

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CONSERVATION WORK PROGRAMS

- **Young Adult Corps (18-24 year olds)**
 - » Recycling Programs
 - » Forest Recovery Team (San Bernardino National Forest)
 - » Community & School Garden Program
 - » Tree Planting Programs
 - » Community Enhancement Teams
- **Clean & Green (14-17 year olds)**
- **EarthWorks Community Farm (14-16 year olds)**
- **SEA Lab (18-24 year olds)**
- **Vocational Training Programs (18-24 year olds)**
 - » Youthbuild
 - » Brownfields

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **High School Diploma Program**
 - » Young Adult Corps (18-24 year olds)
 - » EcoAcademy (14-18 year olds)
 - » Youth Opportunities High School (14-18 year olds)
- **After School Program (10-14 year olds)**
- **LA Bridges@Gompers (10-14 year olds)**

SUPPORT SERVICES

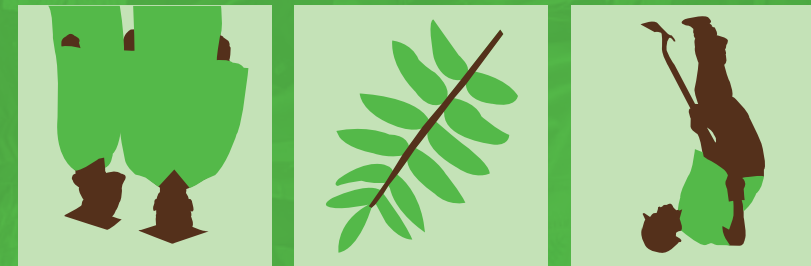
- **Support & Transition Services Department**
 - » Case Management
 - » Follow-up Services
 - » Supportive Services
 - » Higher Education/Vocational Scholarship Program
 - » Youth Leadership Council
- **Transitional Living Program**

SERVICE AREA

- **LA Conservation Corps is strategically placed to reach all corners of LA County and cities in the San Bernardino County. Our centers are located in:**
 - » East LA
 - » Griffith Park
 - » North East LA
 - » Pico/Union
 - » San Bernardino
 - » San Gabriel Valley
 - » South Bay
 - » South LA
 - » The City of Watts



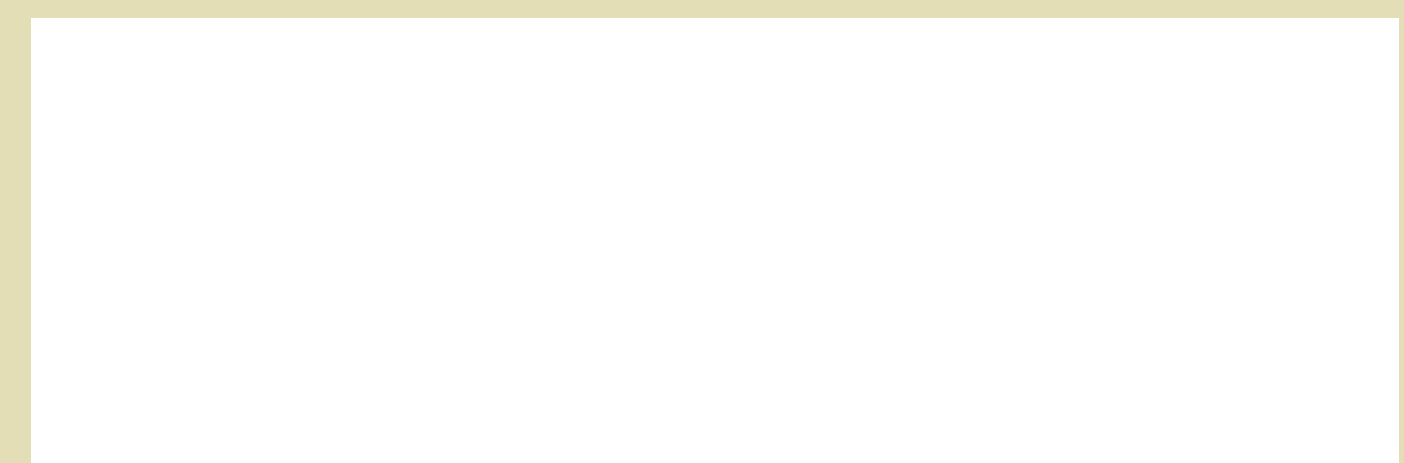
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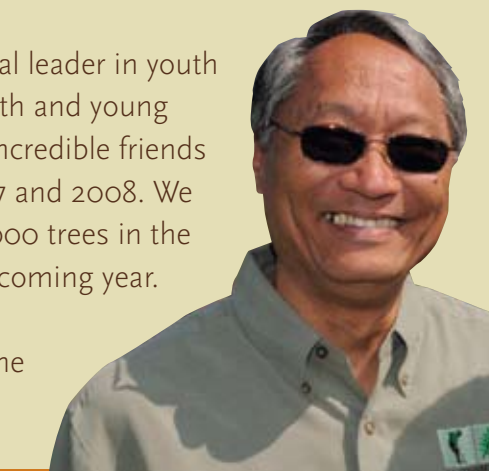


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Going Green" is something the LA Conservation Corps has specialized in for all of the years we've been around. The young people that benefit from our programs clean the air by planting trees and removing recyclables from the waste stream and landfills. And, everyday we educate thousands of youth about the virtues of being stewards of the environment and participants in the civic and social structure of their communities.

The years fly by and now LA Corps is 23 years old—23 years as a national leader in youth and workforce development and alternative education for inner-city youth and young adults. It has been an incredible ride and we owe all of our success to incredible friends and supporters like you. As you can see we have been very busy in 2007 and 2008. We recycled over 350,000 lbs. of recyclable materials and planted over 60,000 trees in the Los Angeles area. And, we look forward to topping our numbers in the coming year.



Please join me in applauding the accomplishments and dedication of the LA Conservation Corps youth in 2007 and 2008. Thank you!

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FOUNDER OF LA CONSERVATION CORPS

Mickey Kantor received a Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1961. After four years of service as a naval officer, he went on to study law at Georgetown University's Law Center. He practiced for 17 years at the law firm of Manatt, Phelps, Phillips & Kantor in Los Angeles, where he was instrumental in building a relationship between the LA Conservation Corps and Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, which, to date, has provided countless hours of pro bono assistance to the LA Corps, and also valuable board members and financial support. Mickey continues to remain actively involved with the Corps and its fundraising and public outreach efforts.

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OUR MISSION

To provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.



Each year we serve approximately 17,000 young people—referred to as *corpsmembers*—between the ages of 10 and 24. Corpsmembers come to us from across Los Angeles County, but we primarily serve the neighborhoods of SOUTH LOS ANGELES, EAST LOS ANGELES, the PICO-UNION area and WATTS.

In 2007/08 LA Corps...

- » Removed 1,800,000 Square Feet of Graffiti
- » Recycled 350,000 lbs. of Recyclable Materials
- » Conducted Environmental Education for 30,000 Youth
- » Graduated 123 Young Adults with their High School Diplomas
- » Coordinated the Planting of 60,000 Trees
- » Led over 1,500 Volunteers in Community Service Projects

CORPSMEMBER PROFILE: Our participant base is approximately 69% Latino, 27% African American and 4% Asian Pacific Islander.

The following current demographics further describe the backgrounds of our corpsmembers:

- » 43% of our participants are male and 57% are female;
- » 63% of our corpsmembers come from families with incomes below the Federal Poverty Line;
- » 50% of Young Adult Corps participants have previous or current court involvement;
- » 5.7% face some other disadvantage such as unemployment, homelessness, physical/mental disability or must care for a relative;
- » 4% were previous recipients of public assistance (Welfare/TANF); 0.3% were involved in the Foster Care system.

CORPS PARTNERS

The entire LA Conservation Corps extends our gratitude to the following community members for helping to create opportunities for young people to serve, learn and grow through conservation, education and youth services:

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- United Way of Greater Los Angeles
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- City of Los Angeles
- Board of Public Works
- Office of Community Beautification
- Bureau of Sanitation
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Community Development Department
- Workforce Investment Act
- Youth Opportunity Movement
- Department of Water and Power
- Environmental Affairs Department
- Los Angeles Universal Preschool
- Million Trees LA
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes
- City of Redondo Beach
- City of Torrance
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- Municipal Water District of Southern California
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- South Park Business Improvement District
- LA Unified School District
- After School & Safe Neighborhoods
- 21st Century Community Learning
- Beyond the Bell
- County of Los Angeles
- Community and Senior Services
- Department of Health Services
- First 5 LA
- Regional Park and Open Space
- State of California
- California Coastal Commission
- California Conservation Corps
- California Volunteers
- California State Parks
- Department of Conservation/Division of Recycling
- Department of Education (State Preschool)
- Dept of Forestry and Fire
- EEMP
- Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
- Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
- United States
- Corporation for National & Community Service
- Department of Employment/GEAR UP
- Health & Human Services/Transitional Living Program
- Housing and Urban Development/YouthBuild
- Department of Labor
- Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Forest Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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- Sierra Club
- TELACU
- THQ, Inc.
- Tree People
- Twin Palms Apartments
- Universal Bank
- Universal Protection Service
- West Basin Municipal Water District
- White Memorial Medical Center



CORPS HIGHLIGHTS

HECTOR VALADEZ

25 | Crew Supervisor *"When LA Conservation Corps called me, I started thinking, I have a chance now."*

Prior to joining LA Corps, Hector was incarcerated with a felony charge, a strike on his record, and a sentence of up to six years in Lassen State Prison.



Hector was released on parole five weeks before finding LA Corps. He didn't want to return to prison, but no one would hire him with a prison record. "I went to a job fair at the parole office and met the Recruiting Coordinator for LA Corps. Two weeks later she called me. If it wasn't for that call, I'd be back in jail again or doing drugs."

Hector has had to develop a strong will; putting his mind to something has been the only way to conquer it. That's how he overcame drug addiction and made it through the worst times in his life, like his mother's death when he was only 16 years old.

"High School was a mess for me," he says. Soon after his mother passed, Hector was kicked out of the Los Angeles Unified School District, an incentive program, and a continuation school. He remembers, "At that time, I'm 17 years old, very close to graduating, and I just choose not to go." Drugs, stealing cars, and a fast life were all Hector cared about.

After being released from prison Hector says, "I'm making up for lost time now, but I'm also thinking ahead." Hector received his High School Diploma in June 2007 and immediately moved up at LA Corps. He is now a Crew Supervisor and he plans to start his Associate's Degree in January 2009.

DANIELA DELGADO

18 | Clean & Green Program *"I would still have achieved my goals but LA Corps made it easier by supporting me."*

During her summer breaks, Daniela would arrive at the Clean & Green site every morning prepared to work. While other youth wasted away their summer months, Daniela chose to perform community projects throughout the City of Los Angeles. She remembers that, "raking leaves was the hardest job." But, she knew that her hard work would eventually pay off. She just didn't realize how much.



The four years she was at LA Corps, Daniela earned a paycheck while gaining invaluable leadership skills, close friends, and mentors.

Beginning in her junior year of high school Daniela's hard work would start to pay off. Clean & Green offered her one of 15 slots to travel to the University of California, Santa Barbara. For two weeks, Daniela learned about the campus, spoke to students and professors, and eventually decided to apply to UCSB.

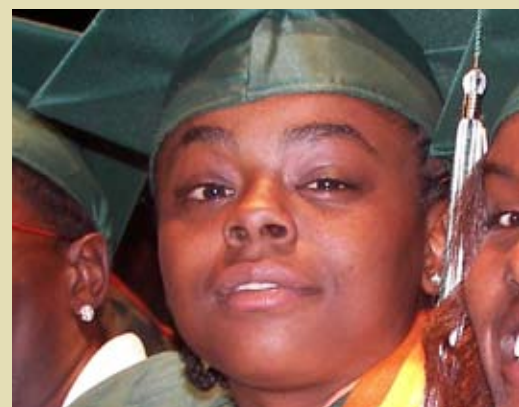
Daniela began her freshman year at UCSB in fall 2008. She is staying in the same dorms that she did during her internship with Clean & Green. She knows that her life journey would have eventually led her down this path, but she notes that, "the support and love she received at LA Corps made the path a lot easier to bear."

Daniela knows that she will miss her family and her mother's home cooking, but she knows that the sacrifice now will pay off later. She is happy to note that she is entering college debt-free because the \$2,000 Russell Kantor Scholarship she received last spring helped cover the cost.

DANIELLE HOWELL

22 | YouthBuild *"I've had a fun life. I just partied a little too long."*

At the age of 22, Danielle Howell discovered the LA Conservation Corps and was inspired to finally get her life on track. With the help of LA Corps, she earned her high school diploma and is now gathering work experience in her chosen career.

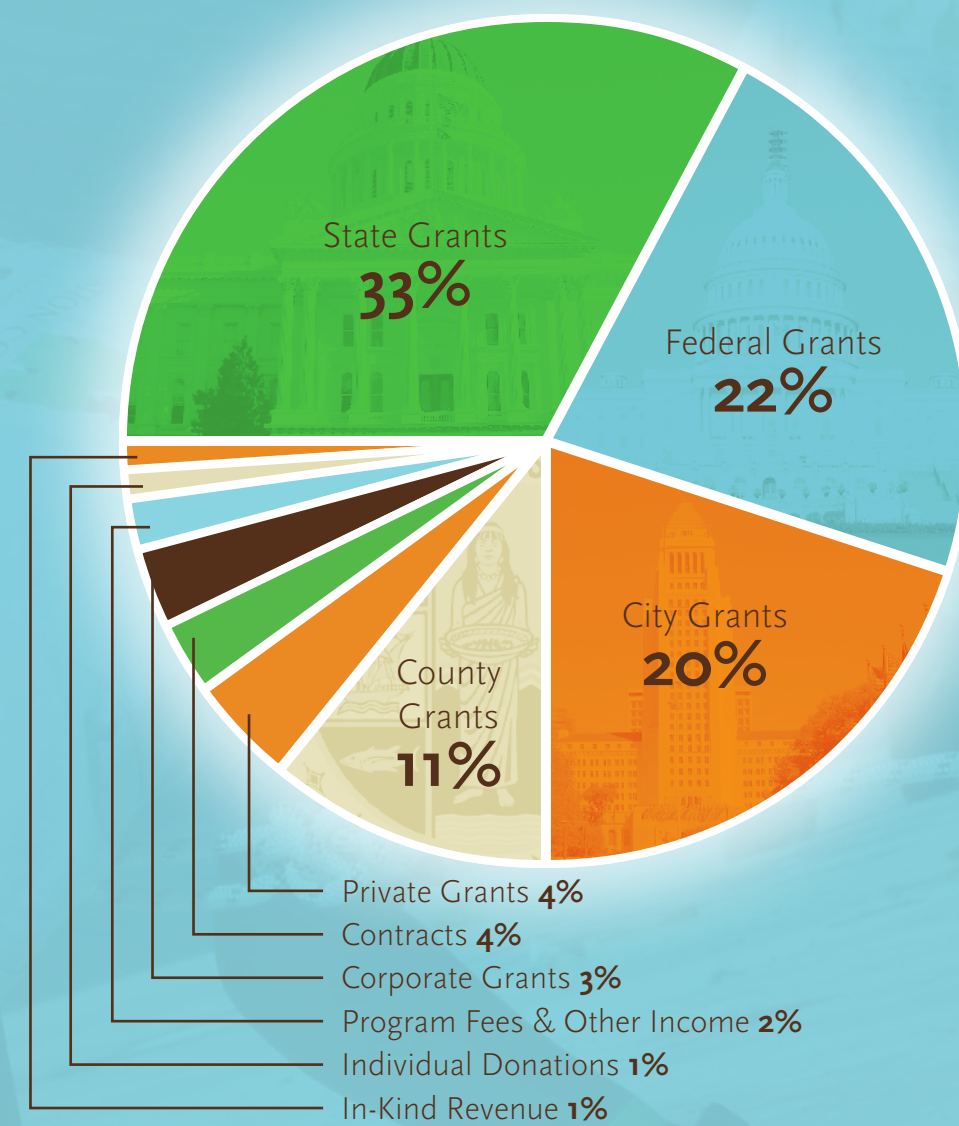


At 17, Danielle dropped out of High School, leaving home soon after to find her own future. But soon realized she wasn't getting far without an education. "When you fill out a job application you have to tell them that you don't have your high school diploma," she says. "That was embarrassing. I got jobs; I just didn't feel good about myself."

"I always wanted to go to school," she continues, "but I kept putting it off for the fun and the party." After joining LA Corps, she made time for school, graduating with 122 other young adults in the LA Conservation Corps Class of 2008.

"I joined LA Corps to move forward to the next step in life," Danielle says proudly. She is now a part of the YouthBuild crew, doing construction work with experienced staff. "I love it! This is the type of work I've wanted to do for years, but never had the opportunity."

2007-08 REVENUE INCOME BY SOURCE



BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,138,033
Contracts Receivable	\$3,599,283
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$257,528
Restricted Investment	\$91,129
Property and Equipment - Net	\$3,239,340

Total Assets **\$9,325,313**

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$2,483,123
Advance on Contracts	\$1,039,807
Current Portion of Capital Lease Obligations	\$149,964
Capital Lease Obligations—Net of Current Portion	\$369,022

Total Liabilities **\$4,041,916**

NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted	\$4,341,983
Temporarily Restricted	\$916,414
Permanently Restricted	\$25,000

Total Net Assets **\$ 5,283,397**

Total Liabilities And Net Assets **\$9,325,313**

INCOME STATEMENT

REVENUE:	
Federal Grants	\$5,002,021
State Grants	\$7,287,734
County Grants	\$2,387,919
City Grants	\$4,576,597
Private Grants	\$825,676
Contracts	\$725,554
Corporate Grants	\$721,306
Program Fees & Other Income	\$379,174
Individual Donations	\$223,383
In-Kind Revenue	\$218,259

Total Revenues **\$22,347,623**

Program Services	\$18,857,669
Supporting Services	\$3,060,865
Fundraising	\$289,435

Total Expenses **\$22,207,969**

Change in Net Assets **\$139,655**

PARTNER WITH LA CORPS

LA Corps offers a full-service assessment of individual projects. Professional staff will perform a cost analysis, create a budget, and assist in finding funding from a wide range of sources.

A professional, enthusiastic crew of young people between the ages of 14 and 24 will be on the job providing the tools and staff necessary to complete the job.

We have the capacity to perform a wide array of community service and maintenance work. Our most frequently requested services include:

- » Urban Park Construction
- » Tree Planting: Street, Residence, Park
- » Low-Income Housing Construction & Renovation
- » Habitat Restoration
- » Fire-Fuel Reduction
- » Irrigation Installation
- » Trail Construction
- » Landscape & Hardscape
- » Litter and Graffiti Abatement
- » Community Garden Development & Construction

