



Helping Girls To Define Themselves As Women

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Las Caras Lindas
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VISION & MISSION

Our vision is to liberate the next generation of women from the barriers and challenges that compromise them so that young girls can more fully reveal all of the unique strengths and talents that they have to offer society. Our mission is to help girls define themselves as women.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

Our goals are to foster cultural uniqueness among a diverse group of girls, to develop the individual strengths of each young lady and to celebrate the brilliance that makes us all women.

LCL QUICK LINKS

Website
www.lascaraslindas.com

Utube Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfL08n1AooQ>

Email
lascaraslindas@aol.com

Dear LCL Supporter,

Welcome to the Las Caras Lindas (Beautiful Faces) Update! As you may already know, Las Caras Lindas (LCL) is a 6-month self-esteem mentoring program designed to help African American and Latina adolescent girls (ages 12 -18) to define themselves as women by exploring who they are as individuals, members of their community and leaders in our society.

The LCL program is structured to help at-risk minority youth to identify their unique strengths and talents so that they may have a more solid foundation upon which to develop into young women. Using a mentoring model program participants are guided through the LCL curriculum which includes creative expression activities (e.g., journaling, photo voice journaling and art work), group discussions, workshops, volunteering, tours of Humboldt Park, cultural excursion trips to other Chicago communities and a four-day all expense paid cultural immersion trip to another major U.S. city.

LCL TRANSFORMS CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

One of the cornerstones of LCL is the Cultural Excursion Program. The goals of the excursion activities are to help youth learn the heritage of their communities and to identify the strengths in each so that they can begin to transform the many negative images of Chicago's "disenfranchised" neighborhoods.



LCL participants at one of the historical murals in Pilsen (Left). LCL participants at the Bronzeville Information Center with Mr. Harold Lucas (Right).



Through various community tours, participants learned the history of African American and Latino culture throughout Humboldt Park, Lawndale (Pilsen) and Bronzeville. Participants took pictures of key murals, monuments, museums, etc. within each community and journaled about the various photos.

HELP LCL GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE

For the 2009 LCL Cultural Immersion Trip LCL will be taking 15 LCL participants and mentors to Washington, D.C. We are



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http://chicago.metromix.com/bars-and-clubs/bar/tumbao-bar-and-grill-logan-square/284750/content

Chicago Women's Aids Project
www.cwapchicago.org

Bronzeville Visitor Information Center
http://www.explorechicago.org



\$5,000 short of our goal and need your help!

In 2008, LCL supporters helped our girls to "Take New York!" The launch of the LCL cultural immersion trip was the highlight of the 2008 program. LCL's trip to New York provided each of our 8 participants with a truly memorable opportunity. Through our visits to many tourist sites like MOMA, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum, the girls were given the opportunity to see, touch and feel things that they have only read about. However, it was our conversations and interactions with Ivan Sanchez, author of "Next Stop," New York DJ Super Size SpanishFly Lynx and actress April Lee Hernandez, from the movie "Freedom Writers," that really helped the girls to understand how to turn their life challenges into something positive for themselves and their communities and to do so with a spirit of excellence. When asked about her most memorable moment, one LCL participant said "going to New York, seeing different environment and the homes and apartments makes me appreciate our environment."

If you are interested in making a donation please send payment to San Lucas UCC; 2914 North Avenue; Chicago; IL 60647. All checks must be payable to San Lucas UCC-LCL. If you are interested in becoming an LCL sponsor please contact Monika Black at 614-937-1680 or Patricia Perez at 312-972-9722.

LCL Family,

We are looking forward to sharing more about LCL and providing highlights of the 2009 program activities! For more information about LCL visit our Web site at lascaraslindas.com. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support!

Sincerely,

Monika Black, Patricia Perez, Jeanine Ward,
Executive Director Program Director Office Manager

LCL is a program of San Lucas UCC under the direction of Carmen Flores-Rance. For more information about San Lucas UCC contact Rosita Porrata at SanLucas2914@aol.com. To support the 2009 LCL program, please send checks payable to San Lucas UCC- LCL;2914 North Avenue; Chicago, IL 60647.

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