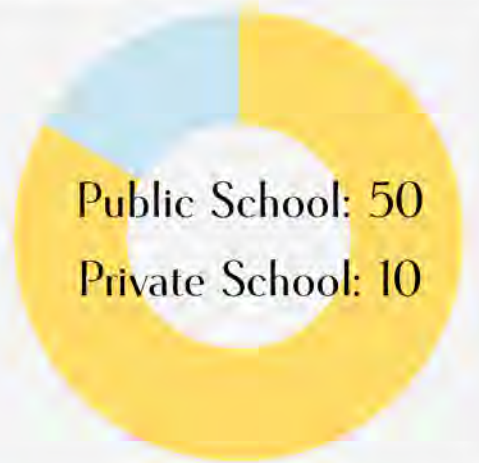
During this year we gave more than 1,200 food packages and we had an average of 50 volunteers each month between 14 and 25 years old.



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total Youth
60 YOUTH Served

Youth Participants
60
Volunteers
50



Homeless Outreach

The Homeless Outreach Program at the Salesian Family Youth Center has been a vital initiative for the past year and a half, hosted in our center and at St. Mary's parking lot. Originally sparked by the idea of a young person almost three years ago, the program initially took place at St. Joseph Salesian Retreat House. However, due to most volunteers being from the Boyle Heights area and the youth center, the location was changed, leading to an increase in volunteer participation and closer proximity to the Skid Row community. Each month, these youth prepare over 600 food packages, generously donated by the Restless Hearts Foundation, providing meals to nearly **1,200 people** annually.



Females 40%



Males 60%

Volunteers Data

Average Volunteers per month

50

Ages 7-17 **41**

Ages 18+ **9**

Female **65%**

Male **35%**



SALESIAN FAMILY YOUTH CENTER



WeCare - 115 youth
SHOUT - 900 youth
Youth Ministry - 60 youth
Summer Camp - 260 youth

1,335 students

Teen Club - 27 youth
Outreach Program - 32 youth
Athletics - 22 youth

81 students

Adult Basketball League - 126
Youth Ministry Volunteers - 9
Summer Camp Volunteers - 40
Women's Club - 18

193 adults

Total
population
served

1,609



Who are we?

Teen Club

Our Teen Club was established in 2021 after seeing a need in our young volunteers to continue in programming in the club after they finished their summer camp commitment. This year we spoke about topics like healthy relationships, college apps, and even had our own debate! We also put on a Haunted House this year for the community that was able to open its doors Halloween Weekend. This year our students were also about to embark on a college trip to the San Francisco area where they got to visit 8 universities, which included Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis to name a few. This exposure was awesome for our teens to get to experience the colleges before applying.



Outreach Club

Who are we?

Our inaugural Outreach Program had a 4 month cohort where we had a variety of speakers come to our Youth Center and speak with the youth in the program. We began with 8 youth with 5 graduating and completing the program. Our students learned a lot from budgeting to social media when it came to careers. We hope to continue our program and expand it to be able to have more students completing the curriculum!



Girl Scouts

Who are we?

Membership is completely free thanks to our partners at Girls Scouts of Greater LA! Open to girls ages 5-18. This year we had 17 members. Participants create friendships, enhance their leadership abilities, participate in volunteer activities, and have fun while building their confidence!



Athletics

Mamba Basketball League

This year we had the opportunity to participate in the Mamba League thanks to the Boy and Girls club of West San Gabriel Valley. The kids were able to put their basketball skills to the test. The league started on February 28th and ran through April 19th where both our boys and girls played for the Championship. The kids had games on Wednesdays and Fridays. They also had the chance to play in the Mamba League Tournament at the Glen Center at USC. This experience showed the kids how to work as a team, discipline, to work hard and most of all to have FUN.

Dodgers Dream League

Our students are thrilled to be part of the Dodger Dream League, an incredible program that offers them the opportunity to develop their baseball skills and teamwork. This initiative allows them to engage in a positive, structured environment where they learn discipline and sportsmanship. Many of our participants are experiencing organized sports for the first time, and it's inspiring to see their growth both on and off the field. The league also fosters a sense of community, as students form lasting friendships and bonds with their teammates. We are grateful for this partnership, which has had a significant impact on our youth, providing them with memorable experiences and valuable life lessons.

Adult Basketball League

Our basketball adult league offers a competitive yet fun environment for players of all skill levels. With weekly games, participants enjoy staying active and building camaraderie with their teammates. The league promotes sportsmanship and community engagement, providing a platform for both serious athletes and casual players to compete. Games are held at top-notch facilities with experienced referees ensuring fair play. Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills or just enjoy the game, our league has something for everyone.



Our Projects

Journalism Project

What did we do?

From January to May, the Salesian Family Youth Center hosted the Journalism Project, where 10 youth gathered every Friday to write about their experiences, dreams, and especially their journey to the Hispanic Leadership Conferences in Chicago. This life-changing experience inspired many of them, and the project culminated in the publication of a book. Titled *Wind Walkers*, the book reflects the identity of these Roosevelt High School students as travelers on their life journeys. Their visit to the windy city of Chicago left a lasting mark on them, motivating the choice of the title. This project was made possible in collaboration with Beyond The Bell.



Water Project



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This year's water project had a \$10,000 goal which we themed it as "Save Water. Wave the World." Through this collaboration with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District, we were able to have an intergenerational dialogue about water conservation. We also conducted a beach clean up and taught 150 students from our summer program how to purify dirty water. Everyone that participated in our water clean up project received a commemorative t-shirt. The entire program taught so many people of multiple ages the importance of water conservation and that when we think of water conservation it takes an entire community not just one person.



Gala

Roaring 20's

2024

Pre-Gala	Total Income
Tables	38,250.00
Seats	10,200.00
Sponsorships	23,500.00
Donations	2,250.00
Night of Gala	Total Income
Engrave	120.00
Campership	7,797.00
Campership	5,050.00
Checks	3,350.00
Cash	1,310.00
Credit Card	15,761.00
Total Income	107,588.00

Total Expenses	Total
Castaway	34,630.06
Gala Awards	240.90
Centerpieces	280.00
Photo Booth	365.00
Photographer	400.00
50/50	Donated
Live Music	565.00
Baskets	266.31
Decorations & Center Pieces	317.81
Guest Gifts	84.21
Auction Paddles	149.88
Backdrop	61.55
Flowers for Centerpieces	167.04
DJ	Donated by Lupe
Total Expenses	37,527.76

Total Profit

\$70,060.24

Gala Committee

Christina Mendoza	JC Montenegro	Lupe M. Castellano
Irma Carrillo	Juana Rodriguez	Jim Ventress
Angel Castillo	Ryan Reynoso	Luis Chacon
Angelica Rojas	Vanessa Reynoso	Carlos Camargo

Thank you so much to all our guest, donors, and volunteers!



Gala

2024

Sponsorships



A PLACE
4 YOUTH



General Donors Campership

Raul Vallejo
Irma Carrillo
Trustee Corps.
Lupe Castellano
Carmen Gomez
Carrillo Family
Trustee Corps
Jim Ventress
Cathy Hirshey
JR Owens Construction
Valero Energy Company
Felipe Bagues Mortuary
St. Bridget Church
St. Dominic Savio
SJB
Raul Vallejo
Ex-Alumnos Sal
Santa Isabel Church
Salesian High School

Victor Rodriguez
Arcelia Agundez
Martin Ventress
David & Erica Saucedo
Boys & Girls Club Alumni
Lupe Castellano
Ryan & Vanessa Reynoso
JC Montenegro
Carrillo Family
Olor Club inc
Angela & Ronald Manriquez
Wan Ching Law | Richard C Cheung
Salvador Carlos
Hector Payan
Savio School
St. Mary Church
Salesians of Don Bosco

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Lydia Palacio
Ron Manriquez
Raul Vallejo
Sylvia Delgado
Patricia Chavez
Patty & Ken McKenna
Ildefonso Osorio
Randy Salinas
Jonathan Rodrriguez
Heidi Talbott
Renee Boulware
Adopt a Family
Silvia Rodriguez
Joe and Dianne Lumsdaince
Justin Palacios
Oscar Galindo
Carmen Nuñez
Peter Chan
Huvertina Tobias
Maria Velasquez
Marcia Alvarez
Joseph & Betty Ng
Aurora Jackson
Lupe Castellanos
Brissa Sotelo
Ruben
Evalin Moreno

Public Relations

Small Business Member of the Year



Don Bosco Global Youth Film Fest

On October 13, the Salesian Family Youth Center hosted and assisted in organizing the annual Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival, centered on the theme "Love Builds Peace and Solidarity." Young filmmakers from Salesian communities worldwide were invited to submit projects in two categories: Ages 14-19 and Ages 20-25.



Partnerships

Adopt-a-family

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



Baby2baby

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



Boys & Girls Club



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

Big Sunday

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



The Getty Museum



The Getty Museum, located in Los Angeles, provides our families with the opportunity to join them in activities during the weekend.



Vision y Compromiso

Dedicated to empowering and supporting promotores and community health workers to improve the well-being and quality of life in underserved communities.

Visión y Compromiso™

Just Right Painting



Just Right Painting donated an entire makeover for the exterior of our facility and have continued assisting our mission.

The Dodgers generously provided tickets for our youth, giving them the exciting opportunity to experience a live game and create lasting memories.



Our Team

Jc Montenegro	Andres Ortiz	Maricruz Rosas	Adrian Ponce
Juana Rodriguez	Angel Castillo	Rene Castillo	Melissa Somoza
Christina Mendoza	Angelica Rojas	Kate Alvara	Anthony Pascual
Luis Chacon	Jaminson Iovine	Jennifer Gomez	Rey Hernandez
Erin Chandler	Brianna Lopez	Michael Belman	

Board of Directors

Our Board Members

Fr. Mel Trinidad, S.D.B.
Carlos Camacho
Br. Tom Mass, S.D.B.
Fr. Jim Nieblas, S.D.B.
Jim Ventress
Miriam Hernandez
Jonathan Lara
Hannah Mercado



Board Retreat

On December 9, 2023, the Salesian Family Youth Center held a Board Retreat attended by JR, Don Rodriguez, Carlos, Br. Tom, Jim Ventress, Fr. Mel Trinidad, Fr. Jim Nieblas, Pablo Lozano (youth guest), Juan Carlos Montenegro, and Luis Chacón. The retreat featured reflections on each member's role and contributions. Carlos shared his journey from a Salesian High School student to a two-year Board member. Br. Tom and Jim Ventress highlighted their long-standing dedication, while Fr. Mel Trinidad and Fr. Jim Nieblas discussed the challenges of Salesian work. Pablo Lozano spoke about his experience at Cathedral High School. JC Montenegro, the CEO, shared his leadership journey, and Luis Chacón reflected on his 20 years with the Salesians. The retreat concluded with a focus on strategic growth and expanding alumni relations.

DONORS

2023-2024



Monthly Donors

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MICHAEL CAMARILLO
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STELLA MARIN

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PLATINUM MEMBERS

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Round-Ups

MELISSA SOMOZA



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Dreams & Aspirations

Our student dreams...

"My dream is to be a teacher so I can inspire kids to learn"

Gina

"My dream is to be a police because you help people"

Maite



"My dream is to be a professional volleyball player to inspire people to play sports"

Valentina

"My dream is to be a fashion designer so I can make clothes for people aren't able to buy their own"

Andrea

"My dream is to be a professional hairdresser to make people feel more confident in themselves"

Leilanie

"My dream is to be a professional soccer player because I wanna encourage others to play sports"

Grecia

Our youth center dreams...

- Fix the gym floor (\$100K)
- Remodel the Lakers Room, new screen and projector.
- Enough computers to help the kids improve their reading levels.
- Find partnerships to be able to give a more competitive salary to our Staff Member heroes.

OUR CHILDREN

& their experiences

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My connection with the Salesians began at birth, as St. Mary's has always been my home parish, where I completed all of my sacraments. Over the years, I actively participated in youth ministry, helped with feast day celebrations, volunteering at Camp Salesian in the summer, and Saturday Oratory. During high school, I benefited from after-school tutoring through SHOUT and had the opportunity to visit colleges in the Bay Area on a college tour. Now, I am pressing a degree in Computer Science at Cal State LA. I carry forward valuable lessons—the power of communication, the growth from diverse experiences, and the transformative impact of leadership.



Princess Moran

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Thank you!

Shout offered so many opportunities such as after school clubs and thankfully one of them included that Drill/Dance team in Roosevelt high school. This team was part of Shout therefore I was introduced to Shout through the drill team. My first time with Shout was a very welcoming experience as they received me with kindness and friendliness. It was amazing to me how they were willing to make everyone's ideas heard. Every idea a student had to form a club, they would simply make it happen. Shout offered so many opportunities that I myself wouldn't even imagine of. It helped me improve my way of thinking towards the community and life to the better. It helped me become an open-minded and welcoming person just as they are.

Hannah Ramirez Reyes

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

Rene Boulware - Art Class

Richard Avitia - Cornhole Activity

Susan Reiner, Nancy Heim, and James Finney-Conlon - Activities

BGCWSGV - Wellness Group and Birthday Club

Jonathan Rodriguez - Career Outreach Speaker

Howard Hamel - Career Outreach Speaker

Luis Chacon - Career Outreach Speaker

Michael Castiglione - Career Outreach Speaker

Mikey Vera - Career Outreach Speaker

Judy Alvarez - Career Outreach Speaker

Neil Grunig - Career Outreach Speaker

Gary Young - Career Outreach Speaker



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