

KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2020



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COMMUNITY CENTER

HOT MEALS AND GROCERY DELIVERY



12,100 hot meals delivered
1,851 grocery bags delivered
270 care packages delivered
430 households served
\$108,000 in food assistance
\$76,125 raised, online fundraiser



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

398 people assisted
192 EDD claims approved
\$1,959,722 in
unemployment
assistance



SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

412 people assisted
93 emergency loans
approved
\$3,267,994 in financial
assistance



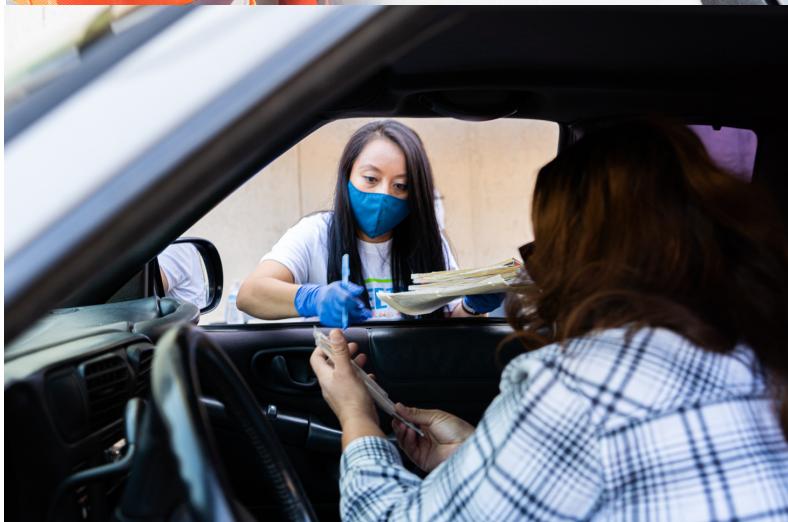
UTILITY ASSISTANCE

334 applications
approved
\$251,243 in utility
assistance

FREE TAX PREP LA

On June 15, 2020, Free Tax Prep LA hosted their first contactless drive-thru tax event. Over 40 tax returns were prepared by our VITA volunteers and staff, and we were able to bring back **\$52,437 in cashback refunds.**

In the 2020 tax season Free Tax Prep LA assisted **767 people** bringing back **\$611,907 in cashback refunds.**



KIDS TOWN

Kids Town preschool re-opened in June 2020 to help support essential workforce families in Koreatown. With three reduced-size classrooms for children ages 2.5 to 5 years, teachers and staff ensured the utmost safety of each child by wearing PPE, regularly sanitizing classrooms and having daily temperature checks. **Currently, 36 students from essential workforce families are enrolled.**

Through monthly Drive By and Say Hi events, Kids Town educators and staff have found ways to supported **80 families with care packages** that included activity books, coloring books, reading books, school supplies, arts and craft activities, curriculum materials, toys and basic essentials such as baby wipes and diapers. **Families were also able to request bags of groceries and other essentials such as diapers for free.**



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Since the "Safer At Home" ordinance was issued in the State of California, our Environmental Services staff have been hard at work, 7 days a week, providing our essential services such as **graffiti removal, loose litter and weed abatement, planting and caring for young trees** in public spaces, and **delivering fruit and shade trees** to plant in your yards.

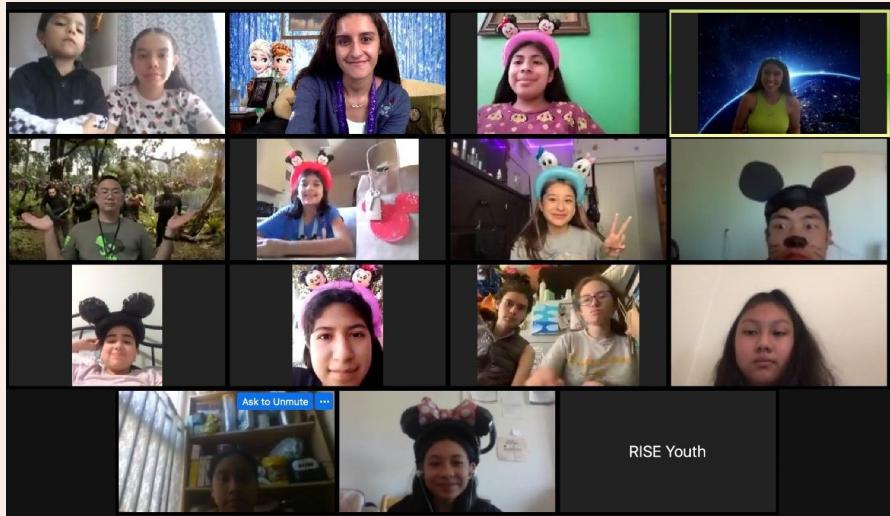
After a night of protests across Los Angeles on May 30, 2020, KYCC's Environmental Services team worked with local authorities to clean streets littered with trash, broken glass, discarded signs and removed graffiti on vandalized storefronts in Downtown Los Angeles and the Fairfax District.



Since March 2020, we've planted **659** trees.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services pivoted to **Zoom sessions** for our elementary, middle and high school students, and even offered one-on-one **tutoring** sessions to students having difficulty adapting to **distance learning** and **remote classrooms**.



**909 HOURS OF REMOTE ENGAGEMENT WITH
50-60% CAPACITY (AROUND 40 STUDENTS).**

RECOVERY SERVICES



Our new **Recovery Services** was filled to capacity, as the effects of isolation and quarantine were particularly difficult for our community struggling with substance use disorders. We were there to provide support as we knew these times were prime for relapsing.

CLINICAL SERVICES



Mental health counseling completely switched to **100% online** since March, providing **1,300 hours** of counseling for around **100 clients**.

KOREATOWN STORYTELLING PROJECT



With funding from The Eisner Foundation, KYCC launched an intergenerational oral history program, where high school youth interviewed elders to document the COVID-19 experience in Koreatown. Over five months, our intrepid reporters documented what quarantine life in Koreatown has been like—for themselves, for the elders whom they befriended, and the community we live in.

"When my mom's hair salon closed down, my dad had to bear more the pressure of having to provide the family financially..."

-Chaerin S.



"I miss the classes that I went in loudly with my friends, the air that our lunch table had, and the soccer field where my friends and I played after eating lunch."

-Yushin K.

CENSUS 2020



KYCC has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to count an increasingly diverse and growing population in Los Angeles for the 2020 Census. KYCC staff planned weekly outreach efforts in the Koreatown area to raise awareness, educate community members and increase census participation.