

FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Arts and Enterprise Foundation Newsletter

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Scholarships- Upon graduation, students from our partner school, The Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise, who attend a post secondary institution receive a scholarship. We are proud to announce that the Maya Moreno scholarship is awarded to the valedictorian at the school each year. The Maya Moreno scholarship is made possible by Frances Moreno.

Internships- We connect students with local businesses and organizations that help students grow in the arts and business. Upon completion of the internships, youth are issued a stipend that is funded by our foundation. We currently have opportunities for youth to intern at Premiere Entertainment and Everybody Dance LA. Premiere Entertainment is an international film sales company, which has rapidly acquired over 100 new titles since its formation in 2012. They travel to all of the major festivals and markets to negotiate deals for films, placing it with the top buyers from around the world. Everybody Dance LA! offers high-quality dance education in low-income areas of Los Angeles for youth ages 4-19, instilling high expectations and cultivating the lifelong skills of collaboration, discipline, and expression.

Extracurricular activities-By providing youth with extracurricular opportunities we give youth the best opportunity to reach their full potential. If it weren't for the Arts and Enterprise Foundation many youth would not have the opportunity to engage in outdoor camps, art residencies, and experiences such as Junior Achievement Finance park.



OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Thanks to your donations to the Arts and Enterprise Foundation (AEF) we were able to provide students who qualify for free or reduced lunches with 2 vouchers so they can purchase food or necessary toiletries to help them navigate through the pandemic. The majority of the students we serve live in the Westlake and Inglewood neighborhoods of Downtown Los Angeles both of which have been ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. At one point during summer of 2022 Westlake had the highest COVID cases (26) and COVID-19 related deaths (43) in any Los Angeles neighborhood. Inglewood also ranked in the top neighborhoods for total deaths due to COVID-19 with a death rate of 1 per 100 persons. Neighborhood Data for Social Change (2022). Altogether we were able to distribute over 200 worth of food vouchers to the families we serve. The help of AEF was of tremendous benefit as over 90% of the youth we serve qualify for free or reduced lunches.

PARTNERS

