

SPREAD THE LOVE, NOT COVID

Grab 'N Go Event



In celebration of Valentine's Day, Community Build, Inc. Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GYRD) Intervention and Prevention Southwest 1 Teams held a special "Spread the Love, Not COVID" Grab 'N Go event on February 11. Over 200 gift bags filled with masks, first aid kits, hand sanitizers, bottles of water, candy, and COVID-19 fact sheet, CBI information, various hygiene items as well as lunch, were distributed to individuals and families.

"With the new strains of COVID that just arrived on our soil, we wanted to make sure that we were reminding people of the importance of loving the family that they're with," said GRYD Prevention Southwest 1 Director Tracee Green. "We want to remind them to wear their masks and be respectful when they go out so that they're not risking their lives in addition to the lives of their family."

CBI's GRYD Intervention and Prevention Southwest 1 programs are funded by the City of Los Angeles Mayor's office of Gang Reduction and Youth development. Both programs provide individualized case management services tailored to meet the needs of individuals and families in South Los Angeles.

GYRD Intervention Southwest 1 provides wraparound services to at-risk, probationary, and/or gang (crew) involved youth between the ages of 14 and 25, that reside in and around the Southwest 1 GRYD Zone. The goal of CBI's Intervention Program is to connect clients to employment and/or vocational training, resulting in employment with benefits and a living wage to ensure long-term success and overall improvement in their quality of life.

GYRD Prevention Southwest 1 is designed to promote youth development and reduce the influence of street gangs in the lives of youth ages 10 to 15. This is done by creating youth-centered programming dedicated to social well-being and academic success. Case managers plan, develop, and implement diversionary activities that are specific to each client to ensure that families are equipped with the necessary tools to implement positive changes.

“Whether it’s our GRYD Programs, Safe Passage, Project SAVE or our housing program, our job is to provide a safety net and bring opportunity and options for the residents of South Los Angeles,” said CBI President Robert Sausedo. “We exist to bring hope to the community.”

Community Build, Inc.’s programs and services have been committed to restoring hope through a culture of care in South Los Angeles since 1992. For more information visit communitybuildinc.org or call 323.290.6560.