
All Peoples Community Center Newsletter

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All Peoples Community Center Newsletter: **A Year in Review!**

Dear Gloria Vargas,

We hope that you had a great New Year! Before we turn our focus to 2019, we would like to take a moment and share a few highlights from this past year.

Our All Peoples Family is constantly growing, and we're so grateful for all of the support that we receive on a daily basis from each of you. From our inspiring Vernon-Central Community Members to our selfless Volunteers & Sponsors to our hardworking Board Members & Staff, this past year has shown us what we're capable of as a Community with the right vision, focus, team work and strong work ethic. It truly takes a village to create sustainable impact and bring positive change to our South LA Community so, from the bottom of our hearts, **"Thank You"** for all that you do.

As you scroll through moments from these last 12 months, we hope these pictures bring back great memories and put a smile on your face. This newsletter also includes a message from our Board Chair Seth Walworth that gives insight into 2019.

Our pledge of **Real Solutions, Real Heart and Real Service** is made possible because of you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bryant
Executive Director



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Spreading Holiday Cheer!



Thank you to all community members, volunteers, staff, board members and sponsors who joined us for our Annual Christmas Toy give-a-way on December 14, 2018! A special thank you to **Toyota Financial Services** and **Capital One** for their sponsorship for our Christmas 2018 event. With the help of our sponsors, All Peoples was able to provide personalized gifts to more than **115 families** totaling **318 children** this Christmas.

All Peoples partnered with **Animo Jefferson Charter Middle School** to adopt **20 families** for this Christmas and Holiday Season. Each family was adopted by one homeroom/advisory class who provided gifts for each family while teaching students about the value of giving back.



We would also like to Thank **Farahi Law Firm** for their donation of **40 additional toys** for youth and families that were unable to participate in our Annual Christmas Toy give-a-way or the Adopt a Family Program.

All Peoples was also able to host our first DCFS Christmas Party for **39 foster youth** and **21 foster parents and parents**. Thank you to **CII - Children's Institute** and **ECHO - Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization** for helping to make this possible! All Peoples Staff and Volunteers were able to provide over **370 items** to families which included clothes, hygiene products and children's toys. * **



A special thank you to Jose Figueroa, of Broadway Federal and his elves.



December 2018 - FamilySource ESL Graduates



Our FamilySource Fall ESL Class in partnership with Los Angeles Trade Technical College had a total of **65 registered individuals**. The class is very popular in the Community, and word of mouth brought in more students each

week. Classes were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with Los Angeles Trade Technical College Instructor Brittany Olayele. Congratulations to all our of ESL graduates! We would also like to give a special thank you to **LATTC Instructor Brittany Olayele** for her work at All Peoples.



November 2018 - Keeping Our Community Healthy



Community members, donors, volunteers and staff came together to start building a new Community Micro-farm across the street from All Peoples in an empty lot donated by Meta Housing Corp.

Throughout 2018, All Peoples in partnership with American Friends Service Committee's (AFSC) Root for Peace worked on the Community Micro-farm. The site started as an empty parking lot. Gravel was removed and replaced with soil, raised beds were constructed, the site was mulched, and the raised beds were soiled. Several fundraisers were also held throughout the year for each building phase.

On November 21, 2018, The Community came together to celebrate each other and give thanks for the work that the Community has put into building the farm. Community members made homemade mole, calabaza batida, yucca, and more! A special Thank You to **Crystal Gonzalez at Roots for Peace (AFSC)** who has led the charge in building our new Community Micro-farm and keeping our Community healthy. *



Lot at [847 E 20th Street](#) (across from All Peoples)
BEFORE and **AFTER**





October 2018 - "College is Possible"



Our College Corner Advisors work closely with our Youth to make sure that everyone knows that **"College is Possible"** regardless of their socio-economic status. Throughout the year, College Advisors held various College Readiness Workshops. The workshops are designed for High School students of all grade levels. Topics include: A - G requirements, Individual Graduation Plan, AP Courses, SAT and ACT, and extracurricular activities. These are essential high school requirements to successfully graduate and transfer to a college or university.

All Peoples Youth visited several college and universities to tour the facilities. Our College Advisors guided them on tours where they were able to learn about campus history, admission requirements, financial aid and more!

All Peoples Youth had an opportunity to attend an informative workshop with EOP Counselor Ramon Muniz. EOP is an

Educational Opportunity Program for students in the college level. Mr. Muniz discussed grant opportunities and academic support services available for students. College Corner Advisors also held the Workshop: **"Got Accepted To College...Now What?"** for Youth and Parents to help prepare High School Seniors who've been accepted to College. Topics discussed were College Life, Deadlines, Scholarships, Student Loans, Housing, Clubs and Student Government.

In November 2018, **Community members came together for #GivingTuesday, and raised \$4,000 for our Youth.** Donations will be used to assist Youth with College Books, Tours, Transportation, Supplies, Workshops and Application Fees. Thank you for believing in our All Peoples Youth and supporting their goals and aspirations!



September 2018 - Sowing the Seeds of Change



(pictured from left) Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Gala Honoree Olivia E Mitchell, All Peoples Executive Director Sandra Bryant, and Gala Honoree Jose Figueroa

All Peoples Community Center celebrated 76 years of service to its historic South Los Angeles neighborhood with its Annual Gala "**Sowing the Seeds of Change**" on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the USC Radisson presented by Diamond Sponsor Toyota Financial Services. The festivities included dinner, awards and a silent auction.

The evening was filled with excitement as we honored: **Olivia E. Mitchell**, Assistant Chief Grants Administrator of the City of Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, receiving the Dan B. Genung Visionary Leadership Award, **Jose Figueroa**, Assistant Vice President, Community Partnership Manager Broadway Federal Bank, receiving the Joe Ide Spirit of Community Award, and **Karina Basurto**, receiving the Youth of the Year Award.

We were thankful for the presence or acknowledgement by our political representatives who presented all the honorees with certificates of appreciation and encouragement: **Congresswoman Lucille Roybal Allard**, 40th District, **State Senator Holly Mitchell**, 30th District, **Assembly Member Reggie Jones Sawyer**, 59th District, **Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas**, and **2nd Supervisorial District and Councilmember Curren Price**, New 9th District.**



All Peoples Youth Director Deisy Huerta (right) presenting the Youth of the Year Award to Karina Basturo



All Peoples Executive Director Sandra Bryant (left) with Dan B Genung Visionary Leadership Award Recipient Olivia E Mitchell



All Peoples FamilySource Center Director Julio Ramos (right) with Joe Ide Spirit of Community Award Recipient Jose Figueroa



August 2018 - It's Back to School!



Our Annual Back to School Night was held at All Peoples on Thursday, August 9, 2018! All Peoples Youth received backpacks and school supplies as they got ready for the new school year. Our Los Angeles Unified School District's Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) Counselor Stacy Gooding also had a chance to speak with Students and help them navigate through the A-G requirements. CARECEN met with Parents to help prep and answer any questions they had regarding immigration and the upcoming school year.

A Special Thank You to **Toyota Financial Services**, **Rachel Santo** and the **Kabbalah Centre Student Support USA Volunteers**, and **Neil Lane** of **Neil Lane Jewelry** for sponsoring our Back to School Night event! * **



July 2018 - Youth Head to Summer Camps



"Urban Adventures" Summer Day Camp kicked off on Monday, June 11, 2018 and ended on Friday, July 20, 2018. During Camp, Students receive one hour of Math and one hour of English per day, four times a week, for six weeks, for a total of 48 hours of extended learning in these subjects along with American Sign Language (ASL), College Readiness, Dance, Sports, Art, Science, Nutrition, Cooking, and Computer classes. Fridays are reserved for our **"Urban Adventures"** where All Peoples Staff and Teen Chaperons take Youth on an exploration outside of the Community Center for hands on learning experiences and Team Building. Field Trips included the Aquarium of the Pacific, the California Science Center, and Universal City Walk.



Camp Joe Ide 2018 was held from Sunday, July 29, 2018 to Friday, August 3, 2018 at **Loch Leven Camp and Conference Center** in the San Bernardino Mountains! All Peoples Youth ages 8-12 participated in the camping trip. A special Thank You to Disciples Home Mission and the Monarchs Alumni Group for providing scholarship support for our Camping Program! Because of their generosity, we had a total of **63** Youth Participants and **18** Camp Counselors which included Junior Counselors.



June 2018 - Celebrating our Graduates!



CRCD Academy held their 2018 High School Graduation on the Los Angeles Trade Technical College campus on Thursday, June 21, 2018. We celebrated the accomplishments and resilience of our dynamic, amazing, and talented young leaders and look forward to the prosperous futures ahead of them.



Our very own Enrique Peralta graduated from California State University, Northridge with a Bachelor's Degree in Business on Saturday, May 19, 2018! Enrique grew up in our South LA Community and was heavily involved in the Youth Programs at All Peoples. His strong work ethic was acknowledged by Toyota Financial Services who awarded him with a full scholarship under their "Making Life Easier" Scholarship Program.



May 2018 - Free Tax Prep



All Peoples Community & FamilySource Center was an official VITA TAX Center for the second year. On our First day of offering Free Tax Preparation, we helped refund over \$20,000 to Community Members. We started filing returns on February 1, 2018 and by the end of May 2018, we had submitted a total of **432** Accepted Federal returns and **434** State Accepted returns with a total of **\$489,000.00** in refunds. We had a team of 14 people helping with VITA with an additional two outreach workers promoting our tax services and informing the Community about EITC Tax Credits. All Peoples will be offering Free Tax Prep again this Tax Season.*



April 2018 - Cleaning up our Community!



On Saturday, April 14, 2018, All Peoples had the opportunity to serve as the meeting location this past month for the South Central Neighborhood Council CD9 Monthly Community Clean Up Team. Over 30 Volunteers that included Parents and Children from the local Girl Scouts troop, CYLP, Cadets, and Residents gathered at All Peoples Community Center. From Washington to Adams and San Pedro to Central Avenue, they swept the streets, removed illegal postings on light posts, and reported bulky items to the City's 311 Center.

Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti along with Councilmember Curren Price spent time in our South Central Neighborhood on Saturday April 21, 2018. Mayor Garcetti had the opportunity to walk along Central Avenue with Councilmember Price and talk with neighbors about how we're all working together to make our Communities safer, cleaner and more walkable.*



March 2018 - Empowering our Youth!



"March For Our Lives LA" was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Youth and Families marched in Washington D.C. for gun and weapon awareness and reform and to demand the end of mass shootings in our schools. One of our Slate-Z Partners Community Coalition of South Los Angeles traveled to Washington D.C. with South Los Angeles Youth.

Seeking to stand in solidarity with the students in Florida who organized the march, the Los Angeles March was also held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Pershing Square, and some of our All Peoples and CRCD Youth had the opportunity to stand with fellow Students Nation Wide and voice their concerns regarding gun violence and mass shootings in our school and discuss ways to help end gun violence.

Edna Chavez, from our Slate-Z Partner Community Coalition, gave a [speech](#) at the Washington D.C. March on behalf of our South Los Angeles Community to raise awareness regarding gun violence and the empowerment that our Youth receive from Mentorship Programs, Mental Health Resources, Paid Internships, and Job Opportunities.



All Peoples YouthSource Case Manager Adrian Rios in partnership with CRCD's Los Angeles Community Action Team conducted Youth Voter

Registration drives throughout year. Our YouthSource Team is dedicated to reaching the Youth in our Community and making sure that each Teen understands that their voice counts.



February 2018 - Financial Empowerment



On February 20, 2018, we celebrated with our first 14 Graduates on completing their Financial Literacy Courses. Topics included Budgeting, Credit Building, Savings and Investments, and Identify Theft. All Peoples in partnership with Broadway Federal Bank provided bank accounts for all participants and matched all money saved during the 6-week financial course.

The Financial Empowerment program was packaged into a five-week mini-course consisting of 90 minute modules. Each week, financial instructors taught topics from the FDIC Money Smart curriculum, which is designed to help enhance financial wellness and properly educate Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) families. Topics included the following: basic budgeting; understanding credit reports; the do's and don'ts of credit card usage; consumer's right and protection; saving and investment products; among other subjects.

Parent(s) who attended a minimum of 4+ workshops were eligible to partake in the Individual Development Account (IDA) program which reward participants by matching their accounts. Once parent(s) graduated from the Financial Empowerment Workshops, they were given the opportunity to continue receiving financial guidance through our Financial Coaching program, which provided them with financial knowledge, tools, and resources to advance their overall financial well-being.

Throughout 2018, we had over 100 FamilySource Program participants enroll in our workshops. We also held our 1st First-time homebuyer workshop on December 6, 2018. Workshop topics included (1) Are you mortgage ready? , (2) Benefits of homeownership, (3) Types of mortgage loans, (4) The monthly mortgage payment, and (5) credit.



In collaboration with All Peoples FamilySource and YouthSource Centers, a workshop was created to deliver financial literacy workshops catering to South Los Angeles Youth. The workshop was designed to enhance financial wellness by preparing students on proper financial management. In the month of March, students were given a two-day financial literacy workshop targeting the following financial topics: basic budgeting, understanding credit reports, the do's and don'ts of credit card usage, credit monitoring apps, identity theft protection, consumer's rights and protection, investing in stocks, among other financial subjects.

Additionally, students were encouraged to engage in financial literacy exercises on budgeting, savings, and credit cards. The workshop concluded with fifteen enrolled Youth who graduated and received a certificate of completion from the program. Eligible Youth were given the opportunity to sign-up for the SaverLife program (an online program that rewards individuals for consistently saving at least \$20 each month. The program lasts for 6 months and you can earn a maximum of \$60.) Thus, prompting saving habits among the Youth.



January 2018 - All Peoples Leadership



In January 2018, All Peoples started under the leadership of Board Chair Seth Walworth.

"It's been another great year for All Peoples Community Center, Year 76!, in the journey of this remarkable institution, and I want to thank everyone that helped make it happen – our generous funders, our partner agencies, our hundreds of volunteers, our board members, and, of course, longtime Executive Director Sandra Bryant and her dedicated staff of 35 who work so hard to deliver hope and opportunity to thousands. Thank you all for sustaining this special organization with its special narrative, spanning several generations and neighborhood transformations from Japanese-American, to African-American, to Latino today. Thanks to you, All Peoples remains the very heart of an important corner of this great city, serving everyone who walks through the door.

We are proud to announce and gratefully acknowledge the very generous support of the **S. Mark Taper Foundation** to strengthen and expand our Family Resource Center programs in the coming year. In just our 2nd year as one of 16 designated Family Resource Centers for the City of Los Angeles, All Peoples has been ranked as one of the top performers in improving educational and financial attainment. We welcome the **S. Mark Taper Foundation** on our journey forward in providing these critical services to the people who need them most.

Our ambitious slate of programs continues to grow, and our community continues to embrace them. We have big plans for the Community Micro-Farm, now in operation and right across the street, to contribute to the self-sufficiency and health of our neighborhood. Much more to come.

Our grateful thanks to one and all, and our best wishes for a happy 2019."

Respectfully, Seth Walworth, Board Chair.

Seth has served on the All Peoples Community Center Board of Directors for three years. He is entering his second year as Board Chair.



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