



Mika Community Development Corporation
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He has showed you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Mika CDC exists to identify and equip leaders in low-income neighborhoods to build communities with VISION.

To accomplish our mission Mika CDC:

- Identifies and equips neighborhood leaders to establish effective neighborhood action committees (NAC).
- Identifies and trains young leaders to participate actively in the transformation of their neighborhood.
- Coaches leaders and committees to identify, design, fund, manage and evaluate sustainable neighborhood initiatives.
- Develops church partnerships to collaborate with neighborhood leaders and committees to transform their community.
- Links local neighborhood action committees to outside resources to develop effective initiatives.

Mika CDC's vision is to enable the leaders of six low-income neighborhoods of Costa Mesa to transform their communities through community building, youth programs, and other community driven initiatives by 2009.



Mission:

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A community with VISION is a place where neighbors have:

Vision—neighbors share and agree on a desired future for their community.

Interdependent Relationships with God and Each Other—neighbors support one another in all facets of life: spiritually, emotionally, socially, and economically.

Servant Leadership—leaders are committed to serve first, listen, trust, collaborate, and empower other neighbors to serve effectively.

Impact—neighbors identify, design, fund, manage, and evaluate sustainable initiatives that transform their community.

Organization—neighbors have established efficient and effective local systems and structures to reach their shared goals and vision.

Networks—neighbors collaborate with public and private partners from inside and outside the community to maximize the impact of their initiatives.

Dear Friends of Mika

“Thank you for caring”

Mika CDC is so grateful to all of you who partnered with us to make 2006 a great year! Many of you chose to ACT by faithfully giving. Others showed LOVE by remembering us in prayer and many decided to WALK with a family, a teen or a Neighborhood Action Committee toward building communities with VISION. Thank you!

As we start off the new year we are launching a new look for our communications with you, our partners. Please take a moment to get updated on the success of our first Christmas Store and check out the upcoming opportunities to participate in the Express Yourself Urban Arts Program. We encourage you to email your feedback on our new look to crissy@mikacdc.com. Mika CDC is always looking for better ways to be good stewards of the resources we have been blessed with.

Here's to a great year of ministry together!

Crissy Brooks- Executive Director

Highlights

First Annual Christmas Store a Great Success

Let me tell you about a place where children laugh, grown men are moved to tears, and mothers' hearts swell with joy...it's Mika CDC's Christmas Store. This past December over 40 volunteers worked to transform our space at Triangle Square into a store where our neighbors could come shop this Christmas.

Friends from six partner churches filled the store with hundreds of gifts for babies, children, teens, and adults. Business partners provided gift bags and decorations. Another church rolled out crafts and snacks. Neighborhood Action Committees put together the invitation list of 75 families they had identified as needing some holiday cheer this year.



Act

Then the day came...families were greeted by personal shoppers as they went through the store choosing two items per family member, plus stocking stuffers. As they checked out, volunteers wrapped their gifts. After a tamale and some treats, the grateful parents left with dignity-knowing they had the opportunity to provide a great Christmas for their families.



God Put Angels in My Path this Christmas

A women's heartfelt thank you note:

The day before Christmas I was thinking about how happy my children were going to be when they opened their presents. I felt so excited and appreciative to God for having put angels in my path. My children were not going to have gifts because my husband lost his job, but thank God you appeared. Thank you for helping the community...I would like to thank each one of the people who helped. On behalf of my family, please give them thanks.

God bless you,
Maria Vasquez

What a joy it was to all celebrate together!



Programs: Winter/Spring Sessions

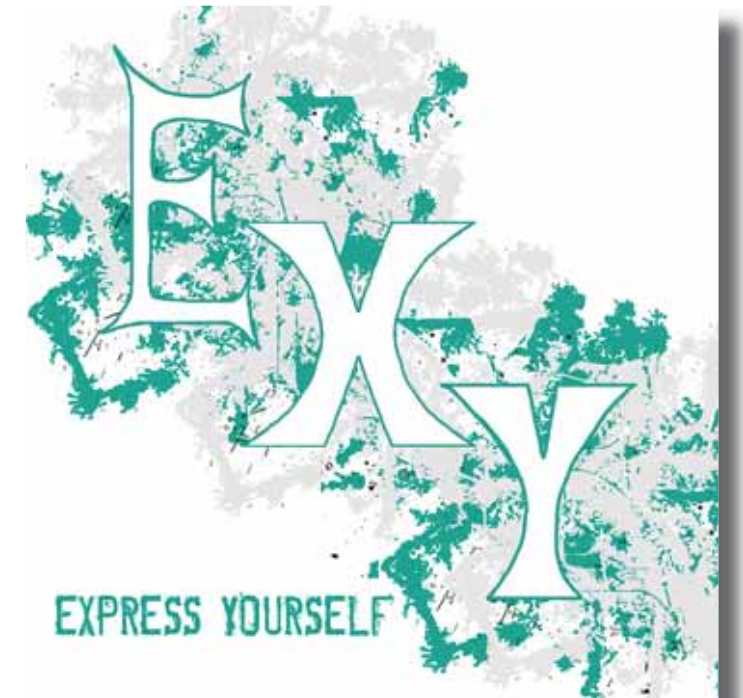
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Express Yourself Urban Arts Program Kicks Off Spring Session

Express Yourself Arts Program is a year-round after school program designed for elementary and secondary school students to indulge in creativity through a variety of artistic mediums including: visual, performing, culinary and creative arts. The program runs for two 12-week sessions in the Spring and Fall and also provides a session for the students during the Summer.

At the end of each session students perform and display their work at our "Artists Exhibition." Our young artists are also exposed to art within the community through "Artists in Action" -a weekly outing exploring museums, galleries, theaters, art schools, rehearsals and performances.

A new edition to Express Yourself is our monthly club-The Underground, designed and hosted by XSL, our student leadership team.



Be a part of Express Yourself

VOLUNTEER:

- weekly class instructor- once a week
- administrative assistance- once a week
- hang out at The Underground- once a month

GIVE:

- \$75.00 tuition fee for one student artist
- \$125.00 tuition fee for a whole family
- \$200.00 for an Artists in Action field trip
- \$500.00 to sponsor The Underground
- \$1,000.00 to underwrite an Artists' Exhibition each session

What's next in FEBRUARY

Mon. and Thurs. (every week)- Center St. Tutoring

4:30-7:30pm

2/3- Express Yourself Spring Session Registration

Mon. 2/5 - Express Yourself Spring Session Begins

Fri. 2/16- The Underground Talent Show

For more information about these events or other opportunities to be involved please contact Jami Barthelme at (949) 645-0075 - jami@mikacdc.com