VISON 2020

In 2020, the AYC Board of Directors completed and launched a strategic plan entitled, “Vision 2020.”

Our strategic plan did not anticipate the Coronavirus Pandemic, nor the current social and racial justice struggles the community is experiencing. However, AYC’s mission and values are still relevant, and we have stepped up to the challenge of providing online services, addressing the digital divide, as well as scaling up the Emergency Food Program from distributing 160 food parcels per month in January to over 60,000 in June alone.

AYC will be releasing our next strategic plan in January 2021 detailing how we plan to continue serving and empowering low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth and families.

Michelle Forrester, Executive Director

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

Beginning in March due to lack of income to buy food for her family, Michelle Romero, a single mother of four, began receiving food from AYC. She was very grateful for the food because she had not been able to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the food ended, she called AYC. They advised her to apply for SNAP because the staff spoke Spanish and it is one of the only times she speaks the language.

Who We Serve

In order to provide youth with prevention, intervention, development and all around support in and as the community, AYC’s programs are divided into four sectors.

WHO WE SERVE

Youth & Family Services (YFS)

AYC serves at-risk youth and families. Community partners and AYC staff work closely with families, delinquency through diversion, social emotional learning, case management services, re-entry services, and aftercare. AYC’s programs served 1,022 youth, parents, and adult post and pre-school-aged youths.

Educational Enrichment Services (EES)

Provides low-income and immigrant youth ages 5-18 with much-needed school supplies and summer school programming. Last year, AYC served 135 at-risk youth, someday, in a middle school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. In FY 2020, 96% of the participants reported that the summer school program was a success.

Employment Services

The Financial Self-Sufficiency Program provides low-income youth ages 16-24 with the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge required for employment. Last year, 35 youth successfully completed job training and earned on average $12/hour.

Community Outreach & Education

In Chinese and Spanish, had contact with and provided information, services, and/or emergency food services to over 1,000 individuals. In addition, the department served many of the youth, families, and adults enrolled in AYC’s programs, and reached more than 20,000 community members through in-person and digital outreach.

In 2020, we provided over 1,200 hours of education to over 200 individuals, including our annual Youth Leadership Academy and our Women’s Leadership Academy, offering a variety of educational sessions to inspire and empower women.

OUR MISSION

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AYC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides services to low-income and immigrant youth, families, and the elderly through a comprehensive array of programs and services. AYC empowers individuals to achieve their goals through education, employment, and self-sufficiency, resulting in a strong, healthy, and vibrant community.

VOLUNTEERS AND STAFFING

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85% Low-income Household

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