

December 2, 2011

Only 29 Days Left in the Global Giving Campaign!



The LA Corps is participating in the Global Giving charity website's Open Challenge, which lasts until December 31st - our goal is to raise \$4,000 from at least 50 donors in order to stay on the website and raise additional funds for our projects. We are currently featuring the Community Garden and Urban Farm at East LA as our fundraising project and every donation gets us closer to meeting our goal!

Please help us get the word out to friends, family and our partners by emailing them, posting our link on your Facebook and Twitter pages, or just talking to them about the Challenge! The website offers the ability to donate by check, credit card, text (send **GIVE 9213** to **80088** to make a \$10 donation) or to make a donation in honor of someone else (and send them an e-card announcement). It's the perfect holiday gift!

For more information, visit our [page](#).

SEA Lab Receives Crystal Vision Award

On Thursday, December 1st, Brent Scheiwe - Director of SEA Lab and Bruce Saito - Executive Director, accepted a \$45,000 grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California at the Crystal Vision Awards Luncheon in Hawthorne. Employees of Boeing in Southern California contribute the funds for these grants through personal donations and take an active role in selecting the organizations that receive awards. The grant will be used to support environmental education programs at SEA Lab. For more information about the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California, please visit their [website](#).



Brent and Bruce Saito accepting the grant award; Brent with Carrie Bollwinkle, Executive Director of ECF of Boeing CA

Young Adult Corps



Corpsmember Thanksgiving at the Park

On Wednesday, November 23rd, the LA Corps hosted its annual Corpsmember Thanksgiving Luncheon at LA State Historic Park. The Staff, led by Kari Alire and her team, provided and served a luncheon feast to all of our hardworking Young Adult Corpsmembers. The YAC Leadership Council sponsored a food drive and challenged each site to collect the most food to donate. East LA brought in the most donations and won the chance to select an ELA staff member to be The Great Turkey (thank you to Celia Garcia for being a good sport!) The New Session graduates were recognized, prizes were raffled off and each site recognized their outstanding Corpsmembers (see photos below). For more photos of the festivities, click [here](#).



ELA: Alex Lopez, Jose Carreon-Padilla, Melody Pruitt, Ibrahim Francis, Guadalupe Rosales; Nick Riehl and Meghan Shearer ~ Ismael Orozco not pictured; LAEC Award winners with Charles Ramos



NELA: Pablo Cardoso, Armando Sanchez, Hector Ayon, Maribel Briseno, Traveon Jackson & Lorena Alonzo; SEA Lab: Maria Madrigan, Daniel Vargas, Alissa Nagano & Brent Scheiwe



SLA: *Jessie Salmon, Robert Skillman, Caesar Gonzalez, Vanessa Rios, & Ana Lopez;*

Weatherization: *Alvaro Morales, Alberto Ramirez, Matthew Cisneros, Jonathan Bahena & Pedro Moreno*



Administrative Office: *Angelo Golden, Karen Stone and Humberto Mendoza;*

GIC/Water Efficiency: *Johnathan Lee, Dahae Hwang, Oscar Anaya, Javier Zuloaga, Ashton Castillo & Kimberly Ramirez with Hop Hopkins and Melinda Grodsky – not pictured Irvin Centeno & Elizabeth Valerio;*

Wildlands Recovery Team (on call – not pictured): *Benjamin Aparicio, Ronald Massie, Weston McLaren, Juan Ventura, & Daniel Ruiz*

The LA Conservation Corps has joined the Hollywood/LA Beautification Team (HBT), along with Koreatown Youth & Community Center (KYCC), and Northeast Trees (NET) for a press event that will be held on Monday, December 5th. The four groups are co-hosting a school tree planting event to celebrate the multiple job creation and community health benefits that have been realized through projects completed by the four non-profit groups that are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The tree plantings will be conducted by students, volunteers and organizational staff. The event will take place at the Foshay Learning Center is located at Western Ave and Exposition Blvd. on Monday, December 5th at 9:00 am. To read more about the even click [here](#).



Signage for Monday's Press Event

This week the Lost Hills Fire Crew has been on alert as the hurricane force winds came through Southern California. With the high winds and low relative humidity in the Santa Monica Mountains, where the crew is stationed, the area

was put on Red Flag Fire Danger this past week. In the event of a wildfire, members of the Lost Hills Fire Crew have been trained and are prepared to staff either a crew bus as an acting handcrew, a type 3 fire engine, or the communications/emergency operations center. While the Red Flag Fire Danger continues to be in effect, the Lost Hills Fire Crew is patrolling high fire danger areas, clearing downed trees and interacting with the public advising them of the red flag fire danger.



Wildland Recovery Crew clearing downed trees

Transitional Living Program

Jamie Nicholson, case manager and MSW Intern, Gillian Bieler cooked Thanksgiving dinner for all of the TLP participants at their apartments. The festivities included foods that they requested!



Recycling Across Los Angeles

This weekend one RACLA crew will be recycling after the LA Kings v. Montreal Canadians hockey game at STAPLES Center on Saturday.