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KYCC Receives \$25,000 HALO Award to Support Volunteer Program

LOS ANGELES (January 3, 2014) – KYCC and Volunteer Antonio Leonardo Rhee are the recipients of a 2013 HALO Award from The Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation. The \$25,000 HALO Award is granted to both a nonprofit organization and a winning volunteer to recognize those who go “above and beyond” to promote the betterment of their communities.

The HALO Award is comprised of two elements: a \$20,000 grant for KYCC to strengthen, implement and sustain volunteer efforts, and a \$5,000 award for the winning volunteer, Tony Rhee.

“KYCC is honored to receive the prestigious 2013 HALO Award and to be recognized for our deep commitment to community engagement,” states KYCC Executive Director Johng Ho Song. “With this grant, we intend to build our volunteer program to be a sustainable and successful model.”

Rhee is a Korean-Argentinian student at UCLA and a “DREAMer” (based on the DREAM Act, a proposed bill in Congress that would grant legal residency to undocumented high school graduates who came to the U.S. as minors). He started volunteering as a tutor at KYCC’s Crossroads Middle School Program (MSP) when he was a freshman in high school.

Exceptionally attuned to the needs of his students, Tony was focused on developing our middle school students’ emotional and social growth. His maturity and work ethic strengthened our LEAD (Leaders in Enrichment & Academic Development) program. He helped to build the curricula and organizational structure of LEAD, turning it into an outstanding youth leadership program.

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Volunteers are an integral part of KYCC; there were 552 volunteers in 2012. Our main volunteer programs are in Youth Services and Community Economic Development. Around 200 high school students volunteered in Youth Services and 182 volunteer tax preparers helped file taxes for our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Additionally, volunteers provided graffiti removal and community clean-up services throughout Central and South Los Angeles.

There were six other HALO Award winners in 2013: Bresee Foundation, Downtown Women's Center, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Ed Fund, Pacific Asia Museum, Peace Over Violence, and Venice Family Clinic.

KYCC's mission 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 are directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families, and promote community socioeconomic empowerment.

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