Making a Difference

LATLC

LOS ANGELES

TRIAL LAWYERS' CHARITIES

What We Did

2021 - 2022

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YOUTH SPORTS

















The first LATLC outreach project was our YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM. Annual grants ($500) are given to organized athletic programs from high school football to dance troupes to Little Leagues to soccer organizations.

During 2021 and 2022, LATLC also supported special sports projects including:

- A new scoreboard on the Robert Gaynor Memorial Field at Sunrise Little League in Woodland Hills. Robert was an exceptional person with wonderful qualities and even at the young age of 14 he touched so many lives. LATLC learned about his tragic death and the Sunrise Little League's plan to add a new scoreboard on the field named in his memory. In May 2022 their wish became a reality.
- "Buddy Ball" Opening Day, a baseball Little League for special needs players, is one of LATLC's favorite events. When we heard that their new backboard was destroyed by vandals, we stepped in and replaced the burned equipment.
- LATLC continued our fantastic partnership with the Newton Police Department by adding Newton Community Youth Activities to our Youth Sports program.
- Long Beach Beauties is a special needs cheer squad that regularly performs at our fundraisers and Signature Events. During the CAALA Convention, John Vaughn learned about this wonderful group. He and his former employer, Arash Law Firm, wanted to support this incredible program and funded their new, much needed, uniforms through LATLC.

YOUTH SPORTS















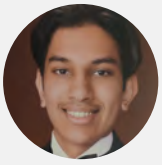


College Scholarships

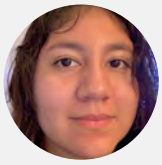
SCHOLARSHIP

In 2015, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities implemented our annual scholarship program to help local high school seniors attend college and become future leaders of tomorrow. In our inaugural class, we gave away $40,000 in college scholarships to 16 deserving high school seniors. Since then, LATLC has provided annual grants to at least 10 deserving high school seniors who enroll in college that same year in the amount of $2,500 each .

2021 winners



Zayyir Ahmed
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2025



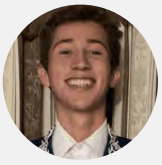
Alondra Bravo-Garcia
UC Davis
Class of 2025



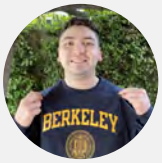
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Dickinson College
Class of 2025



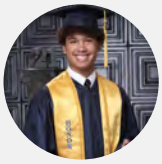
Vanessa Tara Dator
Middlebury College
Class of 2025



Bryan Garcia
UC Berkeley
Class of 2025



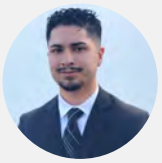
Guillermo Gonzalez
UC Berkeley
Class of 2025



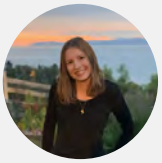
Landon Ingram
CSU Fullerton
Class of 2025



Dakota Jackson
University of New Mexico
Class of 2025



Marcus Lopez
Carnegie Mellon University
Class of 2025



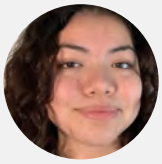
Kayla Maguire
Rochester Institute of Technology
Class of 2025



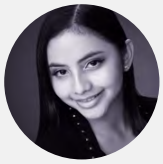
Valeri Pimentel
UC Berkeley
Class of 2025



Esmeralda Rubalcava
UC Los Angeles
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Rachel Tolentino
Smith College, MA
Class of 2025



Ashlley Torres Fajardo
UC Irvine
Class of 2025

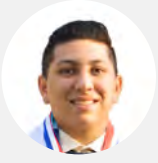


Valentina Vicarel
CSU Long Beach
Class of 2025

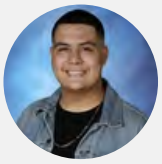
2022 winners



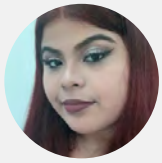
Worren Booth Jr.
Hampton University
Class of 2026



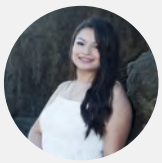
Esteban Gonzalez
Princeton University
Class of 2026



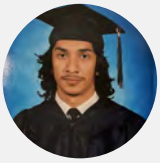
Sergio Pena
Dartmouth College
Class of 2026



Jailene Passan
University of Rochester
Class of 2026

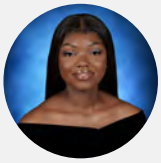


Jennifer Fonseca
UC Los Angeles
Class of 2026



Jonathan Gallo

Class of 2026



Miraflore Ndifon
UC San Diego
Class of 2026



Rebecca Wu
Stanford University
Class of 2026



Heidy Peniagua
UC Berkeley
Class of 2026



Sarah Rassibi
UC Berkeley
Class of 2026

GREAT TRYKE GIVEAWAY






































LATLC's second Signature Event began in 2017, when we purchased 3 adaptive tricycles as part of a grant to SoCal Trykers. Soon, an annual "Great Tryke Giveaway" was created so LATLC could provide a LOT MORE BIKES to children with disabilities.

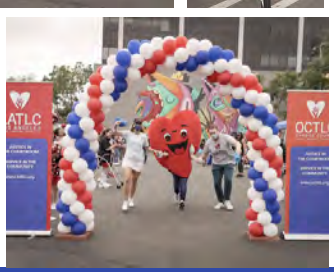
In 2021, LATLC introduced a "3 on 3 Basketball Tournament" – not just to have a fun family (and highly competitive) activity, but to raise funds specifically for these trykes. That year we were joined by OCTLC, who funded bikes specifically for children in Orange County.

Because of the pandemic, and to keep volunteers occupied while the children get their bikes customized to meet their specific needs, LATLC and OCTLC filled 1,000 toiletry kits for local organizations: Collette's Children's Home in Orange County; and Power of a Shower in Los Angeles.

LATLC and OCTLC continued the event partnership in 2022, funding more than 30 tricycles and filling 1,000 more toiletry kits.

WATCH: GREAT TRYKE GIVEAWAY







DAY OF DIGNITY

A day to help the unhoused community



"Day of Dignity" is one of LATLC's Signature Events, where we help the unhoused community feel dignified by providing showers, food, toiletry kits, manicures, medical services, mental health services, and emergency housing services. The event was also covered by local television stations.

The first "Day of Dignity" was held at the Venice Family Clinic on September 21, 2019, and there were more than 250 attendees and 90 volunteers.While the pandemic had delayed the next Day of Dignity, LATLC hosted the second one at The Center in Hollywood on September 29, 2022!

In addition to giving out 500 toiletry kits filled with shampoo, conditioner, soap bars, hand sanitizer, a toothbrush kit, lip balm, sunscreen, deodorant, tampons for women, a folding brush and mirror, and thanks to the continued generosity of Bombas©, we added a new pair of socks.

There were medical and dental exams, chiropractic adjustments from Elite Sports Medicine, a taco truck and healthy snacks for fresh food, and a clothing area for attendees to select their own items. Mobile hot showers were provided by one of our partners, “Power of a Shower,” and thanks to ChartSquad, each person was given a brand-new lavender towel.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

500

toiletry kits given out

30

showers provided

150

Individuals medically assisted

Comfort & Joy becomes a "Miracle on 34th Street"

For seven years, LATLC has provided food, groceries, and of course toys, to low-income families in South Los Angeles. Even during the pandemic, we never stopped, thanks to an incredible partnership with Newton's Police Department. When LATLC volunteers could not distribute "Comfort & Joy" directly to the families in need. In 2020, officers became "Patrol Car Santas" and delivered everything to the families. LATLC purchases 2,000 toys, household items and canned goods for 500 families, spending more than $50,000 on the event each year.

2021

The 6th Annual LATLC event became a modified "Miracle on 34th Street" when pre-filled bags of groceries and toys (specifically selected for the children based on their age) were handed out along 34th Street in front of the LAPD's Newton Division station. Families could still see Santa and Mrs. Claus (who arrived in style on a Fire Truck), get photos safely taken, and receive lots of "Loveys" from volunteers.

2022

LATLC returned to St. Patrick's Church (our pre-pandemic holiday location) for a fantastic family event. We transformed their parking lot with inflatable characters, a petting zoo (Lovey's Barnyard), balloon twisters, Lovey's Holiday Wishes where children can share their hopes and dreams, candy at the Land of Sweets, and of course a visit and photo with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the North Pole. Thanks to generous sponsors, we purchased 2,025 toys (plus those collected during a toy and canned goods drive at the CAALA Holiday Mixer), canned fruits and vegetables, bread and cookie mixes, paper towels and toilet paper, rice and potatoes, dish and laundry soaps, baby needs, and so much more! And an LATLC "giving event" is not complete without BOMBAS socks – an incredible partner who ships us thousands of pairs each year!









3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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During COVID-19 sports and other outdoor activities became a safer way for friends to get together and have some fun. In 2021, pick-up basketball games were very popular, and LATLC decided to turn that "fun" into a "fun-raiser." The first 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was held on July 24, 2021 at the El Segundo Recreation Park. The title sponsorships and planned 16 teams sold out in less than a week. We kept adding activities including a picnic area for arts and crafts, plus a DJ and MC. In total, LATLC raised $50,000 for the next Great Tryke Giveaway.












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On April 9, 2022, the Second Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament returned to El Segundo, but was bigger and better! LATLC added an NBA-style 3-point basket contest, with 10 men and 10 women each competing, then those winners matched up in a "battle of the sexes." There was a full Family Carnival with a bounce house and more games. Thanks to the sponsors, teams, players, and volunteers, LATLC raised over $80,000 toward adaptive tricycles for children with special needs.













LATLC

SUMMER Soiree

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE











LATLC's primary funding comes from a major gala. After many years of "Casino Night and Texas Hold 'Em Tournament," LATLC decided to transform the annual fundraiser into a "Summer Soiree – Party with a Purpose." There was still dancing, great food, live band karaoke, activities, silent disco, and everything you expect from the previous LATLC fundraisers. But there was a major difference: every element of the evening would be connected to one of our 100+ partner charities.





Instead of a formal program, the entire event became the "program." Guests learned about each organization and experienced, first-hand, the work Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities does – from service projects to our signature events like "Comfort and Joy" where we provide thousands of toys, household items, and all the ingredients for a holiday meal.







LATLC held the 2021 Summer Soiree at the Intercontinental Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Guests experienced – first-hand – exactly what LATLC supports. They could walk, blind-folded, with a Guide Dog of America, ride an adaptive tricycle with SoCal Trykers, play basketball with H.O.O.P. Foundation, and purchase art in a gallery filled with works from Exceptional Children's Foundation and Tierra del Sol.







The 2022 SUMMER SOIREE was held on August 13, at the Fairmont Hotel in Santa Monica. This year, LATLC "took over" the entire outside area of this beautiful hotel. Guests again had the opportunity to experience activities from LATLC's partner charities. All attendees were encouraged to wear their favorite sneakers as a part of our "Sparkle and Sneaker" theme.





Rain Rain Will Not Go Away!

Even though we are told that California is experiencing a drought – Mother Nature seems to ONLY want to rain on LATLC events! For two years in a row, the LATLC Annual Golf Tournament was postponed due to weather conditions.

2021's Golf Tournament was an adventure. LATLC had already planned to move to the beautiful Calabasas Country Club. In addition to learning a new venue and reconfiguring the event to make it safe during COVID, we faced an unexpected element – the weather. Three days before the planned — and sold out — tournament a huge storm was predicted. Within hours Calabasas Country Club gave us another date (2 weeks later) and every player, sponsor, vendor, and volunteer was personally notified with the rescheduled information. A real miracle. As it turned out, the 2021 Tournament was our MOST successful one, due, again, in large part to Steve Vartazarian's Luau which brought in over $100,000 in bids. A record!

The 9th Annual Tournament was AGAIN rained out and is now rescheduled for January 23, 2023. This delay had a major impact on LATLC since we are a "pass through" charity that gives away only what we raise. To put us back on track, we will host TWO golf tournaments in 2023.

The 10th Annual Tournament is scheduled for September 18, 2023, at the Calabasas Country Club.

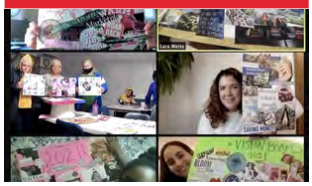
Hopefully they will BOTH be dryer dates!



Service In The Community

2021 A YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY



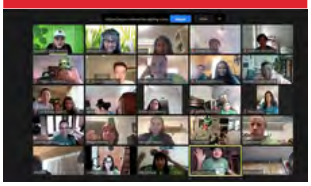
Volunteers helped women at Clare/Matrix's residential treatment facility create their own "vision boards" – all via Zoom.

FEBRUARY



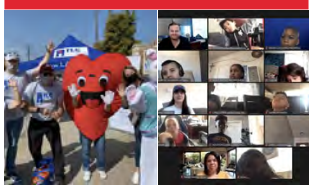
LATLC made Valentine's Day cards and goodie bags for LA Mission.

MARCH



Youth Ambassador led a St. Patrick's Day art project with adult campers from Ability First and LATLC volunteers on Zoom.

APRIL



Instead of the annual healthy food fair, El Nido Family Centers hosted a "drive-thru" spring event that included household items, carrot seeds (with pots, dirt and instructions), Loveys, and LATLC tote bags.

Volunteers also participated in "Operation Teddy Bear" with elementary school students via Zoom.

MAY



For the second year, LATLC hosted a very special Mother's Day Celebration, honoring 20 moms of young people in Bresee Youth Foundation's Gang Reduction and Youth Programs.

JUNE



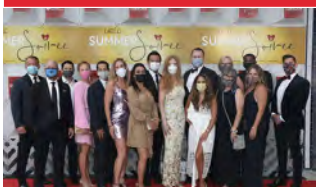
Volunteers distributed groceries, meals, and clothing at two events; Food on Foot and M.E.N.D.

JULY



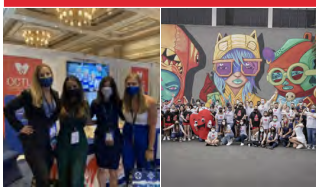
Volunteers painted and planted new raised flower and vegetable beds at Vista Del Mar.

AUGUST



LATLC's Summer Soiree was an interactive experince for guest to connect with our partner charities.

SEPTEMBER



The LATLC and OCTLC partnership continued with a shared booth at CAALA and joint Great Tryke Giveaway.

OCTOBER



Volunteers decorated the LA LGBT Senior Center at Triangle Square and led bingo games for Halloween.

NOVEMBER



LATLC hosted a booth at Triumph Foundation's Adaptive Sports Festival.

DECEMBER



Even during COVID, LATLC continued to provide toys, food, and household items to more than 500 families in South Los Angeles. Thanks to our partner, the Newton Police Department, this WAS a Miracle on 34th Street!

Service In The Community

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JANUARY



January was LATLC's preparation month where we transitioned from virtual to in-person events!

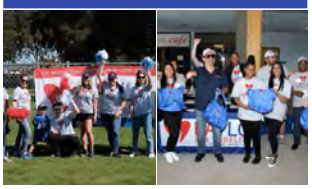
FEBRUARY



LATLC made Valentine's Day cards and goodie bags for the LA Mission and Hope of the Valley.

LATLC joined Volunteer Center of South Bay for their "Operation Teddy Bear" where they gave away teddy bears and shared the importance of volunteering to children.

MARCH



Every year, LATLC supports the Heartwell Buddy Ball League in Long Beach, providing sports equipment – and of course, cheering the teams on to victory!

Volunteers filled LATLC duffle bags with sports equipment for Play It Forward and El Nido Family Centers, both partner charities of ours.

APRIL



LATLC created an edible garden at PATH' (People Assisting The Homeless)'s transitional housing facility in South Gate.

MAY



Volunteers hosted a special Mother's Day celebration held on Cinco de Mayo for 20 special moms.

JUNE



LATLC and OCTLC hosted the Great Tryke Giveaway and presented 33 adaptive tricycles to individuals with disabilities. During the recipients' "final fittings," volunteers assembled 1,000 toiletry kits for the unhoused.

JULY



Volunteers transformed Hope of the Valley transitional housing into an Independence Day celebration for residents.

AUGUST



LATLC's Summer Soiree was an interactive experince for guest to connect with our partner charities.

SEPTEMBER



We had a busy month with THREE major events!

LATLC & OCTLC jointly hosted a service project in our booth – writing thank you cards to those who have made a difference in our community.

Day of Dignity returned after three years to help the unhoused in Hollywood.

Women at Clare/Matrix residential rehabilitation home created vision boards and learned self-defense with women LATLC volunteers.

OCTOBER



Foster teens from KidSave get a chance to meet possible "forever homes" during a fun-filled day of games and crafts hosted by LATLC volunteers. (Because of privacy we cannot show the kids – but they had a GREAT time!)

NOVEMBER



LATLC delivered thank you cards to those who are making a difference in our community.

LATLC's 9th Annual Golf Tournament was postponed due to weather...again!

DECEMBER



LATLC partnered with St. Patrick's Church and LAPD Newton Division Police Department for our 7th Annual Comfort & Joy! where we give 2,000 toys to 500 families in need!

Meet our Partner Charities that we supported in 2021 & 2022



Grant Recipient Spotlights

Here are some highlights of how the funds we donated in 2021 were used in 2022.

LATLC's grant money was used to help 10 families with lifesaving food benefits in the Los Angeles area. These families were selected by Police Officers who came across these families needing help.

With the grant received from LATLC, Birth Equity Project was able to achieve our goal in creating a space for the community that not only celebrates Black breastfeeding but provides support to the women who chose this path. This was extremely helpful during the period of time where baby formula was scarce due to recall of Abbot products and supply chain issues.

Thanks to the LATLC grant awarded in 2021, CASA of Los Angeles has been able to continue upending the status quo of LA County's child welfare and juvenile justice systems, despite the instability brought upon by the pandemic. LATLC supports our one-to-one advocacy program, which works to ensure that all children in need of individualized support are able to exit foster care and juvenile justice as soon as possible, avoid re-entry or recidivism, heal and learn to cope with their trauma, and have long-term supports in place for their futures.

The grant from LATLC has benefitted El Nido and client families by funding enriching youth educational services at our FamilySource Centers/FSCs in South LA and Pacoima. These services include: free one-on-one tutoring, to help students recover from pandemic-related learning loss; "College Corners," with resources and assistance on postsecondary planning and enrollment; and "Virtual Career Exploration," inspiring higher vocational aspirations and related academics/training beyond high school.

We are pleased to inform you that the grant funding helped to house a homeless person immediately! Hopefully, the new resident will work with a Peer Bridger on a Plan for Success, be connected with self-help support groups and needed health, mental health, educational, vocational, and other County resources for which they qualify. Peer Bridgers create a culture of recovery and community in each house providing regular visits to help the residents achieve their goals. By being in a SHARE! Collaborative House, the resident is now on a path to wellness and self-sufficiency.

LATLC's grant was used to complete funding for wheelchair access ramps that will enable all of our service dog recipients, including those with mobility limitations, to participate in their graduation ceremonies up on stage where their hard work and achievements can be properly recognized and applauded with the rest of their graduating classes. . A plaque acknowledging LATLC's support of this project has been ordered and will be installed on one of the ramps.

For many of the students and families that Harmony Project serves within Los Angeles County, the COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be an incredibly turbulent period filled with great hardship and personal loss. The incredible generosity of the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities allowed us to quickly transition our in-person programming to a virtual learning environment, while also continuing to provide access to critical social support services.

LATLC's funding helped support salaries for state-certified, bilingual Crisis Line and Crisis Shelter counselors. These counselors provide immediate, life-saving assistance to domestic violence survivors and their children and connect 2,500 clients to emergency shelter and/or free or low-cost legal services every year, allowing them to take the first steps in rebuilding their lives free of dependency and violence.

The LATLC grant has been a great help toward the program we are currently working on which is a grieving program, a portion of which is directed toward grieving single fathers.

The LATLC 2021 grant helped provide free school-based grief support groups to elementary, middle, and high school students in Los Angeles County. For the 2021-2022 school year, groups met in-person at schools, and the funds were expended on activity supplies and group coordination.

LATLC funded exams and glasses for 40 students attending Billy Mitchell Elementary in Lawndale Elementary School District. 91% of students enrolled at this school qualify for free or reduced lunch. With your help, these students now have a better opportunity to catch up for lost instructional time during COVID.

This past year, LATLC supported Vista Del Mar's Garden-to-Table Project, which provides students with special needs with unique opportunities to take care of an edible garden while learning life skills. Thanks to this grant, Vista was able to contract a Master Gardener/Registered Horticultural Therapist and offer ongoing classes nine times a week to more than 70 students this school year. Students learned about sustainable garden practices, food production, habitat support, ecosystems, and nutrition.

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LATLC Outreach Programs

Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities was formed fifteen years ago by a handful of plaintiff attorneys who wanted to give back to the community. Since then, LATLC has grown to more than 3,000 supporters, and has inspired associate organizations, each dedicated to LATLC's mission.

In hopes to grow the LATLC community and impact in the greater Los Angeles area, LATLC created three outreach programs; Youth Ambassadors, College Delegates, and Law Students.





LATLC LOS ANGELES TRIAL LAWYERS' CHARITIES

Youth Ambassadors

Starting in 2020, middle school and high school students located in Southern California joined together to work on LATLC service projects and volunteer events as well as creating their own community activities.

College Delegates

All college students in Southern California colleges are welcome to join the College Delegates program to support LATLC's mission by attending our service projects and volunteer events.

Law Students

Students from Los Angeles law schools – UCLA, USC, Southwestern University, Pepperdine University, and Loyola University – are forming LATLC groups to provide volunteer service and work closely with plaintiff attorneys.

How to get involved

Volunteer: LATLC plans monthly service projects. Among our activities each year: beautifying Early Childhood classrooms, assembling toiletry kits for the homeless, preparing a special Valentines's Day lunch at the LA Mission, presenting adaptive tricycles for special needs children, and so much more! Volunteers are the glue to the organization and allows LATLC to give back more to our community. Sign up on our website (www.latlc.org). Events are constantly added and updated!

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