

# 2020 IMPACT REPORT



#### **LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

To the Residents, Small Businesses, Community Partners, and Supporters of the Greater Logan Heights neighborhood:

It is my hope that each of you and your family members was able to survive the horrific pandemic that our country and community suffered. There was a lot of suffering, whether from the loss of loved ones, livelihood, or the stability provided by our children's schools. This past year did not begin or end very well, with the loss of such iconic individuals as Kobe Bryant, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Civil Rights hero John Lewis, and Chadwick Boseman—just to name a few.

The pandemic's impact was quickly followed by the tragic deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd with subsequent protests played out in our streets for months, which brought about increased attention to systemic racism and racial inequality beyond what was already known, felt and lived by communities of color. In the first eight months of 2020, police in the U.S. killed 164 black people. Our communities are devastated by these actions and want to see change—not only in our communities and on our streets, but also in the corporations we support, our institutions of learning, and in all aspects of equality in everyday life. There is not a single community, corner, individual, or race that has not been impacted by the events of this past year.

As we tried to leave behind a year of economic perils and racial strife, and usher in a new year with a new U.S. President, we were hit with rioters and terrorists on January 6th as they stormed our nation's Capitol a symbol of our democracy. After wearing the uniform to defend our constitution — I must say I was in shock and in disbelief as I watched it unfold on television. Like the Pandemic of 2020 uncovered the lack of equality in health care and the ordinary living of Black and Brown people, the domestic terrorist plot once again reminds us of Jim Crow south and how much work there is still to be done. I must say that there is so much racism out there right now it makes my blood boil reading some of these articles of the downright disrespect that is happening to people of color. It is not just adults, but also young people. I have hoped that as generations change, so too would racial biases. Although my faith is challenged, it is not broken.

Now with 11 months left in the year, we have a chance to effect change throughout communities by holding our elected leaders accountable, calling out racism within our inner circles, and getting involved in our communities. In 2020, Logan Heights CDC launched our Standup Logan webinar series to inform and arm our community with vital information, and our Resident Leadership Academy that is provided to Logan Heights Residents who want to build community power and improve Logan Heights and San Diego as a whole.

In looking back on 2020, and looking forward to 2021, I hope each of you is able to find the hope that is needed to forge ahead even when days are bleak. One of my favorite Gospel artists, Smokie Norful, guides with the following titles to two of his greatest songs: "Don't Quit" and "Still Say Thank You." When the course corrects, we will have gotten through this together—so please keep your spirits lifted and love on yourself, family, friends, and neighbors.

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# OUR TEAM



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# **PANDEMIC RELIEF**

# **HOUSING**

San Diego County experienced a housing CRISIS during the 2020 Pandemic. Logan Heights CDC was instrumental in providing front-line assistance as a Community Based Organization partnered with the San Diego Housing Commission. LHCDC helped residents with one-on-one technical assistance (TA) in completing their applications.

\$89,000

In relief funds received by residents from the City of San Diego and County of San Diego

700+

Residents supported with Technical Assistance

210

Small businesses

133

Small businesses assisted with grant & loan applications

\$1,070,427

Awarded to small businesses assisted by LHCDC

# **SMALL BUSINESS**

The Small Business Development Team worked tirelessly to provide hundreds of hours of TA to small business owners to ensure that as many of them as possible successfully applied for emergency funds, grants, and loans. In addition to all the technical assistance and outreach done, the team planned events and assisted with housing applications.

Though 2020 was challenging, the team was able to grow and learn through the unprecedented circumstances presented.





#### STRENGTH DURING A CRISIS!

Shifting our programs to a virtual format kept our residents and community members connected and safe. It has been inspiring to witness our residents and leaders of all ages persist in their work to revitalize the community, despite navigating a challenging year.

In 2020, Logan Heights CDC launched its first Residential Leadership Academy program with the mission to empower and support those in the Logan & Historic Barrio Communities. From this cohort, five community members graduated from the 10-week session and presented on topics that mattered to them, such as neighborhood safety, bike lanes, and healthy food systems.



Logan Heights CDC RLA 2020

All graduates presented on their topics and the outreach they did for each issue area and will be working with Logan Heights CDC through a Community Advocacy Network to address neighborhood issues.



Logan Heights CDC Emergent Entrepreneurship Program

LEEP (Logan Heights CDC Emergent Entrepreneurship Program) is a FREE 10-week course that is intended to help to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs solidify their business or business plans.

Every week a guest speaker is invited to speak about a business topic within his/her area of expertise. Participants are also given weekly readings and tasks that serve as building blocks for when they make their business pitch. They are also given resources and contacts that will be beneficial for them in setting up or establishing their business.

On the last week of the cohort program, a panel is invited to critique and provide input to each participant based on their presentation about their business. A winner for Best Pitch is announced and participants are given a certificate to signify that they have successfully completed the program.



#### **FUTURE ACHIEVERS PRESCHOOL**











SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING + ARTS • MATHEMATICS

When Future Achievers Preschool had to shut down in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, we did not know how we were going to reopen. However, with the help of a \$25,000 grant from the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund at The San Diego Foundation, Future Achievers was able to rehire its staff and reopen two months after shutting its doors—much to the relief of parents.



Voyager's Achievers building a molecule (STEAM Activity)

# Supporting Child Development \$25,000 Grant to Logan Heights Community Development Corporation SDFoundation.org/COVID19

Four families received scholarships in 2020 Totaling \$20,400





Matching and sorting



My son has a very hard time adjusting to anything and I knew starting preschool was going to be very difficult for him...and it was. But Ms. Shannon, Ms. Pam, and Ms. Sonya did amazing in making not only my son comfortable but for me too. They are all so patient, loving, and kind. He is only four weeks in and I already see so much progress. I can't wait to see how much growth is going to happen. Amazing school!"

~Jasmine Corona, Parent



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#### **AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Small Business Owners selected the banner design winners and led the efforts to install 60 banners between 19th and 32nd street on Imperial Avenue. Those banners will go up in early 2021.



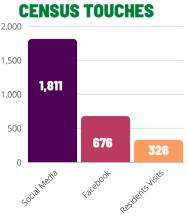


BANNER UNVELLING
Banner unveiling info coming

# SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The main purpose of the campaign is to promote small businesses in the community. This year, 10 businesses signed up to participate and were given Swag Bags as well as Passports as a marketing initiative to push the activity. Likewise, the Logan Heights Business District Page was also used to promote the activity.

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



Logan Heights Business District





Provided information to 4,544 regarding voter registration



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### **IMPACTFUL EVENTS**







# 3 TOWNHALLS AND 6 STAND-UP LOGAN WEBINARS WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 485











DRIVE

# Community CEALTE

- Impact:
  - Spread awareness on the complexities of women's health remotely through the COVID-19 pandemic
  - At least 2-3 monthly webinars monthly
    - Average of 10 30 attendees
    - In collaboration with other physicians, non-profit organizations, and local schools

#### Activities

- Hosted virtual webinars regarding feminine health, transgender identity and gender dysphoria
  - 300+ viewers
- Virtual 'Gold Table Talk' with Xavier University of Louisiana Panelist
  - 75 attendees
- Uterine Fibroids Awareness
  - Expand awareness of uterine fibroids beyond San Diego county
- Contraception Event
  - 3 Midwives and 1 NP attended IUD training event on location
    - Impact- 250 San Diego patients educated and 10 IUD placed to date



- Annual Toys4Tots Drive with LHCDC: Food delivery, toy drive and free flu vaccinations (new) in collaboration with San Diego Black Nurses Association and Champions for Health
  - 300 families served
  - 71 adults and children immunized
- Hosted watch parties via Facebook Live and shared articles regarding the COVID vaccine
  - 200+ viewers



#### **2020 FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

## **SUPPORT & REVENUE**

GRANTS \$296,772.50
FEES FOR SERVICE/OTHER \$152,805.73
FUNDRAISING \$10,000.27
CONTRIBUTIONS \$176.274.22

**TOTAL REVENUE \$635,873.35** 

## **EXPENSES**

PROGRAMS \$113,114.30 ADMIN \$224,607.96 FUNDRAISING \$9,740.41 PRESCHOOL \$197,622.32

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$545,084.99** 



#### **OUR MISSION AND VISION**

TO STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN GREATER LOGAN HEIGHTS
NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC
GROWTH, AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

