KOREATOWN YOUTH CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT
2013-2014
The mission of KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center) is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles area as well as the multiethnic Koreatown community. KYCC’s programs and services are directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families, and promote community socio-economic empowerment.

PAST
KYCC was founded in 1975 as a small storefront program by a group of community members wanting to provide after-school and summer programs for recently immigrated Korean youth, struggling with poverty and the language barrier.

After the L.A. civil unrest in 1992, KYCC expanded from being an ethnically focused agency to one that included the surrounding community, aligning with its evolving needs.

Over the last 40 years, our organization has gone through a remarkable evolution, not only in size but also in the diversification of its services and target populations.

PRESENT
Today, KYCC is the leading multiservice organization in Koreatown, serving more than 11,000 people each year, most of whom are low-income, first-generation immigrants from Asia and Latin America. We have expanded to six locations throughout Koreatown.

Along with our original mission to support a growing population of at-risk youth in Los Angeles, KYCC also supports children and their families in the areas of education, health, housing and finances.

We believe that if the family is healthy, our community will thrive. KYCC is committed to making Koreatown a safe and beautiful place to live and work.
A MESSAGE FROM KYCC

In March 2013, after seven exciting years in the making, KYCC celebrated the opening of the Menlo Family Apartments, a 60-unit affordable and permanent housing community on the border between the Koreatown and Pico-Union neighborhoods in Los Angeles. “Menlo” is home to almost 300 people—many of whom were previously homeless, or are families with children who have experienced mental illness. Fifty of the units are earmarked for transition aged youth. Not only do we house this diverse population, but we also provide them with supportive, on-site services.

As one of the oldest and leading multiservice agencies in Koreatown, KYCC is positioned to engage our clients in a variety of services. We offer counseling, financial and family services, academic and leadership opportunities, and neighborhood beautification. On the first floor of the building, the Menlo Family Center has a full-time Resident Advocate, after-school programs for elementary, middle and high school students, mental health counselors and rooms for community building activities and groups.

Complementing our on-site services, we are able to refer clients to appropriate programs through our many partnerships. During construction, over 3,500 people submitted their applications to live in the Menlo Family Apartments, immediately creating a years-long waiting list. As Koreatown continues to develop, the need for affordable housing in our neighborhood remains critical.

We are excited for the new model of affordable housing that Menlo represents. KYCC joined with the Little Tokyo Service Center, our longtime partner with a significant history in real estate development, to help make this project possible. KYCC also provides technical assistance to the Corporation for Supportive Housing, a collaborative group that researches and builds best housing practices, from safety protocols to stronger communities. This year, our Annual Report honors the residents and staff of the Menlo Family Apartments, an amazing community that we are so proud to have helped build.

We would like to thank our dedicated staff, Board of Directors and funders for this much needed community resource.

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KOREATOWN YOUTH + COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14
When shovels first hit the dirt on KYCC’s Menlo Family Apartments, it broke new ground in more ways than one. Usually, housing projects are built with one type of resident in mind, but this new apartment building serves three: formerly homeless families, families with a history of mental illness and transition aged youth. Furthermore, KYCC provides a wide array of social services for the residents—within the building itself—at the Menlo Family Center, the ground-floor community center.

It’s 7 o’clock on a Thursday evening, and 10 women are busy swiveling to salsa music in the all-purpose room at the Menlo Family Center. Zumba leader Heather Peterson switches to squats and lunges, and the women jokingly moan and mutter. When class is over, the women give each other high-fives.

The challenging but ultimately healthy workout is a metaphor for the journey that Menlo Family Apartment residents—and KYCC staff—have traveled during Menlo’s first few years. The apartment complex opened in March 2013. At first, the tenants did not trust each other. Many of the nearly 300 residents were coming from backgrounds of extreme poverty, chronic illness and long histories of domestic violence. In the middle were KYCC staffers, who hoped to create a sense of community. The most immediate need was to stabilize the families. The first action item was to get the residents to open up about the services they needed in terms of financial survival, employment and mental health. At the same time, KYCC program coordinators, social workers and therapists began building relationships with tenants. “Once you have their trust, our residents are comfortable telling you their challenges,” Resident Advocate Cristina Zúñiga explained. “Then you can see what people really need.”

Over the first year, KYCC unveiled programs one at a time in an effort to put the vulnerable residents on firmer footing. The programs span the areas of health, counseling, childcare, education, life skills and personal finance. Due to the multiple services that KYCC offers, and our longstanding partnerships with community organizations, we were uniquely qualified to bring these programs and referrals to Menlo.

“We used our collective power as an agency to help our tenants and the nearby community,” said Director of Children and Family Services Sam Joo, who oversees the social services at Menlo. KYCC’s Youth Services runs the after-school tutoring center, a life skills class for high schoolers, and an activity program for preschoolers and their mothers. In addition, it organizes social events for the tenants, such as “Floor Nights”—mixers that allow residents to meet their neighbors—and holiday parties. KYCC’s Clinical Services provides psychological counseling for tenants, and Community Economic Development runs workshops on personal finance. The landscaping in front of the building, as well as a tree planting event, were organized by Environmental Services.

Using our widespread network, KYCC reached out to other agencies to help us with other programs at Menlo. A Cedars-Sinai Medical Center nutritionist held several workshops about eating healthy on a limited budget. Twice a month, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health ran a women’s support group. In a community-building program, the Los Angeles Music Center helped residents create a multicultural cookbook, The Curiously Menlonian Cookbook. “We used our collective power as an agency to help our tenants and the nearby community.”

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All of that support is starting to make an impact. “I’ve seen some people overcome very challenging situations,” Zúñiga said. “We’ve been a part of their journey and success.”
Brandi Kelly, 27, a formerly homeless single mother, has gone back to school at Los Angeles City College. One family moved from Menlo into a house that the family was able to purchase. And the walls that divided the different groups started to come down. “Children are starting to play with each other, and that is bringing families together,” Zúñiga observed.

But the need for such affordable housing in the neighborhood is dire. Only 60 out of 3,500 applicants in a housing lottery were selected to live in the $26 million apartment building. By stating an intention to serve three different groups, KYCC and the Little Tokyo Service Center came up with a creative funding concept that joined public and private resources to get the project built. Funders included the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“We were truly trying to do something different here,” Joo said. “Everyone on the KYCC team is warm. They try to understand residents’ problems; they don’t shuffle things off to others.” As a result, they were able to improve residents’ quality of life and give many of them a fresh start. “KYCC was able to create hope.” Joo added.

The Menlo Family Apartments and Menlo Family Center, located at the border of Pico-Union and Koreatown in Los Angeles, offers on-site services to our residents.
In 2012, Jorge and Elizabeth Aragon had moved into an apartment building in Solano Canyon, a quiet neighborhood bordering Elysian Park and Dodger Stadium, near the 110 Freeway. They put down a three-month deposit, which they later found out was illegal, and within four months, the landlord raised their rent—the first of many times he would do so.

The young Mexican American couple had a three-year-old daughter Ariely, and their young twins, Abigail and Andrew, had just been born. “We lived on the third floor and there was no elevator,” Elizabeth recalls. “There were cats everywhere. We had to pay for Ariely’s asthma and allergy medication, and with the twins, we had to pay for double the diapers and food. We were under tremendous financial hardship and completely at the end of our rope.” More than the inconveniences, they were already struggling to make ends meet when their elevated rents started to plunge them into debt.

Elizabeth is a preschool teacher at the California Hospital Medical Center, and due to a conflict of interest, she was unable to enroll her children at her school. A colleague told her about KYCC’s preschool, Kids Town. “As a teacher, it’s hard for me to settle for poor quality care. But I fell in love with Kids Town.” The school’s emergent curriculum allows children to learn through exploration, and the wide variety of teaching styles and warm classrooms impressed her.

“I was so blessed,” Elizabeth said. Then both she and Jorge added at the same time, “We were so relieved.”

The Aragons were so excited at the opportunity that they swallowed the financial loss (they did not get their “deposit” back from their Solano Canyon apartment), and moved into their brand-new, spacious, three-bedroom apartment the day that Menlo opened in March 2013.

“We have so much space,” Jorge said. Citing its proximity to the LAPD’s Olympic Community Police Station and LAFD Station 13, as well as the building’s indoor parking facilities, he added, “It’s safe and secure.”

The family has taken advantage of KYCC’s multiple services, as well as programs offered on-site at Menlo. They’ve reached out to KYCC’s Community Economic Development for legal and rent assistance, and beautified the building’s exterior by planting trees with Environmental Services. Jorge, in particular, as the family’s primary caregiver, participates with the twins in the weekly Parent-and-Me Group and the Parent Support Circle. He also sits on the Tenant Advisory Council, which plans community events and policies, and participates in the building’s financial literacy workshops.

“The more he is a part of the groups,” Elizabeth points out, “the more we benefit as a family.”

The Aragons call their move to Menlo a life-changing lesson, and they are thankful to have had a multifaceted relationship with KYCC, which helped to provide a home and a school, as well as financial and emotional stability for their family. “KYCC has never closed their doors on us,” they said gratefully. “They have always been there to assist us.”

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It was at Kids Town that the Aragons first saw the application for KYCC’s Menlo Family Apartments. There was one of thousands of applications submitted for the 60-unit building. “We prayed and we prayed,” she said. A few months later, they received a call from the Little Tokyo Service Center, the building’s management.

Their application was number 57.
When 13-year-old Cesar Bravo entered the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) program at the Menlo Family Center, he was chalking up tardies, struggling academically and fighting with his girlfriend at school.

He had already attended KYCC’s elementary and middle school programs when he was internally referred to GRYD for behavioral issues. It was clear that he was a bright student, but he would often argue and talk back to his teachers.

At first, Cesar didn’t take GRYD seriously. He would not engage or take accountability for his actions. GRYD leader Carlos De Santiago shakes his head at the memory. “We almost closed him out,” he says, meaning KYCC nearly couldn’t find a way to help.

De Santiago works with 18 GRYD youth (ages 10-15) and their families. This unique program has him meeting with parents, principals, social workers and psychologists for a full year. He creates a genogram, a multi-generational family map that can point out possible hereditary behaviors and tendencies, which can be used to discuss family strengths and positive relationships.

He meets with youth and their families several times a month, helping them learn how to communicate with one another. Cesar’s parents and De Santiago met for months, bringing up issues such as grades, staying out past curfew and relationship problems. But Cesar obstinately kept to himself and wouldn’t talk. Furthermore, he continued to make poor choices even after goals were outlined for him.

After ten months, the Bravos saw they needed to take action. Mr. Bravo pulled Cesar out of the school he was failing at (in the middle of the school year, in the middle of the week, much to Cesar’s surprise) and placed him in a new school environment.

Not knowing anyone, Cesar began to pay attention in class. Along with the newfound openness in his family, and steady support from KYCC, Cesar began to turn around and take pride in his education.

The changes affected the family as well. Mr. Bravo, initially reticent, started to share his thoughts at the family meetings. “It was good to see his parents vulnerable too,” says De Santiago.

This summer, Cesar, now 15, is going to volunteer for the second year in a row with the Elementary Tutorial Program at Menlo, where he helps out with classroom duties. He likes to tutor the children in math and play pickup soccer with them during breaks. He is grateful for GRYD’s personalized case management, and how it helped him talk more socially and with his parents.

Even he admits the progress was slow. But now, after realizing how much the meetings helped, he endeavors to communicate with his family outside of the GRYD meetings—talking easily about his day at school, or their day at work. Smiling, he pulls up his report card on his phone to display his As and Bs. “I saw that it was really important,” he says of his success. “I saw that I could do it.”

Against heavy odds, Antoine Walker, 25, is a positive, outgoing young man. His ever-present smile and effervescent attitude belies the 11 years he spent moving from one foster home to another. In June 2010, he lost his job and eventually became homeless.

After filling out an affordable housing application at a mental health clinic in West Los Angeles, Antoine was granted a unit at the Menlo Family Apartments, where five out of the 60 units are dedicated to transition aged youth, young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are emancipating from state custody or foster care. (Approximately 24,000 youth age out of services each year in the United States.) Antoine moved into his new apartment in April 2013.

At first, Antoine participated in the building’s on-site services in educational and mental health counseling. Then he started supervising children as a volunteer in the after-school program and summer camp. A few months later, KYCC hired him as an assistant instructor “because of his connection with the kids,” said Youth Services Manager Ernie Yoshikawa.

Today, Antoine also serves on the Tenant Advisory Council, and is currently enrolled at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, where he is majoring in Visual Communications.

“Growing up, I saw people who should not have been in the field of social work,” Antoine reflects. “KYCC is a really good organization with people who are really passionate about what they do. They went the extra mile for me—even making me a part of the organization.”
THE CURIOUSLY MENLONIAN COOKBOOK

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- 2 large potatoes, diced
- 2 large carrots, shredded
- 1 cup of green peas
- Salt to taste

**FOR THE DOUGH**

- 5 cups of all-purpose flour
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- 1 teaspoon of salt
- Chicken stock

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To make the dough, mix the flour with the baking powder, salt and the leftover chicken stock. Combine it all together until the dough has no lumps.

Start warming up the vegetable oil to fry the empanadas. Make small round flat tortillas with your hands, add a tablespoon of the fried chicken in the middle of each and close them. Fry them in the warm vegetable oil until they are golden.

MENLO FAMILY CENTER STAFF

With its unusual and unique population—previously homeless families, children and adults with mental illness, transition aged youth, and low-income families—the Menlo Family Center and its on-site staff were challenged to build a community for the residents. Within one year, our team members, from KYCC’s Youth Services and Clinical Services units, learned to be attuned to the changing needs in the building and brought a level of integrated care and expertise that has positively impacted the lives of nearly 300 tenants.

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REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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REVENUE
$5,603,455.28

EXPENSES
$5,527,892.00

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
$3,037,769.12

FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROGRAMS
$1,328,292.02

FOUNDATION GRANTS
$713,223.17

INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS
$455,442.05

OTHER INCOME
$68,728.92

TOTAL REVENUE
$5,603,455.28

2013-2014

ENVIROMENTAL SERVICES
$1,133,999.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
$621,113.00

CLINICAL
$1,174,492.00

YOUTH
$1,187,911.00

KIDS TOWN
$855,189.00

ADMINISTRATIVE
$264,297.00

FUNDRAISING
$290,891.00

TOTAL EXPENSES
$5,527,892.00

KYCC BY THE NUMBERS

THE CURIOUSLY MENLONIAN COOKBOOK

• Over 30 households contributed recipes
• Recipe with Most Ingredients: a tie between Carne Asada and Pineapple Fried Rice (14 ingredients each!)

HOUSING

• 209 units
• 418 residents in our eight affordable housing buildings

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

• Over 5,000 hours of mental health counseling in English, Spanish and Korean

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

• 4,000,000 sq.ft. of graffiti removed
• 100 tons of trash removed

KIDS TOWN

• KYCC’s preschool, Kids Town, serves 72 children, ages 2.5 to 5, year-round

GANG PREVENTION

• 540 gang prevention program family meetings – one case manager

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

• 643 kids in after-school or summer programs
• 4,080 free meals served
• 2,160 apples

FINANCIAL SERVICES

• Free tax prep for 5,500 families in 2013
• $6.5 million in refunds

VOLUNTEERS

• Over 1,000 volunteers in 2013
• 34,104 hours of service provided
KIDS TOWN
Address: 1140 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90019
Phone: (213) 297-0038

KYCC’s preschool, Kids Town, provides early childhood education for 72 children from the ages of 2.5 to 5 years. Our progressive philosophy emphasizes creative exploration in a developmentally appropriate environment, where children can learn, grow and develop at their own pace. Activities are designed to promote high self-esteem, independent learning and lifelong feelings of competence. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., year-round to meet the needs of working families.

CLINICAL SERVICES
Address: 3727 West 6th Street, Suite 411, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Phone: (213) 365-7400

The Clinical Services Unit offers culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for low-income children, youth and their families. Individual, group and family therapy is provided free of charge in outpatient, school-based and in-home settings.

PREVENTION EDUCATION
Address: 680 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005
Phone: (213) 365-7400

Prevention Education is funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control division. Our goal is to reduce underage drinking in the Koreatown, Pico-Union and Westlake areas and to encourage local community members to advocate for a safe and healthy community. We aim to address the issues of retail access and availability of alcohol as well as transform the social norms that contribute to underage drinking and marijuana use.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Address: 1319 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Phone: (213) 743-8750

The vision of Environmental Services is to engage communities in creating safe, healthy and beautiful neighborhoods. KYCC works with residents and groups to plant, distribute, care for and learn about our community trees. We seek out neighborhoods with few trees and many hands. KYCC beautifies Koreatown and surrounding neighborhoods by leading community cleanups and service projects, and increasing safety by removing graffiti, free of charge, seven days a week. Through neighborhood beautification and environmental education, KYCC is helping to make Los Angeles a cleaner, greener and more livable city.

YOUTH SERVICES
Address: 680 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005
1230 South Menlo Avenue, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90006
Phone: (213) 365-7400

Our academic support programs supplement school education and foster independent learning through out-of-school-time services for low-income children. Youth development and case management programs provide life skills, leadership experience and enrichment for youth to become active community members. Our programs include the Elementary Tutorial, Middle School, and GRYD Gang Prevention Programs, as well as our Summer Day Camp.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED)
Address: 3727 West 6th Street, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Phone: (213) 365-7400

Community Economic Development services and programs focus on building community wealth through helping families achieve financial stability. KYCC owns 209 low-income housing units at 8 locations, providing affordable housing for the residents of Koreatown. Through our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, KYCC helped over 5,500 households file free federal and state income taxes and ensured that those eligible for EIC and Child Tax Credits received tax refunds in 2013. We offer financial coaching and case management services to provide free one-on-one financial guidance, motivation and advice to help families increase financial capability. Our Small Business Development program provides free technical assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs to provide economic opportunities in our community. KYCC also offers utility assistance programs to help non-English speakers resolve their billing issues.
OUR SUPPORTERS

GOVERNMENT
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California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention
City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department
City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department
City of Los Angeles Office of Community Beautification
City of Los Angeles Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development
City Plants
First S LA
Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
Los Angeles County Probation Department
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