

Bright Futures Scholars at a TV Taping

The Quality of Life Center, Inc., a charitable, community based non-profit 501(C)(3) agency, was established in 2004. The specific purpose of the agency is to institute programs that will educate urban communities on the availability of assistance to low income, at risk youth and families residing in the Altadena/Pasadena and surrounding areas. The Quality of Life Center, Inc.'s mission is supported by many community leaders, such as those currently committed and mentoring in the Bright Futures Scholars Support Program:

Mentors

Congressman Adam Schiff Congresswoman Judy Chu California State Senator Carol Liu Assembly Member Chris Holden Former Assembly Member Anthony Portantino Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard Quality of Life Center CEO Dr. Sandra E. Thomas Pasadena Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson Pasadena City Council John Kennedy Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy D. Baca Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez Santa Paula Chief of Police Steve McLean Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain **John Benedict** California Highway Patrol in Altadena Captain Steve Strull LA County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby Pasadena City Manager Michael J. Beck Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Jon R. Gundry PCC Superintendent/President Dr. Mark W. Rocha Pasadena City Attorney Michele Bagneris Pasadena Water & Power General Manager Phyllis Currie Pasadena Juvenile Court Judge Phillip Soto Superior Court Judge Michael Carter Superior Court Judge Lia Martin



Mentor Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich keeps the Bright Futures Scholars

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BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Bright Futures Scholars Meet Monthly

Quality of Life Center Mission Statement

The mission of the Quality of Life Center, Inc. is to develop and manage centers with multi-cultural programs and services designed to ensure that opportunities for success are equally shared by all participants with a desire to improve their quality of life.

Our new and innovative programs somewhat defy the norm but have proven to be extremely successful in meeting the needs and providing youth an opportunity to prove to themselves that dedication, perseverance, honesty and hard work will improve their quality of life. Many of our young people are dropping out of school, depressed, have no sense of self worth and are turning to the streets for attention and understanding. Some are brilliant scholars, with extremely high GPA's, who are simply trapped in unfortunate situations and have had no chance to follow their dream. If we don't help them, who will?



Bright Futures Scholars at Pasadena City Council Meeting

The Bright Futures Scholars Support Program:

- Extends itself to targeted low-income, high achieving (3.0 GPA+) students completing high school against insurmountable odds. The goal is to provide these young scholars with the tools necessary to quest for success.
- A vital component of this program provides "one on one" mentoring from our communities finest. Committed mentors include congressmen, senators, assembly members, mayors, county supervisors, physicians, clergy, corporate CEO's, attorneys, scientists, engineers, artist, educators, judges, law enforcement officials, corporate managers and administrators.
- Bright Futures Scholars participate as junior council members (representing their mentors and schools all over the nation). Council meetings are televised monthly and aired on Public Access Television.
- Bright Futures Scholars will maintain a website and a newsletter which will be circulated throughout local public and private area high schools.
- Scholars attend an exciting Washington D.C.
 Spring Leadership Retreat. The retreat has proven to be a life changing experience for all participants.



Scholars during Washington DC. Leadership Retreat

Without programs such as the ones offered in the Quality of Life Center, Inc., one out of every three low-income minority students attending high school will drop out before earning a diploma (2007 PUSD Statistics). Most will not be encouraged to return to school, nor offered pre-training to become marketable in corporate America. Many low-income family scholars will not reach their pull potential without assistance. The Quality of Life Center, Inc. remains extremely optimistic and will continue to assist youth, young adults and families in low-income, at-risk communities by providing services that improve the quality of life for all..



Bright Futures Scholars with the Altadena Sheriff Station personnel during their Annual Food Drive

<u>The Healthy Youth Development Program</u> Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise

These multi-cultural health programs are geared to youth (of all ages) and families. The programs further extend themselves to addressing health issues and concerns of atrisk and low-income youth and families. Health education, at all levels, is provided to assist in maintaining healthy living and positive life choices.



Bright Futures Scholars Annual Health Fair