



Your contributions

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



"After I was diagnosed with HIV, I felt like people only saw me for my diagnosis, but SALEF has given me the opportunity to see beyond that. It has given me the chance to shine as the true leader I was born to be"

*-Jorge-Armando Diaz, Master of Social Welfare
UCLA, 2008 SALEF Scholarship Recipient*

Civic Engagement Programs

Throughout the years we have brought awareness, to the Latino community of the importance of becoming naturalized citizens for the purpose of increasing the Latino voice in the political and electoral process. We have also advocated for AB 540, for fair and comprehensive immigration reform, the California Dream Act, for the A-G resolution and in opposition of overcrowded schools in Los Angeles.

The Dream Scholarship Fund

Since 1998, this fund has made higher education, for undocumented and under-served Latino students, possible. Your contributions are an investment in future leaders and we are proud to say that over \$1.1 million have been invested thus far.



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

This program has been made possible with the support and partnership of the City of Los Angeles and the Economic Workforce Development Department. Youth have been able to gain professional experience, develop their professional self, and help explore career paths, while also alleviating financial hardships.

Construyendo Un Nuevo Sueño/ Building a New Dream

SALEF has been a big advocate for refugee status for unaccompanied minors in the United States. We have assisted thirty young people assimilate through mentoring, tutoring, home visits, fieldtrips, professional referrals, and leadership training. We have welcomed them and have provided them with a network of support.



Vecinos para la Reserva de Energía (VERDE)/ Neighbors for Energy Conservation

In partnership with LADWP, we have been able to raise awareness, within the Latino communities, about the importance of conserving water and power as well as methods of conservation.

Padres en Acción/ Parents in Action

Like Youth in Action, SALEF empowers parents to be their own advocates by teaching them how to effectively communicate with school administration and government agencies. They also gain knowledge in community organizing and financial literacy.

Jóvenes en Acción/ Youth in Action

Youth in Action provides a safe place for youth to voice their concerns about issues that affect their quality of life and education. They are proactive in crafting a student-directed campaign to address an issue they face.



SALEF'S International Work

As part of our mission to contribute to the democratization process of El Salvador and to strengthen relationships with the U.S., SALEF organizes good-will delegations. Since our first delegation, in 1997, we have taken many civic, public and community leaders on our fact finding, business and electoral oriented delegations to El Salvador. Recently, we took one delegation to monitor municipal and legislative actions, within the city, as well as explore business and cultural program developments between Los Angeles and it's sister city.



Mi Futuro Mentorship Program

Professionals and undergraduates give back to their community by mentoring youth living in Los Angeles. By fostering leadership and critical thinking, mentors empower youth to take ownership of their futuro.



Monsignor Oscar A. Romero Memorial Plaza

In November 2013, the plaza was unveiled to commemorate the life of Archbishop Oscar A. Romero. It was the first of its kind and was made possible through partnerships with L.A. City Council, Former Councilmember Ed Reyes, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Archbishop Jose Gomez, Councilmembers Gil Cedillo, Mitch O'Farrell, Senator Kevin DeLeon, and other important members of the community.

Sister City

In 2005, the Sister City Agreement was signed making San Salvador, El Salvador the twenty-second sister city of Los Angeles. In 2007, former mayor of L.A. Antonio R. Villaraigosa made a historic visit to El Salvador, where he met with President, Elias Antonio Saca and mayor, Dr. Violeta Menjívar.



Leadership Involvement & Development through Empowerment and Representation (L.I.D.E.R)

This summer program was established to increase political and civic participation amongst youth of Latino descent. Every summer, high school and college students partake in a legislative tour of Sacramento as well as a community service project that helps L.A. residents. Ten students are selected for internships at government and non-profit organizations in order to facilitate professional development.

"The key to my success during my educational journey was mentorship and I feel fortunate to have been able to pay it forward by serving as a SALEF mentor."

*-Erica Lizano, MSW, MPA, PhD
SALEF mentor/APESA*

LATINO YOUTH, FACTS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP

Academically, Latinos are

**lagging
dangerously**

far behind their non-Hispanic peers

66%

... OF LATINOS WHO GOT A
JOB OR ENTERED THE
MILITARY AFTER
HIGHSCHOOL CITED THE
NEED TO HELP SUPPORT
THEIR FAMILY AS A
REASON FOR **NOT**
ENROLLING IN COLLEGE

**more
likely**
than other groups

ALTHOUGH DROP OUT RATES HAVE
DECREASED, LATINO YOUTH HAVE THE
HIGHEST RATE (7%)



IN CALIFORNIA

48%

**PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS ARE
LATINO**

RESEARCH SHOWS INTEGRATING SOCIAL SERVICES THROUGH
COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE SALEF, HAS POSITIVE
EFFECTS ON YOUTHS HEALTH AND MENTAL WELL-BEING WHICH,
IN TURN, POSITIVELY AFFECTS SCHOOLING OUTCOMES.



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY AFFECT THE LIVES THEY
REACH AND WITH THEM, SALEF CAN CONTINUE
DEVELOPING LATINO YOUTH INTO LEADERS. TOGETHER
WE MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE.

\$250

\$500

**YOUR
DONATIONS
ASSIST
WITH**

\$3000

\$6000

THE TRAINING
OF 100 MENTORS

ONE
SEMESTER OF
TUTORING

ONE
SEMESTER
AT A CSU

ONE
SEMESTER
AT A UC

