

## **WHY SUPPORT YOUTH UNITED?**

### **YOUTH UNITED PROVIDES A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN.**

According to 1999 National Report Series, youth are at greater risk of being victims of crime, or participating in anti-social behaviors between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. A joint report from the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Justice, shows that students in after-school programs exhibit fewer behavioral problems, better ability to handle conflicts and improved self-confidence. Our services and programs are designed to address the growing need for quality after-hours care for youth.

### **YOUTH UNITED PROVIDES SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN AN AREA OF NEED.**

Youth United offers a variety of services and activities for youth and their families. Youth United is located in zip code 90047 and our current students attend schools in this area and surrounding neighborhoods, and/or the families live or work in this area. Our programs are open to students who reside or attend school in any area, and also who are of any race, gender, class, and ethnicity.

### **YOUTH UNITED ADDRESSES THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL DROPOUT RATE.**

The dropout rate for Los Angeles High schools is significantly higher than all other schools in the region, and the numbers for African-Americans and Latinos are higher than that of other ethnicities. Grade retention contributes to the likelihood that a student will drop out of school. According to Education Week, students who have been retained at least once are 33% more likely to drop out by age 18 than non-retained students. We work with students to improve test scores, reinforce basic skills, provide specialized tutoring, help with daily homework, and most of all, support them in a positive environment.