

Five Years of Youth Speak!

"Youth Speak Collective has given me an opportunity to have fun after school, make a difference in my community and follow my dreams!"

-Vanessa, age 16



- ★ Developed a pocket park, *Proyecto Kawazoe*, with a \$10,000 grant and over 3,500 hours of volunteers hours from area youth. (2006)
- ★ Started a free soccer league, *Futbolito Pacoima*, that has provided mentorship, coaching and encouragement to 1,000+ young men and women. (2006-2011)
- ★ 96% of Youth Speak seniors complete their high school requirements, graduate with their class and continue onto higher education. (2007)
- ★ In collaboration with LAB4 Foundation, Nike and YSC leadership, a brand new soccer court and skate park were created in Pacoima, valued at \$350,000. (2008)
- ★ 87% of youth reported raising their grades in one or more class.
- ★ 75% of youth reported feeling more safe & connected to their community.
- ★ Started four acre community garden, *Project Youth Green* that provides organic produce and educational opportunities for over 100 youth and their families. (2009)
- ★ Provided internship and volunteer opportunities for over 100 high school juniors in partnership with area businesses. (2010)
- ★ Over 30,000 hours of volunteer community services hours have been completed by our students and volunteers for neighborhood projects.
- ★ 5,000+ students have been served through our programs. (2011)
- ★ Expanded Youth Advocacy programs to serve 8 area middle and high schools. (2011)
- ★ Received \$100,000 anonymous donation. (2011)

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Youth Speak Collective is a youth-driven organization founded on the idea that all young people can succeed if provided with the right opportunities. We follow a "for youth, by youth" philosophy in which young people are empowered to help design and implement our programs.

This work is made possible by a strong network of volunteers, contributors, and community leaders who all take an active role in advancing our work

MISSION STATEMENT:

Youth Speak Collective is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to empower at-risk youth and their families with the skills necessary to pursue higher education and create strong communities.

SERVICE AREAS:

We serve students ages 11-19 living in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. All programs operate at local community centers, parks and schools.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

In October, 2011 Youth Speak Collective (YSC), hosted its first annual Gala Celebration at La Plaza de Culturas y Arte in Downtown Los Angeles. The event was attended by close to 300 civic and community leaders and raised \$50,000 to support YSC's cutting-edge programs in Los Angeles County. The fundraiser acknowledged leaders who have been instrumental in building the YSC's reputation as one of the leading youth development organizations in Pacoima.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are always looking for passionate, youth-driven, educated volunteers for our creative arts, academic support and youth development programs. Contact us if you are interested in one of these opportunities or have a suggestion based on your talents or resources.