



YOUTH CENTER

INTRODUCING BRESEE FOUNDATION

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY



Bresee's youth, family, and gang prevention programs serve the Central Los Angeles neighborhoods of Koreatown, Westlake, Rampart, Pico Union, and Downtown. The LAFC Youth Leadership Program offers a satellite program in South Los Angeles.

EACH YEAR BRESEE SERVES:

Families

2,000 adults and family members

Youth

900 middle and high school students

Anti-Gang

100 youth at risk for gang activity (10-15 years old)



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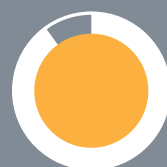
100%



Percentage of youth and families served by Bresee that

are considered low-income based on the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG poverty levels; 97% are considered very low- or extremely low-income.

90%



Percentage of Bresee's service population that **identifies as**

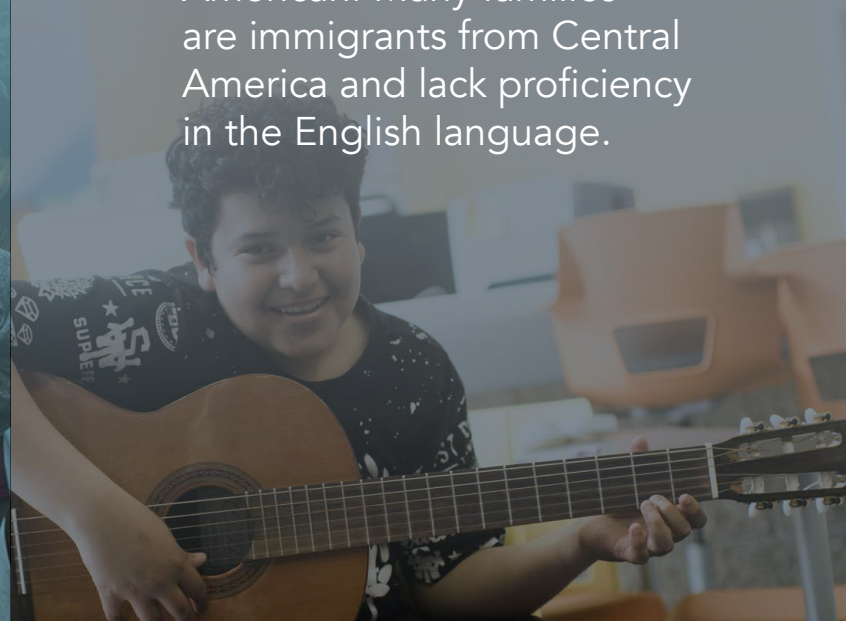
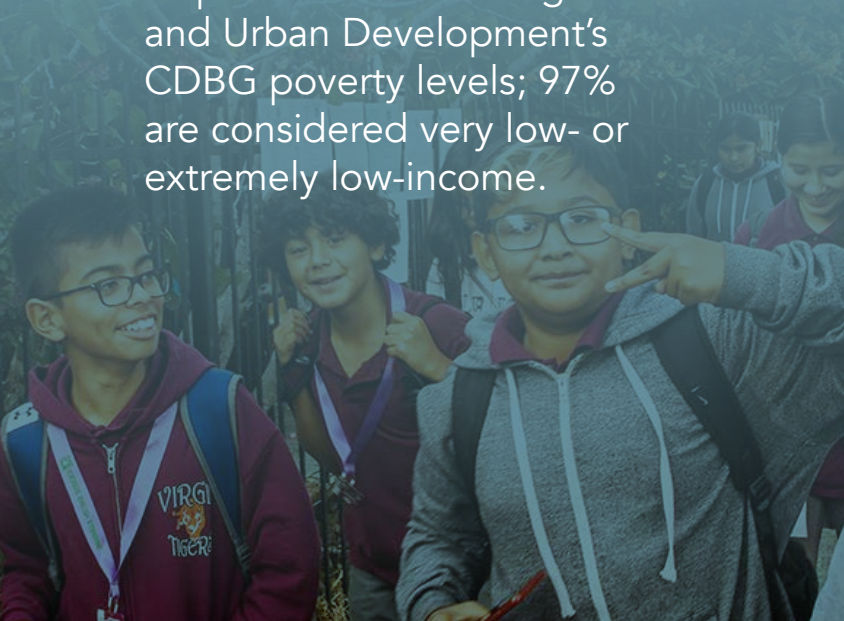
Hispanic or Latino. 5% identifies as Asian or Asian American. Many families are immigrants from Central America and lack proficiency in the English language.

1%



Less than 1% of Bresee clients **are homeowners,** compared to 46%

of the general population who live in the Los Angeles metro area.



ABOUT BRESEE



Our Mission

To battle poverty by empowering youth and families in Los Angeles with the skills, resources, and relationships necessary to thrive.



Our Vision

A diverse community of Angelenos working together to break down barriers and lead fulfilling lives.



Our Values

- Integrity
- Community
- Resilience
- Life-long learning
- Compassion

PROGRAMS



Family Source

Bresee operates the City of Los Angeles' Wilshire FamilySource Center (FSC) that reaches 2,000 community members each year. FSC provides academic case management for middle school youth, financial asset building, ESL and computer literacy classes, and legal immigration services, among other services.



Gang Reduction

Bresee operates the City of Los Angeles' Olympic Zone Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) program that reaches more than 100 youth each year. Bresee's efforts include in-depth risk assessment, family and youth coaching, and group activities to build family relationships and positive peer groups.



Middle School

Bresee provides homework help, academic enrichment arts and sports workshops to nearly 140 middle school students every day throughout the school year. A total of 25 students also take part in the English for Success program, helping strengthen English skills and prepare for success in high school.

PROGRAMS



Teen Tech

Bresee's state-of-the-art Teen Tech Center offered in partnership with Best Buy and The Clubhouse Network provides access to STEAM educational resources that are unavailable at many local middle and high schools. Students explore resources independently and join workshops like Girls Who Code and Robotics.

Internships

Bresee currently offers three paid internships for 55 low-income high school juniors: Goals 4 Life, Media, and LAFC Youth Leadership Program. Each internship opportunity aims to prepare students for future careers in leadership, social work/education, media and technology.

College Access

Bresee empowers high school seniors with individualized college advising services, including SAT preparation. Bresee awards need-based scholarships and provides college persistence programs to assist first-generation students. Students have attended universities such as Princeton, UPenn and UCLA, among others.

SUCCESS STORY



Chelsy M.

Chelsy is a former gang-prevention program participant and recent high school intern for the GRYD team. She came to Bresee as the result of her mother's intensive effort to keep her from joining a local crew.

Co-enrolled in the gang prevention and middle school programs, Chelsy quickly blossomed, discovering a passion for dance and community service.

During her recent internship, Chelsy worked with the GRYD team, bringing personal insight and experience to her work. She also launched and facilitated **Self Me/Self Love**, a girl's group focused on building self-esteem and confidence. She also used her love for dance to lead a Zumba class for GRYD youth and Bresee staff.

Chelsy is now attending California State University Channel Islands, and her GRYD family couldn't be prouder of her journey and growth.

Fact

25% of Bresee's staff members are alumni who returned to continue Bresee's mission of empowering the most at-risk and low-income youth in Los Angeles to achieve their full potential.

SUCCESS STORY

Ana S.

Ana was a successful student in Bresee Media Internship program. However, when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, Ana's future in the media arts was put at risk.

With the help of Bresee's FamilySource Center, Ana's family was provided with emergency rental assistance so that Ana's mother could receive treatment and return to full health without going into debt.

Ana's mom is now cancer-free and Ana is attending Princeton University with the support of a Bresee Scholarship.



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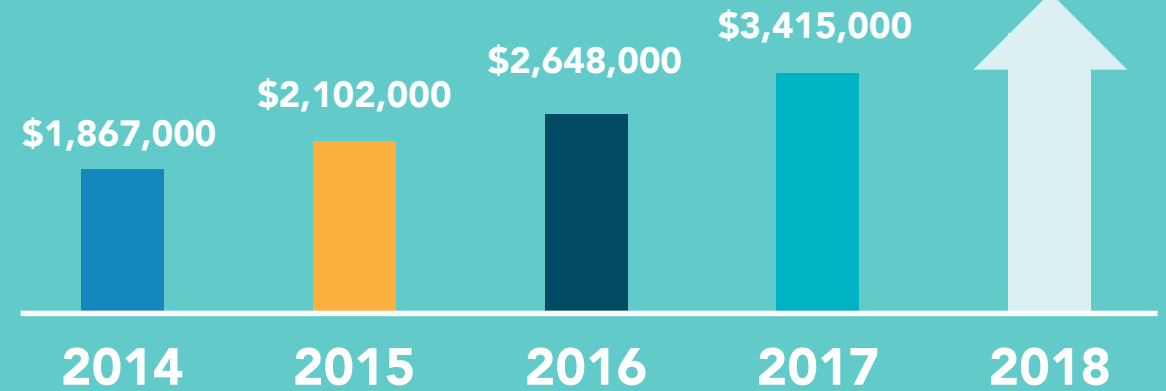
64% of residents in Bresee's community are surviving at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, compared to 33% of people nationally, according to 2016 5-year ACS estimates.

GROWING WITH OUR PARTNERS

Visit Guidestar to view Bresee's updated financial documents.

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