

## OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND STILL GIVING BACK



Agustin has been involved with Youth Speak for the last two years. He comes to us for advice on how to open a checking account, help with homework and advice on his latest photography prints. Both of Agustin's parents live in Mexico and the closest thing he has to family is an older sister. Youth Speak Collective has offered mentorship, guidance, college opportunities and a family for Agustin.

*"Youth Speak Collective has encouraged me and my friends to become the future leaders of this country. Please consider supporting this great organization so that they can continue doing all of the great work they do."* -Agustin Flores, 18 years old

## FROM THE EAST VALLEY TO MIT AND HARVARD

Evelyn Gomez is one of the 6 founding student leaders of Youth Speak Collective, and a true success story. Evelyn helped start the first Youth Council at YSC, became a leader and pursued higher education. This summer she returned to her community to teach math at a local middle school. We are lucky to have one of our founding student leaders back serving our community and volunteering at Youth Speak!

*"Knowing that I have made a difference in my community is a great feeling. We need more youth-led initiatives to improve communities and the well being of their citizens."*

- Evelyn Gomez, 23 years old



## 90% OF US LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE HAPPY TO GIVE BACK



Our communities are hubs for gang-violence, drugs and teen pregnancy, but we see every day the potential that every student and their family has. Our team of 22 staff members work with different youth, parents and educators within the community. Living side by side with the students we serve makes us understand their issues because we went through the same things.

*"Will you commit to helping us raise awareness and funds to give our youth the quality of life they need and deserve?"*

- The Youth Speak Collective team