

# Sheriff's Youth Foundation

Foundation Report 2018





## Mission Statement

We believe every child has the right to *dream*.

We give hope.

Hope to be the person they dream of being.

We are driven to empower our kids with the tool of an education – inspiring confidence and blossoming opportunities.

We show them there *is* a path – and we help them get *on* that path.

We respect and admire the extraordinary uniqueness and story of each and every child.





## Sheriff's Youth Foundation

The Sheriff's Youth Foundation is on an extraordinary trajectory of growth, significantly evolving the finances and all dimensions of the foundation.

Sheriff's Youth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operating in a unique, collaborative partnership with the Sheriff's Department - serving thousands of youth and families in limited-resourced communities throughout Los Angeles County.

With a programming budget of \$5,500,000, Sheriff's Youth Foundation is an after-school program that delivers a plethora of educational, sports, leadership and arts activities through our 16 Youth Academies during the school year and in vibrant summer programs. Many of the Youth Academies are a collaborative partnership between the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation.

The heart and soul of the Youth Academies are its incredible Deputies who mentor, inspire and enhance so many areas of the kids' lives. Every Youth Academy has one or more resident Deputies who serve under the supervision of their Captains and function as mainstays of their communities.



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The Youth Academies are the home of 250+ exceptional Program Managers and Mentors, Sports Coaches, Counselors and Volunteers.

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Celebrating the life-long tool of education, kids across the Youth Academies are mentored, tutored and encouraged to discover their academic talents and interests.

Computer Labs are a center-piece to the program, where all kids are tutored and helped with their daily homework. Reading Clubs engage kids at a young age to enjoy the art of learning through exploration. STEM programs (including robotics) are extremely popular with our junior and high school-aged youth.

Youth learn teamwork, critical thinking skills, and engage in physical activities through diverse sports programs including boxing, basketball, archery, tennis, wrestling, baseball, soccer, flag football, fencing, weight training, volleyball, jiu-jitsu, skateboarding, and martial arts.

Academy-wide and city boxing events at Compton Youth Academy and Century Boxing Academy draw significant crowds and community engagement throughout the year.

Numerous grants from Up2Us Sports, National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (NPAL), Major League Baseball, "Badges for Baseball," United States Tennis Association and others provide financial support of coaches and sports programs across all Youth Academies.



The Visual and Arts Program and activities include violin lessons, art and painting workshops, singing workshops and dancing.

A music/recording studio at Compton Youth Academy inspires kids to discover their creativity and talent -- and houses a podcast studio "globally" broadcast through the Internet.

The "Five Star Talent Show" (at West Hollywood Youth Academy) showcases fabulous talent from kids across all the Youth Academies.

Life skills activities and programming include cooking, hygiene, gardening, skin care, on-premise barber shops and 'beauty rooms.' Workshops through our McGruff Curriculum advocate bullying prevention, crime prevention, community service, and addresses teenage issues such as drugs, drinking + driving, etc..

Compton Youth Academy has created a vibrant gardening program, growing fruits and vegetables for the kids and neighborhood families.



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Sheriff's Scholars is a new initiative, celebrating exceptional students across all Youth Academies; aspiring youth are provided scholarships, college counseling, college prep tutoring, and opportunities to meet leaders from Los Angeles.

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Snack and hot meal programs are provided daily at many of the Youth Academies; in many cases, the only hot meals kids have that day.

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“Our Youth Academies are not just for the kids,” said Jimmy Dunne, Chief Creative Officer. “They are important neighborhood centers for the communities we serve.” A number of Youth Academies host family events throughout the year - including spectacular holiday parties.

Leadership events create extraordinary opportunities for our kids, such as the National PAL Summer Summit to Washington D.C., the CalPAL Conference in Sacramento, the “Life After High School” Youth Conference.

Other initiatives include the Cambridge Self Advocacy program, the PRIDE program, and the Youth Advisory Council (a statewide board of youth leaders). Team Building Programs, “Boys to Men” Empowerment Program, and “Girls on the Run” Girls Empowerment Program engage and inspire our kids.

Youth from across all Academies enjoy field trips to the beach, museums, Los Angeles sporting events and games, hikes, and college campus tours. 150 of our kids just shared a great day and dinner with many of the Lakers’ stars (thanks to East/West Bank).

A first-annual “Sheriff’s Youth Foundation Day” at Lake Castaic afforded kids a great day of swimming, paddle boarding, hiking, canoeing - with a cookout and closing talent and dance contest.



The future of the Sheriff's Youth Foundation is bright.

With the vision and guidance of Executive leadership of Dennis Alfieri (CEO) and Jimmy Dunne (Chief Creative Officer), the Foundation has significantly strengthened its team with additional new hires Amber Wynn (Director of Development) and Daniela Winter (Director of Programming and People).

The Sheriff's Youth Foundation Board of Director's includes an esteemed roster of Los Angeles' leaders and influencers.

Significant funding included the generosity of Jean Perkins Foundation, JHM Foundation, Boston Scientific, East West Bank, Irmis Foundation, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Best Buy, W.M. Keck Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Dwight Stuart Youth Fund, Weingart Foundation, the Green Foundation, Annenberg Foundation, the California Community Foundation, and the Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee.



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We are particularly grateful for the support provided through government agencies and elected officials, including Kathryn Barger, Mark Ridley-Thomas and Janice Hahn (in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Districts).

We have an ambitious strategic plan for the Sheriff's Youth Foundation, significantly evolving and expanding all dimensions of our exponentially-growing foundation.

Funding is the engine for new initiatives, programs and infrastructure that furthers our foundation's mission, creating transformational change in the lives of our youth.

To lead. To inspire. To empower.





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