

Koreatown Youth and Community Center

35 Years, One vision.



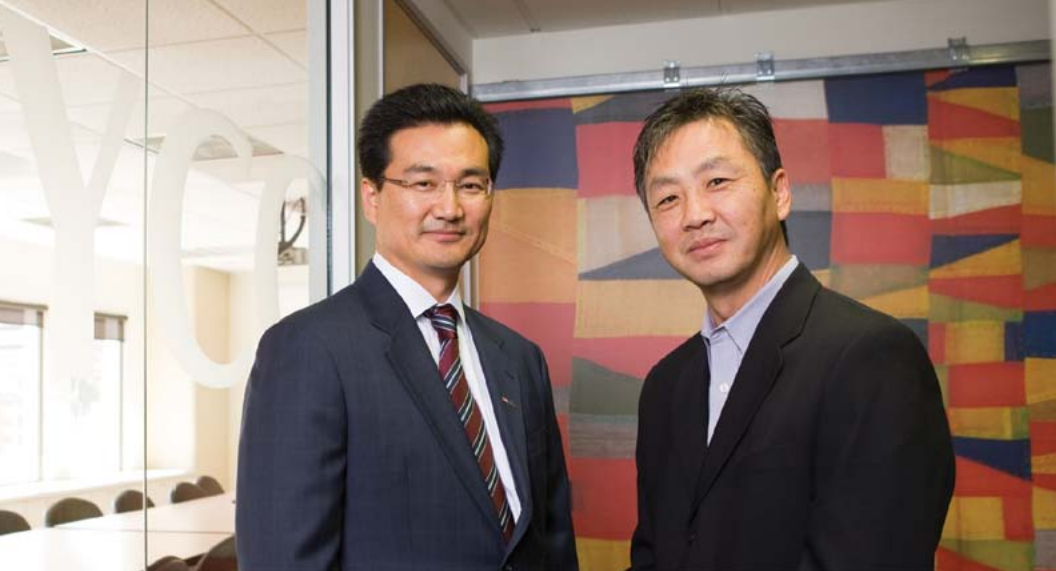
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Message from KYCC

For 35 years we have had the honor of helping build a strong and vibrant community. Over the decades, Koreatown and our programs have evolved, but our vision has remained the same. We began serving Koreatown out of a small house on 932 S. Crenshaw. At that time, we were called the Korean Youth Center and our makeshift drop-in center provided a juvenile delinquent program, recreational activities, and summer day camps.

In the early eighties, Koreatown experienced growth in the immigrant population and we met this with additional programs such as community service and in-language information referrals. We witnessed the 1992 Los Angeles Civil Unrest and responded with the Community Economic Development Unit to support local small businesses. We also added more environmental services and youth development programs.

In the past decade, we have continued to expand our current programs to include more affordable housing and community support as well as launched new endeavors like our preschool. As we continue to place emphasis on working with youth, we have broadened our impact to encompass the whole community. We thank the former staff, board members and other leaders who set the foundation for this organization, as well as the community, partner organizations and friends who have supported us through the years.

During our 35 years of passion and adaptation we have stayed true to our vision. Your confidence in our work confirms what we already know – that we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Our town, your town, Koreatown. Improving quality of life for over 35 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Kim'.

Eddie Kim

Board President

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Johng Ho Song

Executive Director



Help for Families

Though families experience strong feelings of shame and social stigma associated with mental illness, KYCC is a safe refuge where they can heal.

The judge sentenced their daughter to three years of probation, 50 hours of community service, substance abuse treatment and a referral to a mental health clinic. It could have been worse.



Since the eighth grade, Jane had a history of making poor decisions which included stealing, doing drugs and truancy.

Their daughter could have been tried as an adult or handed over to the immigration service. The arrest for robbery two days before her 18th birthday was another in a long line of defiant and rebellious choices their daughter had made since the family emigrated from South Korea. Still, they hoped Jane would turn her life around. They didn't want to lose her.

The probation officer assigned to Jane referred her to KYCC, where clinician Yun Pak led her through an initial mental health evaluation. She knew that Jane had received services before and that it hadn't worked out, but Yun could also see that Jane was earnest in her desire to build a better relationship with her parents. Her long history of problems related to substance abuse, poor academic performance, and run-ins with the law had already cost her the trust and pride of her parents.



Yun understood that it would be important to include Jane's parents in any treatment.

"Families work as a system," Yun said. "The actions of one member will impact the others regardless of intent." Jane's father had previously participated in a parenting workshop but he became guarded when asked to expose his family's problems in front of strangers. Yun adapted her strategy and met with Jane's parents at her father's workplace in a downtown warehouse or in the evening at their home in the Valley.

The focus of her work with Jane's parents was to teach them how to have more effective family communication and how to build positive interactions with their daughter. As their conversations progressed, Jane's parents recognized that their strict parenting only made things worse. They learned that Jane had to be accountable to herself instead of having her parents always punishing her for her delinquent behavior.

As Jane's parents saw their daughter making small, yet positive changes in her behavior and appearance, they began to encourage and support her choices. Yun explains,

"As Jane's parents saw Jane really trying to make good with her second chance, they in turn gave positive reinforcement to her progress. Over time, their confidence in her grew and Jane thrived with their support."



Jane has been clean and sober for over a year now. She finished high school and graduated with special recognition from her substance abuse program. As a result of her efforts and accomplishments, her probation officer recommended that her probation be lifted. Jane's parents are ecstatic about her progress and feel that they are a stronger and closer family.

They were able to overcome their initial hesitation about receiving mental health services and the fear of stigma associated with it.

When Yun suggested that they no longer needed her assistance, Jane's parents asked if they could share their experience with others as a way for them to give back to the community.

Saving For Life

Since 2005, Individual Development Account program participants have collectively saved over \$85,000. This is the story of how one participant gained more than just a savings account.

By the time Gus finished his spring 2009 classes, he knew his time at community college was coming to an end.

After nearly two years of good grades in his core classes, he was determined to transfer to UCLA. As a young Latino with a light wallet, he might have been better suited to his local campus but he knew a diploma in Bruin gold would give him a better start in his chosen career. First, he needed to figure out how to pay for school. Then he had to choose a career.



While attending a career conference, Gus learned about KYCC's College Individual Development Account (IDA) savings program, where every dollar he deposited into his new account would be matched by two dollars from the program. Although math was not his strongest subject, Gus knew a 200 percent return on his investment would help him on his move to university life.

Gus joined the IDA program that summer. To receive the financial incentive, the IDA program requires 20 hours of financial education and college preparation training. Participants are expected to save \$1,000 and receive their match only after meeting the goal.

"The match program was just what I needed and the training was an extra benefit. I learned about financial aid, tips for academic success, and other services that KYCC provides." Gus added, "As a financially struggling student, I found the resource of the IDA program useful and empowering for helping others like me get on the right track financially."

During the 2010 tax season, 150 people volunteered to help families prepare their income taxes for free.



During the program, Gus got to know Audrey Casillas, the instructor for the IDA program. He was grateful for her instruction but was more impressed with her passion for helping others become self-reliant. Gus knew a good education was important, but he wanted to use his skills to help others in his community achieve their dreams as well.

When Audrey asked if he would be interested in volunteering as a tax preparer for KYCC's 2010 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, Gus readily agreed.

“I joined the VITA program because I value the fact that this resource is free, educational, and necessary in our community. The VITA program educated and equipped me to help low-income families receive free tax preparation instead of families going to a paid tax preparer.”

The VITA program at KYCC helps return to families over \$1.5 million dollars in refunds every year.



By the end of tax season, Gus was preparing flawless returns and helped the program return over \$1.5 million in refunds to local families. Gus utilized his experience to earn a summer internship at the nation's leading low-income tax policy institute in Washington D.C. "My involvement with KYCC programs has helped me discover a new career path that interests me and lets me help others."

Now a junior majoring in Economics at UCLA, Gus will soon become the first in his family to earn a college degree.





Room to Bloom

**Young ones grow at their own pace
at the KYCC Children's Center.**

"Come on, let's go!" the Captain shouted. The fishermen scrambled onto the boat hoping for a quick launch so they could get their rods over water by lunch. And they weren't going to be late for lunch. Mac 'n Cheese Wednesdays are a favorite at the KYCC Children's Center.

Captain Stephen hadn't always been Captain though.

His parents enrolled him at the Children's Center's state subsidized preschool program when he turned three. Being his first extended time away from home, the new environment seemed to overwhelm him. He cried a lot and usually played by himself. His parents' biggest concern was hearing that Stephen remained quiet throughout the entire school day, refusing to answer even simple questions. When his father dropped him off in the mornings, Stephen would not say "good morning" to Michelle Ng, his homeroom teacher, despite his father's daily encouragement. Stephen's immigrant parents told Michelle that at home, Stephen spoke very well in both Korean and English, but he would not talk around people outside of the family. At the Children's Center, Stephen would communicate his needs and wants non-verbally. He began to develop strategies to get what he wanted without having to talk, like trying to figure out how he could get a cookie without saying a word. He succeeded on some occasions and got frustrated on others.

Teacher Anabel Torres leads an art activity at the Children's Center.





The core philosophy of the Children's Center is to use the children's play to observe and direct their developmental progress. Allowing children to find and choose the activities that stimulate their growth reinforces that children grow at different paces and are stimulated by different experiences. Through her interactions with Stephen, Michelle saw that his language comprehension was very good and there were no signs of cognitive delays.

He was just a shy boy.

In the beginning, Stephen's parents had asked if Michelle could actively try to get Stephen to speak at school. Michelle and her colleagues felt that as Stephen became more comfortable, he would begin to participate at his own pace. The comfort would come as they built a solid, trusting relationship that could gently give him the courage to start talking. Michelle shared her thoughts and plan with Stephen's parents and a collaborative partnership was formed.

Six months before moving into kindergarten, Stephen began to show major changes.

He started spontaneously talking to other children during play and would quietly respond to teachers' questions. His quiet sweetness and gentle nature attracted many of the younger children and he became an unexpected leader in the playground, leading imaginary fishing boat trips and games of playing superhero.



Stephen had simply needed a little time to bloom on his own. On his last day at school, it was evident that he would continue to grow and build on his experiences at KYCC. His mom brought cakes and sweets to share with the teachers, exchanging words of gratitude and appreciation for Stephen's development. As Stephen bounded out of the front door one last time, Michelle watched with pride, knowing that he was leaving with the skills and confidence necessary for a great future.



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• Environmental Services



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Our Programs

Affordable Housing

Managed by Little Tokyo Service Center - (213) 482-1600

KYCC provides 66 units of affordable housing to the Koreatown community with buildings on Wilton Place and South Reno Street. The Wilton Place building is a mixed-use facility, housing KYCC offices and programs while the upper floors house 19 residential units.

Children's Center

1140 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90019 - (323) 297-0038

The Children's Center provides early childhood education for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years. The Center's progressive philosophy emphasizes creative exploration in a developmentally appropriate environment, where children can learn, grow and develop at their own pace. The Center is open year round, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 6 PM, to meet the needs of working families.

Clinical Services

680 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005 - (213) 365-7400

The Clinical Unit offers mental health services for low-income children, youth and their families. Individual, group, and family therapy is provided free of charge in out-patient, school-based and in-home settings. Services also include medication management, individual and family-based case management, child abuse prevention/intervention and parenting education.

Community Economic Development Services

3727 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020 - (213) 365-7400

KYCC assists families in improving their financial stability through free tax preparation, consumer advocacy, financial education and high-yield savings accounts. KYCC also provides technical assistance to small, minority-owned businesses.

Environmental Services

1319 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015 - (213) 743-8750

The Environmental Services Unit beautifies canopy-poor areas of Los Angeles by planting street trees and distributing free trees to property owners through the Mayor's Million Trees LA Program. KYCC also provides graffiti removal and community clean-up services, seven days a week, for Koreatown and central Los Angeles.

Youth Services

680 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005 - (213) 365-7400

KYCC's Youth Services Unit provides programs and services that empower minority youth ages 5 to 18. Programs focus on academic achievement, leadership development, community service projects, prevention/intervention services and enrichment activities.

Mentoring a Vision

By: Ed Pai, Ph. D.



The 35th anniversary of KYCC also marks the retirement of Cooke Sunoo, one of our founding board members. Throughout his career in public service, Cooke has worked tirelessly to make the City of Angels a better place. He was an urban planner for the Community Redevelopment Agency and an advocate for Asian and Pacific Islander small businesses. At KYCC he served as a board member in every function and played a central role in shaping the vision of what KYCC is today.



I first met Cooke in 1991 when I joined the board of directors of the Korean Youth Center (KYC). At that time, Korean Americans were the fastest growing Asian immigrant community in the U.S. and KYC was striving to meet their needs. The events of Sa-i-gu (Korean shorthand for 4/29) in 1992 brought national focus to Korean Americans in Los Angeles. The years following brought further transformation to KYC. Throughout this time, Cooke helped guide the evolution of the organization from the Korean Youth Center to the Korean Youth and Community Center to our present Koreatown Youth and Community Center. As we built new buildings or developed new programs, Cooke would remind us that it was not enough to provide social services. KYCC could be more. And KYCC became more.



As an active board member, Cooke was always generous with his time and person, making himself available for the many needs of a growing organization. I admired the knowledge and skills that Cooke brought to each situation and the way he committed himself, the board and KYCC to action. He and his wife Elaine often hosted organizational events at their home, blocks away from KYCC. Cooke's various athletic endeavors or adventures were often shared with staff and board members.



In these ways, Cooke was a mentor to me and many others. Inhwan Kim, another founding board member, calls him, "hyung" or "older brother." In working with Cooke, I learned how to be a better board member and a better person. And I think KYCC learned the same. With his vision, KYCC has become what it could be — not just a social service agency but an important contributor to the quality of life in Los Angeles.



A year at KYCC...

1. Community leaders unveil the placard designating Koreatown a Preserve America site during the 36th Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival on 9/16/09.
2. Renowned baritone Dong Gyu Kim entertains the audience at the 8th Annual Benefit Concert.
3. KYCC honors Citi with the Financial Builder's Award for their steadfast support to increase the economic self-sufficiency of low-income families.
4. The Youth Drug Abuse Prevention Program (YDAPP) hosts a press conference on their substance abuse survey findings.
5. An HSBC representative presents Edward Kim, KYCC board president, with a donation during the 16th Annual Holiday Carnival.
6. Children don Santa hats to perform at the holiday carnival.





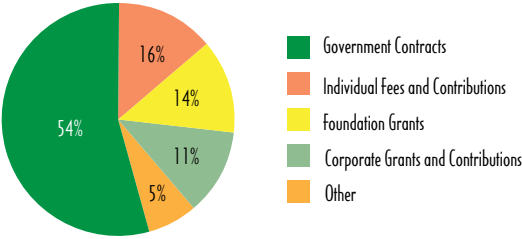
- 7. Third Annual Golf Tournament players by the hole-in-one prize sponsored by Hyundai Motor America.
- 8. Professional players lend their support.
- 9. Board member, Pat Watts, and her team at KYCC's golf tournament.
- 10. KYCC receives a certificate from United Way of Greater Los Angeles' for the "Highest number of returns prepared by a single VITA site.

- 11. KYCC abuzz with after-school activity.
- 12. Youth on a leadership and team-building camping retreat.
- 13-14. Environmental Services unit giving away trees at the Wilshire Center Earth Day and Car Free Day.
- 15. Preschoolers recite a poem for their parents at the Children's Center End of the Year celebration.
- 16. Children's Center head teacher, Maricela Muratella, presents a child with his preschool certificate.

Financial Information

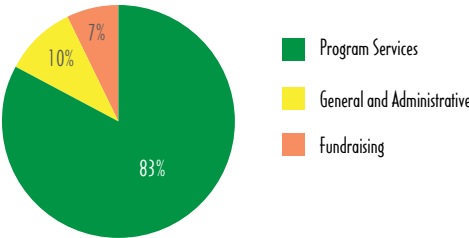
Strength through Diversification

We place an emphasis on developing new and varied program funding. Throughout this difficult recession, the diversity of our contributors and partners has provided welcome stability.



Trust through Responsibility

Contributors and funders expect the greatest impact for their investment. For every dollar contributed, 83 cents goes directly to support the children and families we serve.



Revenue

Government Contracts	2,158,741
Individual Fees and Contributions	624,697
Foundation Grants	556,761
Corporate Grants and Contributions	454,019
Other	185,881
Total	3,980,098

Expenses

Environmental Services	956,974
Clinical Services	729,687
Early Childhood Development	656,343
Youth Services	516,014
Economic Development and Housing	431,569
Total Program Services	3,290,587
General and Administrative	410,626
Fundraising	260,301
Total	3,961,514

Our Public Funders

California Department of Education

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

California Department of Transportation

City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works

City of Los Angeles, Community Development Department

City of Los Angeles, Community Redevelopment Agency

City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

City of Los Angeles, Environmental Affairs Department

County of Los Angeles, Department of Children and Family Services

County of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health

County of Los Angeles, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

First 5 LA

Program Partners

Asian American Drug Abuse Program

Asian & Pacific Islanders California Action Network

Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program

Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council

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Los Angeles Unified School District

Little Tokyo Service Center CDC

Million Trees LA

Pacific Clinics

Para Los Niños

Salvadoran American Leadership Education Fund

Search To Involve Pilipino Americans





Community Partner



As one of the oldest charities in our city, United Way of Greater Los Angeles (UWGLA) has a history of results that spans over eight decades. United Way has invested in KYCC programs to help achieve the shared goal of addressing the root causes of poverty. Our relationship began with United Way's support for our free youth programs. In that tradition, United Way funds our Middle School Academic Program helping students with their transition from middle to high school and to improve educational achievement.

More recently, UWGLA has partnered with KYCC to host our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Individual Development Account and Ramp-Up Programs. These programs increase income for community families and seek to give them tools to build financial stability. The United Way's decades-long support of our programs reflects their commitment to our mission and to the Koreatown community. Below, UWGLA Communications Manager, Elaine Whelan, answers some questions about the partnership.

Q: Describe the relationship with KYCC in achieving United Way's goals.

KYCC and United Way have a great working relationship. United Way can always rely on KYCC to go above and beyond in their efforts to help United Way meet its goal of raising the high school graduation rate and giving hardworking families the financial tools they need to thrive.

Q: What is notable about the KYCC programs that United Way has funded?

As a VITA partner, KYCC prepares the most tax returns of any single location site in all of L.A. County.

The organization is also in the top five programs with the lowest rejection rates – an incredible accomplishment given that they prepare over 1,000 returns. KYCC also opened the most Ramp-Up accounts among all of United Way's financial stability partners.

Q: How else does United Way partner and support with community organizations besides funding?

In addition to funding community organizations, United Way also provides shared learning environments, where nonprofit partners can come together to learn from each other about the work they're doing to fight poverty and share best practices. We also partner with organizations to shape and inform local policy. Given our longstanding corporate relationships, we also serve as a connector for companies looking to volunteer in the community.

Our Donors

We would like to acknowledge the following companies and individuals for your generosity during our July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 fiscal year. Your support benefits over 33 programs that serve the economically disadvantaged children, youth, and families in Koreatown and beyond.

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- Young Nak Outreach and Transformation (YNOT) Foundation



Nissan North America donated a new Titan truck to the Environmental Services Unit for tree planting



American Accessories staff had a blast volunteering at our annual Holiday Carnival



Korean American Women's Association running the snack booth at our Holiday Carnival

\$1,000 and above

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Mission

The mission of the Koreatown Youth & Community Center (KYCC) is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles area, as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community. KYCC's programs and services are directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families, and promote community socioeconomic development.

