# SHAREFEST 2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT





# **OUR MISSION**

Empower under-served youth to transform their future and become leaders of collaborative community change.

WHO WE SERVE



### 397 **TOTAL YOUTH SERVED**

FROM SCHOOL YEAR 2018 **THROUGH SUMMER 2019** 

We work with under-resourced middle and high school youth in local schools, at our new youth center in San Pedro and throughout South Bay neighborhoods.

Torrance

West Carson



### **PROGRAM LOCATIONS CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS**

AVALON • Wilmington PATTON • Harbor City ANGEL'S GATE • San Pedro SIMON RODIA • South Gate

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

HARRY BRIDGES\* • Wilmington DODSON • Rancho Palos Verdes WILMINGTON • Wilmington DANA · San Pedro

\*Started in 2019

### BARRIERS SHAREFEST YOUTH FACE

- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
- AFFECTED BY GANG VIOLENCE
- IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- OVER-AGE/UNDER-CREDIT
- UNDOCUMENTED OR FIRST GENERATION US CITIZEN

## SHAREFEST YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

67% HISPANIC

17% AFRICAN-AMERICAN

6% WHITE

5% ASIAN

5% OTHER

60%
OF ADULTS IN
WILMINGTON HAVE
NOT COMPLETED
HIGH SCHOOL

85%
OF OUR YOUTH
ARE LOW INCOME

BASED ON ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

50%
OF OUR YOUTH
HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM





POVERTY IS NOT ABOUT A LACK OF MONEY. IT'S ABOUT A LACK OF POWER.

> -JOHN POWELL, MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP MEMBER

# **OUR PROGRAMS**

### SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Sharefest delivers high-quality curriculum and activities for continuation high school students to help them meet graduation requirements, expand their experiences, and stay in school. Some of the classes we provide include creative writing, college preparation and communication skills.

Serving 250+ students a year at four locations, this pathway to graduation program keeps students off the streets and engaged in creative, physical, and intellectual pursuits designed to help them graduate and pursue purposeful futures.

#### **KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

CREDIT RECOVERY

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEARNING

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

**MENTORING** 

### SHAREFEST GIVES OUR STUDENTS HOPE, FOCUS, AND THE MOTIVATION TO REACH FOR THE STARS. SHAREFEST IS A GAME CHANGER.

- VICTORIO GUTIERREZ, SIMON RODIA HIGH SCHOOL





265 STUDENTS

ENROLLED AT FOUR CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOLS



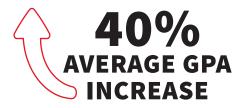
92% of STUDENTS

COMPLETED THE SCHOOL YEAR



207 STUDENTS

COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE COURSE FOR SCHOOL CREDIT



### **73** HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: CREATIVE WRITING

Many of our students have never written a poem or spoken in front of their peers. Students draw on personal experiences and make themselves vulnerable as they use words to process and express their feelings.



OF WHY I'M HERE IN THIS TYPE OF SCHOOL, YOU SEE I HAVE A HISTORY
OF DIAGNOSES THAT HAVE BEEN STACKING UP SINCE I WAS THIRTEEN
BIPOLAR, MDD, PTSD, ANXIETY
ALL OF THESE THINGS CONSUMING ME, I'M DROWNING IN THE SHALLOW END OF MY
THOUGHTS I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T EVEN BREATHE

MY HEAD'S FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT NEGATIVITY

I'M SO FRUSTRATED AND TIRED OF BEING ME

IF WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MYSTERY

MI HEAD 3 FILLED WITH NOTHING BOT NEGATIVITY

**COULD IT BE** 

BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS TOO SHORT, TOO FAT, TOO THIN, TOO FLAT, TOO THIS TOO THAT? TOO LOOSE, TOO PRUDE, BUT IT'S COOL MY DUDE

I STOPPED CARING WHAT PEOPLE THINK A LONG TIME AGO, I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE

- EXCERPT FROM KIMBERLY'S FINAL PROJECT

### SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Launched as a way to provide a safe place for learning and growth during the summer months in 2007, Summer Youth Leadership Academy serves nearly 150 students every summer.

Programs focus on giving students access to opportunities to expand their potential. Our programming focuses on helping youth increase power and autonomy, build social connectedness and make them aware of college and career pathways.



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#### **KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ART THFRAPY

SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

PEER MENTORSHIP

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: MARATHON PETROLEUM

Marathon Petroleum has partnered with our students the past two summers to serve the Carson community. Their partnership has allowed for our students to learn why service is significant to a large company and the importance of giving back to your own community, and provided our students with the opportunity to learn from and have questions answered by the Marathon Petroleum intern team. Serving alongside one another showed that, by working together, they can lead positive change in their own communities.







### **2019 SHAREFEST COMMUNITY WORKDAY**

Bringing Sharefest youth, volunteers and corporate partners together, Community Workday has been an annual event since 2004. Teams complete improvement projects all around the South Bay area while forming relationships that span across Sharefest's programs.

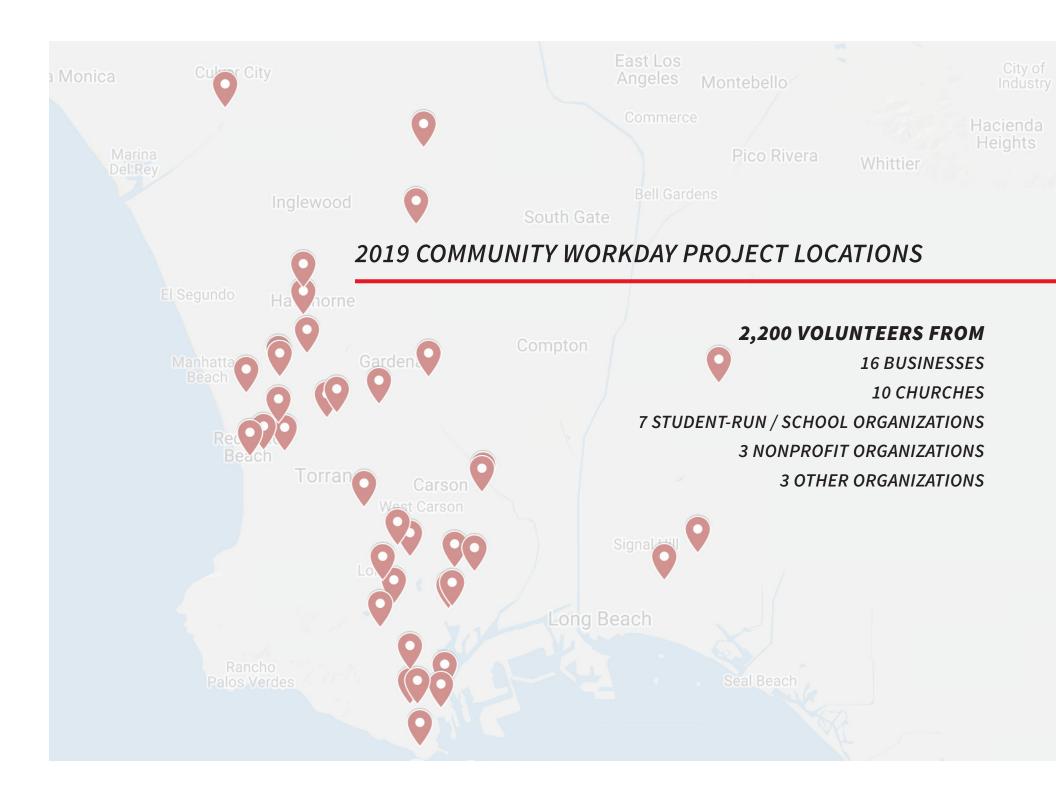












### SHAREFEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CENTER

Sharefest received the abandoned jail in the San Pedro Municipal Building to transform into our Youth Leadership Center. After years of planning and fundraising, the center was opened in 2019. Programs at the center serve youth who are facing significant barriers. The programs take place in collaborative cohorts to create a sense of belonging and a peer network of support.

















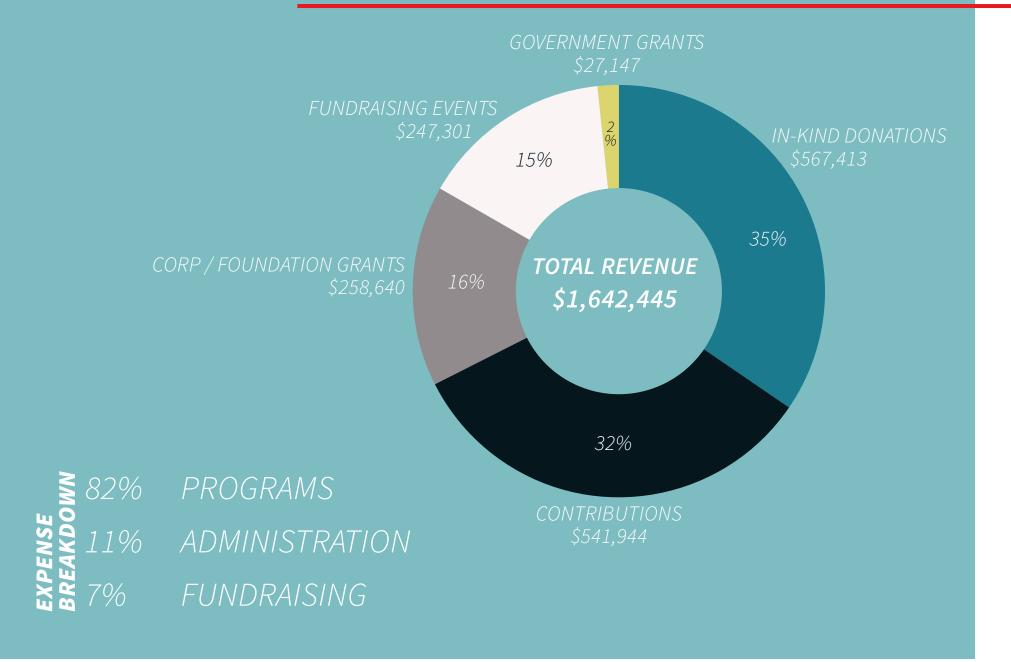


THE SHAREFEST INSTRUCTORS HELPED ME ACADEMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. THEY HELPED ME SET GOALS, MOTIVATED ME AND REMINDED ME OF MY DREAM TO BECOME A TEACHER. I FINISHED 110 CREDITS THAT SCHOOL YEAR, AND 30 OF THOSE WERE FROM SHAREFEST.

-NESTOR, SHAREFEST INSTRUCTOR & FORMER SHAREFEST STUDENT



### 2018 FINANCIALS



GIVING YOUTH HOPE FOR THEIR FUTURE, SKILLS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS, AND PASSION TO CREATE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES.

