



OUR MISSION

Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with education and the arts.

OUR PROGRAMS



ART

Community Art Program (PreK-6)

Artists, ages 3 years to 6th grade come from all over Compton to dance, sing, draw, paint and have fun attending our free week-long Art camp. All supplies and materials are provided, including a meal each day.

The program is designed to empower and expose students to critical thinking, collaboration, and creative problem solving in the arts.



Little Creators Program (0-4 years)

Young artists, ages 0-4 years, receive an art kit filled with supplies and activities to explore and create in their own homes. All supplies and materials are provided.

The program is designed to empower and expose our youngest students to sensory play, motor skill development, and creative problem solving in the arts.



EDUCATION

Houses of STEAM Education Program

A network of family homes throughout the City of Compton create fun projects highlighting science, technology, engineering, art, and math for grades K-6 and their families. This is a free virtual experience for participants. All supplies and materials are provided. *The program is designed to empower and improve students' proficiency in STEAM-related subjects.*



PATHWAYS

Pathways Program

Upon high school graduation, students have the choice to enroll in college, train for a career and/or become an entrepreneur. This program supports high school graduates as they progress down one of these pathways with training, scholarships and grants. *The program is designed to empower and prepare students for the successes and challenges of the future.*

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STATISTICS

Founded in 2013



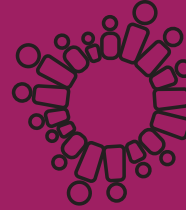
365

FAMILIES SERVED



15

YOUTH HIRED



295

VOLUNTEERS

\$439K

MONEY RAISED TO DATE

\$78K

GRANT MONIES
RECEIVED TO DATE

\$361K

INDIVIDUAL GIVING
RECEIVED TO DATE



\$18.4K

SCHOLARSHIP
MONIES AWARDED



98%

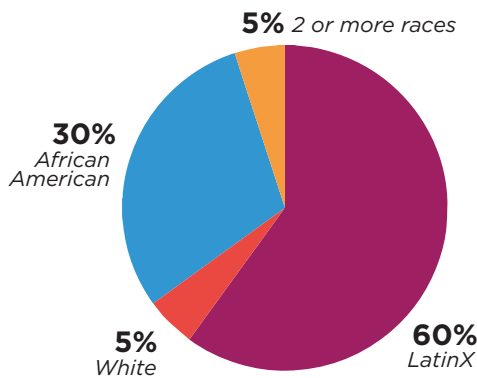
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION RATE



90%

GRADUATES WHO
ARE EMPLOYED

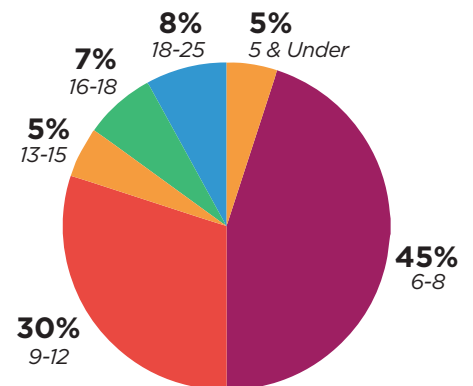
DEMOGRAPHICS



ETHNICITY



GENDER



AGE

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STAFF



BARAK BOMANI

Executive Director & Co-Founder

Barak is the Executive Director & Co-Founder of Unearth and Empower Communities. As a revolutionary educator who disrupts broken educational systems, during his tenure as a middle and high school principal, Bomani led the way for a 100% 4-year college acceptance rate for African American and Latino students from East Oakland, California. He is the visionary behind Cultivating Hope LLC, an educational consulting company that coaches educators to build the whole village through Math Proficiency, Equity, Diversity & Race and Social Emotional Learning. Barak earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Dartmouth College and his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from San Jose State University, where he graduated with highest honors. He has been married for nine years and has two sons.



SARA BOMANI

Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director

Sara Bomani is the Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director of Unearth and Empower Communities. This UEC vision started in 2008 when she first volunteered to teach art in her friend's classroom in the Compton Unified School District. With a bachelors in Graphic Design and a masters in Arts Education from Cal State Long Beach, Sara loves to share her artistry that she learned from her mother while growing up. Sara has created art camps and workshops that have served over 1,000 youth in Paramount, Long Beach and Compton over the past 13 years. As a business owner of Color Your World Design Studios, she has created art and gardening classes for homeschooled youth as well as providing graphic design services for over 15 years. One of the treasures we appreciate about Sara is how she always finds a way to include all kids regardless of their abilities to create art.



VALERIE LEYVA

Program Assistant Intern

Valerie was recently hired as a Program Assistant Intern for Unearth and Empower Communities. Valerie attended Paramount High School, and during her senior year she volunteered over 40 hours for UEC. She was a mentor to our K-5 students before she started to attend Cerritos College. Upon high school graduation, she earned a \$500 college scholarship from UEC for her exemplary commitment to our community. In her new role with UEC, she is responsible for assisting with our three program areas of art, education and pathways. One of the treasures we appreciate about Valerie is her inquisitiveness and desire to always learn something new.

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DE'JON JACKSON

Non-Profit Management | UEC President

De'Jon Jackson is the Director of Operations and the OSH Officer for The ACLU Foundation of Southern California. He has found success as a small business owner and entrepreneur in the fields of engineering and nonprofit management. He consults on multi-million dollar projects for community based non-profits and develops operations plans and budgets. He has a passion for health, wellness, and investing in other people.



AMBER KIM

Human Resources Management | UEC Vice President

Amber Kim's experience is in managing HR strategies for non-profit organizations in Southern California, with the ACLU, KHEIR Center, Goodwill Industries, and currently with Planned Parenthood as the Associate Vice President of Human Resources. She is founder and Chief Human Resources Consultant for People Compass LLC, an HR and management consulting firm. Amber is deeply committed to improving the communities she serves through her work in providing opportunities for people, and partnering with organizations to create an equitable and diverse workplace culture, championing change, and investing in employees' well-being, growth, and success.



BRUNA SOARES-THOMPSON

Family Therapy & Social Work | UEC Secretary

Bruna is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has been working as a children's mental health therapist for the past five years. She is married and two beautiful kids. One of the treasures we appreciate about Bruna, in addition to her generous spirit, is that she is multi-lingual and is raising her children to learn Portuguese, Spanish and English.



VICTOR CHEW

Environmental Engineer | UEC Treasurer

Victor currently works for SCS Engineers and is enjoying 17 years as an Environmental Design Engineer in the areas of Landfills, Litigation, Remediation, Evaluations and Geology. He was elected a deacon at his church, has been married for 12 years and is a father of five.

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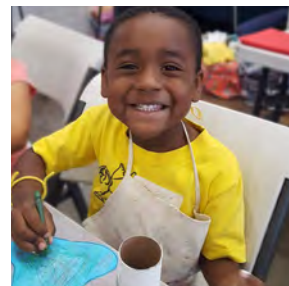
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