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Mr. Robert Sockwell
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Re: BZA Application No. 16668
Latin American Youth Center
3035 15th Street, N.W.
Lot 0872, Square 2672

Dear Chairperson Sockwell:

Enclosed herewith for filing are a number of documents in connection with the above-referenced Application. First, we are filing:

1. A list of the individuals who will be speaking for the Latin American Youth Center when the Latin American Youth Center appears before the Board of Zoning Adjustment on April 17, 2001.

2. A copy of the Order granting the Latin American Youth Center a Special Exception for use of 1419 Columbia Road, N.W. as a Community Center.

Second, for your convenience, we are refiling a complete set of exhibits to the application. The new documents included in the exhibits are as follows:

1. A revised Statement of Existing and Intended Use in connection with the above-referenced Application. This Statement, which contains additional information about the Project and addresses community concerns, is intended to replace the Statement of Existing and Intended Use filed with your office on February 28, 2001.

2. A letter from Brett Linkletter, a Certified Arborist/Urban Forester practicing with The Care of Trees, with offices in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mr. Linkletter's letter explains certain concerns with

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respect to preserving the tree in the backyard of the property. Mr. Linkletter's statement is referred to as Attachment 5 to the Statement of Existing and Intended Use. General information about The Care of Trees also is attached.

3. Pictures of the tree in the backyard of the property, to be added as Attachment 6 to the Application.

4. A statement from Meghan Walsh, the Latin American Youth Center's Architect, is included and is referred to as Attachment 7 to the Statement of Existing and Intended Use. Ms. Walsh's resume also is enclosed.

5. Revised architectural drawings of the floor plans of the property. These drawings should replace Exhibit F originally filed with the application. Most importantly, these revised drawings reflect the fact that the new stair tower will not reach the basement of the building.

6. Photographs of the model of the project and adjacent buildings which the Latin American Youth Center will use in its presentation on April 17, 2001, to be added as Exhibit H to the Application.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at the above number should there be any questions.

Sincerely,

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Karen W. Kramer

Enclosures
cc: ANC 1A *(by hand with enclosures)*
Ms. Lori M. Kaplan, Latin American Youth Center *(by hand with enclosures)*

BZA APPLICATION NO. 16668
LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER
3035 15TH STREET, N.W.
LOT 0872, SQUARE 2672

The following Individuals will appear on April 17, 2001 on behalf of the Latin American Youth Center:

1. Karen W. Kramer, Esq., Covington & Burling, Counsel to the Latin American Youth Center
2. Lori M. Kaplan, Executive Director of the Latin American Youth Center
3. Meghan Walsh, A.I.A., Architect for the Latin American Youth Center

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Application No. 16076 of the Latin American Youth Center, Inc., pursuant to 11 DCMR 3108.1, for a special exception under Section 209 to convert an apartment building to a community center, basement through the fourth floor, in an R-5-B District at premises 1419 Columbia Road, N.W. (Square 2672, Lot 633).

HEARING DATE: October 11, 1995
DECISION DATE: October 11, 1995 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

The Board provided proper and timely notice of public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1A and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site.

The site of the application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 1A. ANC 1A, which is automatically a party to the application, submitted a written statement in support of the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR 3324.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements which are necessary to establish the case for a special exception pursuant to 11 DCMR 209. No person or entity appeared at the public hearing in opposition to the application or otherwise requested to participate as a party in this proceeding. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3108, that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the application is **GRANTED, SUBJECT** to the following **CONDITIONS:**

1. Approval shall be for a period of ten years from the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

2. The applicant shall keep the premises clean and free of debris.

3. The number of clients at the premises shall not exceed 125 persons at any one time.

4. The number of full and part-time staff at the premises shall not exceed 35 persons at any one time.

5. The regular hours of operation shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

6. No more than two special events per month shall be held at the facility. No more than 200 persons shall be in attendance at these special events. The special events shall not continue beyond 11:00 p.m.

7. The applicant shall establish a community liaison to meet with the ANC on a biannual basis. The applicant shall maintain the minutes of the meetings to present to the Board upon renewal of the application.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR 3301.1, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR 3331.3 that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case.

VOTE: 4-0 (Maybelle Taylor Bennett, Angel F. Clarens, Susan Morgan Hinton and Craig Ellis to grant; Laura M. Richards not present, not voting).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY: Madeliene H. Dobbins
MADELIENE H. DOBBINS
Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: OCT 27 1995

PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE SEC. 1-2531 (1987), SECTION 267 OF D.C. LAW 2-38, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS D.C. CODE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 25 (1987), AND THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE PROVISIONS. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER.

UNDER 11 DCMR 3103.1, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

BZA APPLICATION NO. 16076

As Director of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, I hereby certify and attest to the fact that on OCT 27 1995 a copy of the order entered on that date in this matter was mailed postage prepaid to each person who appeared and participated in the public hearing concerning this matter, and who is listed below:

Cynthia A. Giordano, Esquire
Arter and Hadden
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Lori M. Kaplan
2307 Ontario Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Lenwood Johnson, Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A
3511 - 14th Street, N.W.
2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20010

Madeliene H. Dobbins

MADELIENE H. DOBBINS
Director

Date: OCT 27 1995

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EXHIBITS

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REVISED EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR

Washington, D. C., 4-30-2000

Plat for Building Permit of SQUARE 2672 LOT 872

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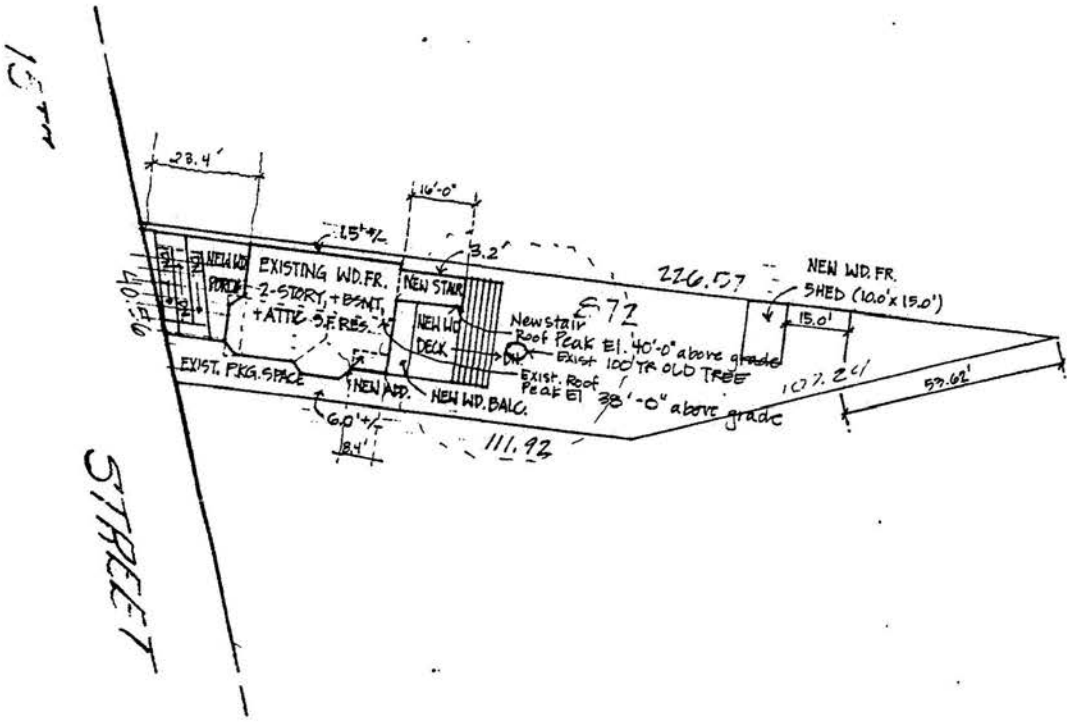
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I hereby certify that all existing improvements shown hereon, are completely dimensioned, and are correctly platted; that all proposed buildings or construction, or parts thereof, including covered porches, are correctly dimensioned and platted and agree with plans accompanying the application; that the foundation plan as shown hereon is drawn, and dimensioned accurately to the same scale as the property lines shown on this plat; and that by reason of the proposed improvements to be erected as shown hereon the size of any adjoining lot or premises is not decreased to an area less than is required by the Zoning Regulations for light and ventilation; and it is further certified and agreed that accessible parking area where required by the Zoning Regulations will be reserved in accordance with the Zoning Regulations, and that this area has been correctly drawn and dimensioned hereon. It is further agreed that the elevation of the accessible parking area with respect to the Highway Department's approved curb or alley grade will not result in a rate of grade along centerline of driveway at any point on private property in excess of 20% for single-family dwellings or flats, or in excess of 12% at any point for other buildings. (The policy of the Highway Department permits a maximum driveway grade of 12% across the public parking and the private restricted property).

Date 07/06/00

(Signature of owner or his authorized agent)

NOTE: Data shown for Assessment and Taxation Lots or Parcels are in accordance with the records of the Department of Finance and Revenue, Assessment Administration, and do not necessarily agree with deed description.



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Square 2672, Lot 872

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EXHIBIT B
Revised April 2, 2001

DETAILED STATEMENT OF
EXISTING AND INTENDED USE

This Detailed Statement of Existing and Intended Use (the "Statement") describes the work of the Latin American Youth Center ("LAYC") and its plan to use 3035 15th Street, N.W. as a neighborhood center with an emphasis on arts education ("3035" or the "Arts Center"). The first section of this Statement provides general information on the LAYC, including its philosophy and mission, organizational structure, diversity of programming, ongoing partnerships with area institutions, and some of the accolades it has received for its work. The balance of this Statement describes the LAYC's planned use of 3035 15th Street and the relevant factors supporting its request for a special exception for use of the building as a Community Service Center and a variance from the applicable parking and side yard setback requirements.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

A. Background

Founded in 1974, the LAYC is a nonprofit community-based organization providing a wide variety of educational, training, health, recreational, and social service programs to Latino and other multicultural residents in the nation's capital. It spends approximately $4.5 million per year on programming (not including administrative expenses) serving over 5,000 infants, children, teens and adults from the city's Latino, Vietnamese, Caribbean, African-American, and African communities. Based in the District of Columbia's Columbia Heights neighborhood, the LAYC serves the surrounding communities of Mount Pleasant, Adams Morgan, and Upper Cardozo, but also attracts individuals citywide with its unique offerings. It estimates that 65 percent of the individuals that use its services reside in the surrounding communities.

LAYC strives to be an important and positive force in a city of diverse residents. In its multi-cultural and multi-lingual environment, LAYC's programs are an outgrowth of its core mission and values: supporting youth and families determination to live, work and study with dignity, hope and joy. On a practical level, LAYC's programs aim to counteract the divisive effects of poverty and racism by providing youth and families with education and support and helping youth develop critical thinking and leadership skills. LAYC aims to work in collaboration with the community and other health, educational, and social service organizations.

The LAYC in 1998 finished renovating a state-of the art facility at 1419 Columbia Road, N.W. (the "Columbia Road Center" or "Columbia Road Facility").[1] The LAYC estimates that the Columbia Road Center has permitted the LAYC -- originally conducting programming out of four different sites -- to institute more than eight new programs and serve more individuals, expanding ongoing community oriented programs and adding new initiatives, including a youth media center, and a technology center. Despite the success of the Columbia Road Facility the demand for LAYC services and programs is greater than ever before. The LAYC is in need of more space to enhance its current programming and add new initiatives, particularly in the arts area.

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[1] The Columbia Road Center was renovated pursuant to the Board of Zoning Adjustment's final order dated October 27, 1995 (Application No. 16076), granting the LAYC's application for a Special Exception to use 1419 Columbia Road, N.W. as a Community Center.

B. Organizational Structure

The LAYC is a nonprofit organization governed by an 18 member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is comprised of individuals active in the local nonprofit, private sector, and government spheres. The LAYC currently has a paid staff of 75 full and part-time employees working under an Executive Director. Programs are supervised by a Division Director and Program Coordinators. LAYC staff are ably assisted by a bevy of volunteers, currently numbering more than 50. LAYC volunteers are both members of the immediately surrounding communities and active and concerned citizens of the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Subsection C provides an overview of LAYC's programs and community involvement. For additional information on the LAYC, please see the LAYC brochure attached as Attachment 1, and the LAYC's Spring, 2000 newsletter, attached as Attachment 2.

C. Programming, Partnerships and Honors

1. Education & Employment Training

Educational programs at LAYC, an important facet of the LAYC's community offerings since 1974, now include a number of programs dedicated to enhancing the self-esteem and confidence of youth through building concrete, marketable skills. The following are some of the highlights:

- The LAYC Tutoring Program: This structured program works with neighborhood youth to develop study habits and a better understanding of the importance of homework for students at all academic levels. The LAYC also offers special tutoring programs geared toward college-bound students. Volunteer mentors trained by staff members work closely with individual students.

- MANY AmeriCorps: This community-service initiative is comprised of fewer than 20 young people who develop educational programs for elementary and peer leadership and training programs for other youth. The program sponsors family nights and community service fairs.

- Drop-in Center: Serving 60-70 young people a day, the Drop-in Center provides an informal recreational and social option for neighborhood youth. Young people have access to games, billiards, weight lifting and other outlets in a drug free environment.

- Summer Jobs: The LAYC helps place youths 14 to 21 years old in summer jobs.

- Multidisciplinary Arts: This program exposes young people to mural painting, music, puppetry, theater, and creative writing.

2. Next Step/El Próximo Pase Public Charter School: Based at the Columbia Road center, this charter school provides intensive GED and ESL classes, as well as job training, aiming to be a holistic program for teen parents and those who have dropped out of public school.

3. Health Education

The LAYC's Health Education program seeks to promote, improve and maintain healthy lifestyles among youth and their families. This program area emphasizes preventative medical services, health assessment, and primary health care. Some of the services offered include the following:

- Teen Clinics: The LAYC helps to offer free Saturday teen clinics at Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health.

- Health Career Opportunity Program: The LAYC collaborates with the George Washington University Medical Center to educate local youth about health careers.

- Teen Health Promoters (THP): A group of local high school juniors and seniors act as role models, service-providers and educators for other teens on issues from nutrition to mental health to sexual and reproduction concerns.

- HIV/AIDS Education: Youths and young adults ages 12-24 act as teen messengers educating peers on the important issue of

HIV/AIDS Education. This program seeks to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS by taking a culturally sensitive approach to the topic.

- TEENSTARS (Teens Trained Around Responsible Sexuality): This abstinence as first choice program employs effective means of preventing pregnancy and delivering educational services to students at Lincoln Multicultural Middle School.

4. Social Services

The Social Services programming at the LAYC was established in 1985 to help meet the increasingly diverse needs of youth in the local Latino community The guiding principle of the LAYC's social services programs is to support, protect, and strengthen the family unit as the primary foundation for the development and advancement of youth. The Social Services division, known as Family Connections, is staffed by bilingual case managers, counselors, and other clinical staff, serving approximately 200-250 youth each month from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Programs include the following:

- Diversion Program: This program uses personal growth activities to support and strengthen youth and families so that youth may achieve personal, career and educational aspirations while maintaining healthy lifestyles.

- Host Homes: This program provides temporary shelter for up to two weeks for homeless and runaway female youth in culturally sensitive community-based settings.

- Foster Care: Providing foster care services for children from newborns to 18 years of age who have been temporarily removed from their biological homes as a result of abuse or neglect.

- Street Outreach Program: Providing emergency shelter, education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of runaway, homeless youth.

- Substance Abuse Prevention: This program targets youth at risk for addiction, exposing youth to prevention strategies to reduce the risk of substance abuse.

- Transitional Living Program: Provides stable, safe living accommodations for male youths ages 17 to 21 in a supervised independent residential facility for up to 18 months to promote transition to self-sufficient living and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

5. Partnerships and Recognition

The LAYC has received numerous awards and is widely recognized as a leader in providing services to the Latino community. The LAYC received the 1999 Public Humanities Award from the Humanities Council of the District of Columbia for using the humanities to make important contributions to the District for its development and programming of the Latino Community Heritage Center, which documents and preserves the rich history of the Latin American community in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. The LAYC also has provided programming to the community in collaboration with other institutions in the District community -- including the Smithsonian, the University of the District of Columbia, and The George Washington University Medical Center. It also works closely with ASPIRA, a national Hispanic organization dedicated to developing the leadership capacity of Latino youth.

6. Community Relationships

The LAYC continues to strive to be an active participant in the larger Columbia Heights community. The LAYC understands that the local community, including ANC 1A, would like to be more involved in the LAYC's ongoing projects. In response to these concerns, the LAYC is evaluating mechanisms for keeping the community and ANC 1A informed of the LAYC's developing projects. These mechanisms will at least include periodic written reports to the ANC, and the LAYC hopes to work directly with the ANC to increase both formal and informal contacts and exchange of information.

II. PLANS FOR 3035 15th STREET, N.W.

A. Existing Use of 3035 15th Street, N.W.

For most of the 1990s, 3035 15th Street, N.W., a large single family home, has been an eyesore and neighborhood nuisance. As a boarded up property, it has been a blight on the city block on which it sits, attracting drug addicts and prostitutes, and serving as a convenient location for drug sales and petty crime. Although the property was briefly acquired by a new owner in the latter part of the last decade and it had appeared that the property was being renovated and might be revitalized, such changes did not materialize. The LAYC acquired the house on July 29, 1999 with the intent of renovating the property for use as a community-focused center complimenting the Columbia Road Facility.

B. LAYC's Intended Use of 3035 15th Street, N.W.

1. Programming

As noted above, the LAYC provides a multitude of programs for the surrounding community out of its Columbia Road Center. As the LAYC has reached out to the local community and interest in its programs has grown, the LAYC has found that it needs additional space for some of its existing programs and to provide local youth with a more ambitious menu of cultural and artistic experiences, and to serve a wide array of ongoing community needs. To this end, LAYC recently has acquired four buildings in the 3000 block of 15th Street, N.W., including 3035, and has launched a $1.5 million dollar capital campaign to support initiatives in conjunction with these acquisitions.[2] The LAYC

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[2] The LAYC anticipates applying for appropriate special exceptions if required so that two of these houses when renovated will serve respectively as a transitional living program (continued...)

envisions 3035 as a neighborhood youth-centered entrepreneurial arts learning community, replete with an Art Gallery, small seasonal outdoor theater, and performing arts facility including space for visual and performing arts classes and related activities. Young people would have access to a wood shop, photography studio, darkroom, and painting/silk-screening studio. There is no other facility of this kind located in Columbia Heights or the surrounding neighborhoods that currently offers such a wide art and cultural curriculum accessible to minority youth.

The LAYC expects that four full-time and five part-time employees will staff the Arts Center. All but one of these employees are already employed by the LAYC and will split their time between the new Arts Center and the Columbia Road Facility. The Arts Center will not contain an auditorium or similar meeting space where large numbers of people would congregate. Instead, the outdoor theater will be used sporadically during the warmer months of the year, will not have permanent seating, and is not expected to attract more than 50 people for any single event. At other times, the LAYC expects that the number of staff and community members on site at any one time would not exceed 50 people. The LAYC anticipates that approximately 40 people would use the Arts Center on weekdays and approximately 30 people would use the Arts Center on weekends.

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for young women and teen mothers and as a transitional living program for homeless and unaccompanied minor boys. A third property is slated for expanded youth programming in conjunction with the Columbia Road Facility.

2. Security

The LAYC will integrate a professionally monitored security system into the design of the building. The Arts Center also will have a full-time receptionist and administrative staff present at all times when the Arts Center is open. The LAYC will monitor actively the need for security at the Arts Center and will respond on an as-needed basis.

After-hours use of the backyard theater will be prohibited. Access to the back of the house from 15th Street would be limited to the two narrow side yards on either side of the building. A chain link fence currently runs along the perimeter of the yard in the back of the house and is a deterrent to access. In addition, the current plans call for outside lights which would illuminate the area to discourage trespassing, and might include motion sensitive lights. Finally, the LAYC currently owns the properties on either side of the Arts Center (3033 15th Street, N.W. and 3043 15th Street, N.W.). The LAYC currently plans to renovate both facilities as youth group homes with professional staff on site 24 hours a day. These professional staff could also monitor the adjacent property for any after-hours problems.

C. Satisfaction of Zoning Regulations for Use

The LAYC seeks a special exception as a "Community Service Center" pursuant to 11 D.C.M.R. § 334.1. As explained above, the LAYC is a nonprofit organization focused on providing services to residents of the neighborhood in which it is located. The Arts Center will provide young people with a wealth of opportunities to view and participate in the visual and creative arts. The Arts Center will not generally offer any articles of commerce for sale, but may contain a small snack bar or similar facility for the

convenience of neighborhood youth attending programs at the Arts Center. Any profits from this small ancillary use will be funneled directly back into the operation of the Arts Center.

D. Parking Considerations

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (the "Board") should determine that the travel patterns of the LAYC's clientele, easy accessibility of public transportation, and availability of dedicated parking in convenient private lots will permit the LAYC to provide adequate parking without adversely impacting the surrounding community or the integrity and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Maps. These factors should be balanced against the exceptional practical difficulty and extraordinary expense of constructing additional parking on the lot of a single family home.

The applicable zoning regulation, 11 D.C.M.R. § 2101, does not contain specific parking regulations for Community Service Centers. Although there are a number of analogies that might assist in determining the appropriate number of parking spaces for a Community Service Center of this type,[3] regardless of the most appropriate analogy for on-site parking regulations, the Board should grant a variance from applicable parking

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[3] The Zoning Regulations do contain specific parking regulations for Community Centers. However, those parking requirements are keyed to the number of seats of occupancy capacity in an auditorium or similar room -- a measurement not relevant to a Community Service Center that will not house any permanent theater-style or assembly seating. Instead, for the purpose of determining parking requirements, the Arts Center is more appropriately analogized to an Art Gallery. The Arts Center will have a gross floor area of approximately 4,512 square feet. There is one parking space available on the premises. Treated as an Art Gallery, the Arts Center would require one parking space for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 3,000 square feet. Accordingly, the Arts Center would require no more than six parking spaces.

requirements and find that the availability of accessory parking provides adequate parking for the Arts Center.

First, the 3035 15th Street building is located a block from the Columbia Heights Metro Station at 14th and Irving Streets, N.W., providing visitors and employees with a close and convenient connection to Metrorail. Second, no more than 50 students, employees and guests are expected to use the Arts Center at any one time. Moreover, as noted above, the Arts Center only will attract such a large number of people for outdoor performances on sporadic days and evenings during the Spring and Summer. On a daily basis, the LAYC anticipates that approximately 40 people will use the facility. Third, the use of this new Arts Center also would not exacerbate parking problems in the Columbia Heights neighborhood for a number of reasons. The majority of the LAYC's clients live in the surrounding neighborhood. Many walk to the LAYC, and the majority do not own cars. Indeed, the majority of the Arts Center's users will be youth who travel on foot or by bike or public transportation. The Arts' Center's patrons can take advantage of ample bus transportation and the Columbia Heights Metro Station. The LAYC will highlight its accessibility to public transportation in advertising events at the Arts Center. As explained above, the staff of the new facility will be comprised almost exclusively of existing LAYC staff, who already commute to the Columbia Road site, a short walk from the Arts Center. The LAYC will ask its employees who work primarily at the Arts Center not to park on 15th Street. Accordingly, the new Arts Center will have little impact on the amount of traffic congestion in the neighborhood.

Fourth, in addition to the one single parking space available on the premises, the LAYC has negotiated two parking arrangements for its Columbia Road Facility which

are sufficiently flexible to be employed in the event additional parking is needed for the new building. The LAYC currently leases 20 parking spaces from the Columbia Heights Village at 1347 Harvard Street, N.W., also located a little more than one block from the new neighborhood Arts Center. As reflected in the letter attached as Attachment 3, the LAYC could elect to take as many as ten additional spaces, well in excess of the six an Art Gallery would require. Unity Health Care, Inc., whose Upper Cardozo Health Center is located around the corner from 3035 15th Street, currently provides 10 staff parking spaces which, as described in the letter attached as Attachment 4, also could be supplemented with up to 12 additional spaces at the LAYC's request. Accordingly, ample parking would be available on evenings and weekends for the LAYC's special events.

Finally, the Board should conclude that it is not practical to locate additional spaces on the Arts Center's lot. First, there is no easily accessible alley or other means of easy ingress or egress. Second, locating additional parking spaces on the same lot could undercut the LAYC's ability to develop more attractive outdoor display and meeting space when the parking needs can be met adequately by parking located in other buildings as described above.

E. Side Yard Setback Variance

The Board should grant a variance from the side yard setback requirements of 11 D.C.M.R. § 405.9, mandating side yards eight feet (8') wide on either side of the Arts Center, because of the exceptional practical difficulties involved in meeting the requirements, including specific topographical problems with respect to the property.

The single family home currently standing at 3035 15th Street, N.W. was constructed prior to 1958. The building has side yards of approximately one and one half

feet (1 1/2') on the left side of the house (facing the house from the street) and six feet (6') on the right side. There is a portion of the side yard on the right side that is wider than six feet (6') where a corner is cut out of the existing house. This corner area is approximately eight feet five inches by five feet two and one half inches (8'5"x 5 2 1/2"). The proposed addition would widen this corner portion of the house to be flush with the rest of the side wall on the right side of the house, without impinging further on the side yard, giving the LAYC more standard-shaped space for its coffeehouse, classroom, and painting/silk screening studio. An addition at the rear of the house, commensurate with the existing edge of the house on the right side, would add a new wood deck. A new wood porch, commensurate with the width of the existing structure, would be added in the front of the house. A stair tower currently is planned for the left rear of the house to provide for central egress to all floors of the building and to enhance access to the exterior of the house, which the LAYC plans to use for outdoor performances and ceramics classes. As planned, the stair tower will have a side yard of three point two feet (3.2'), a slightly wider side yard than the existing structure. Accordingly, neither the front porch nor the back deck would encroach on the existing side yards.

The side yard on the right side of the house appears to meet the zoning requirements because, except for the small corner portion of the house that will be filled in as provided above, the six foot (6') width of the existing side yard will not be decreased and is greater than five feet (5'). 11 D.C.M.R. § 405.8. Significant revision in the architectural plans to accommodate the side yard requirements with respect to the left side of the house would necessitate dispensing with the stair tower, or moving it, an extraordinary practical difficulty, and prohibitively expensive because of the existing topography of the lot. First,

adding a stair tower, which supplements an existing stairway, is not optional. Two means of egress are required by Section 1010 of the BOCA National Building Code 1996. Second, relocating the stair tower also is not feasible. To move the stair tower consistent with the current plans and to provide for an eight foot (8') side yard, the stair tower would need to be moved at least five feet (5') to the right to remain at the back of the house. A large tree, approximately seventy feet (70') in height and fifty two inches (52") in diameter, stands in the center of the rear yard, approximately twenty-five feet (25') from the house. According to a certified arborist who has examined the tree, the tree, which is hundreds of years old, has a "critical root zone" of approximately 50 feet in radius extending out from the base of the tree. See statement of Brett Linkletter, Attachment 5 hereto. Construction of the stair tower as relocated to comply with the side yard requirements would further impinge on this critical root zone. Accordingly, the roots of the tree could be irreparably compromised by moving the stair tower to meet the side yard requirements.

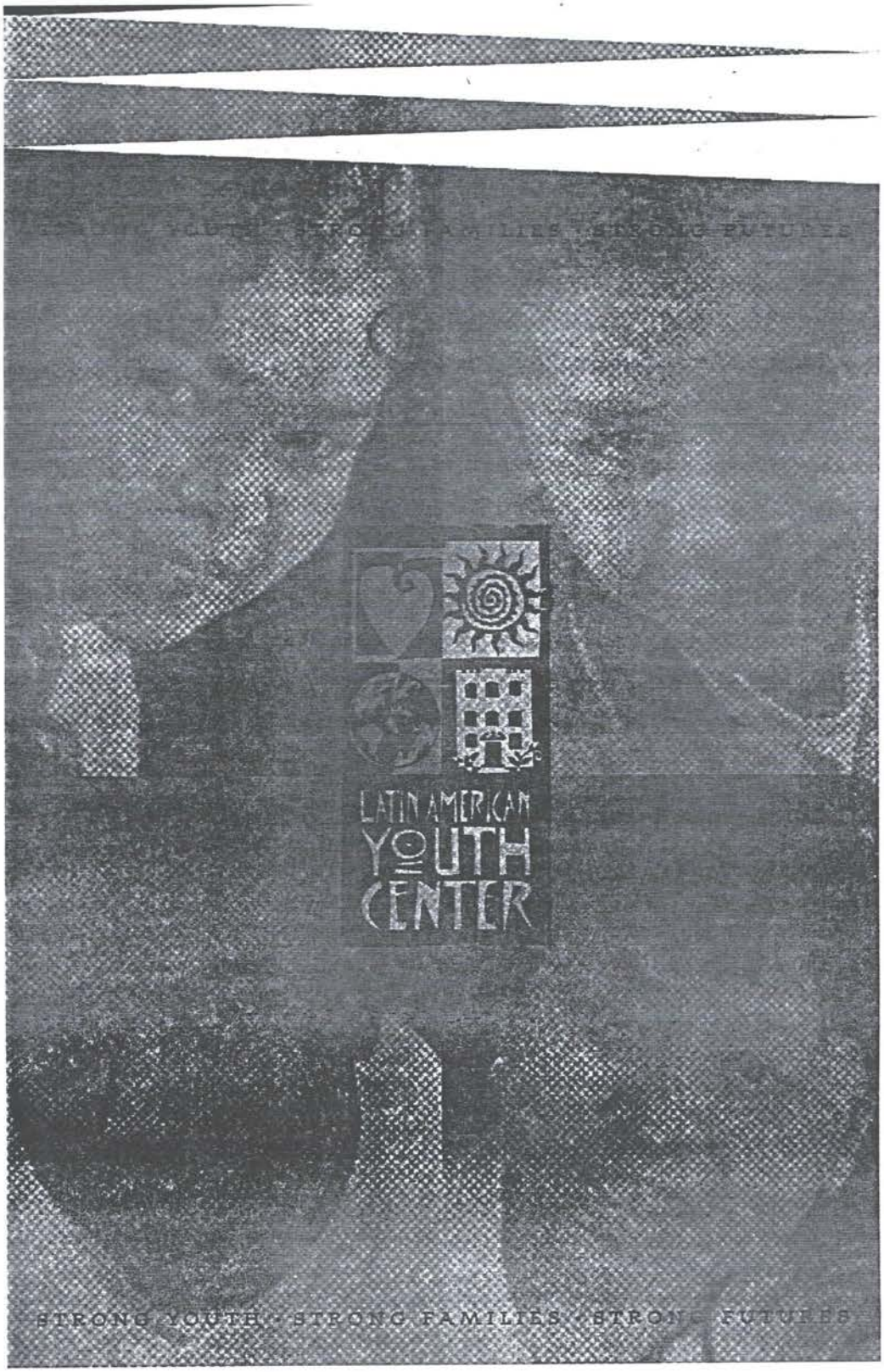
Third, the building currently has a hallway on each floor towards the left side of the house where the planned stairway would be located. Relocating the stair tower would, as a practical matter, mean losing a significant amount of usable programmatic space, and hamper movement of young people inside the building. Fourth, although the width of the deck and wood porch could be decreased, doing so would limit significantly the LAYC's ability to use the outdoor space for arts programming. These constraints are more particularly addressed in the Statement of Meghan Walsh, the LAYC's architect, attached hereto as Attachment 6. Finally, the LAYC currently also owns the adjoining lots on both sides of the Arts House. As the immediate neighbor of 3035 15th Street, N.W., the LAYC is

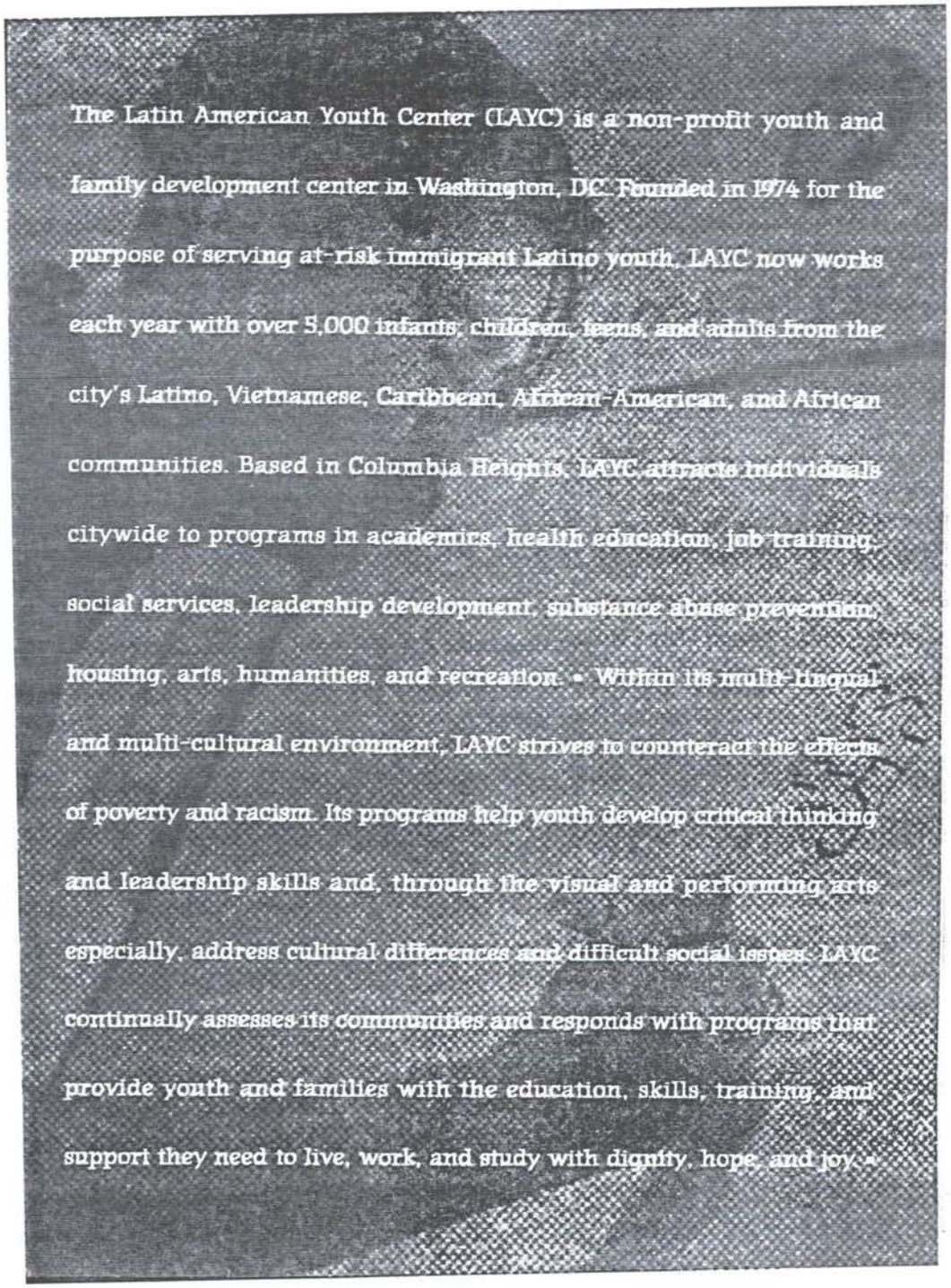
not concerned with preserving such side yard widths and would be willing to grant 3035 15th Street, N.W. any appropriate relief.

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The Arts Center would provide neighborhood youth with unique opportunities to explore the creative and performing arts in a convenient and structured environment under the leadership of an organization with a proven record of providing a successful array of services to this minority community, while at the same time transforming a rundown building into a vibrant community asset.

Attachment 1


LATIN AMERICAN
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The Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) is a non-profit youth and family development center in Washington, DC. Founded in 1974 for the purpose of serving at-risk immigrant Latino youth, LAYC now works each year with over 5,000 infants, children, teens, and adults from the city's Latino, Vietnamese, Caribbean, African-American, and African communities. Based in Columbia Heights, LAYC attracts individuals citywide to programs in academics, health education, job training, social services, leadership development, substance abuse prevention, housing, arts, humanities, and recreation. • Within its multi-lingual and multi-cultural environment, LAYC strives to counteract the effects of poverty and racism. Its programs help youth develop critical thinking and leadership skills and, through the visual and performing arts especially, address cultural differences and difficult social issues. LAYC continually assesses its communities and responds with programs that provide youth and families with the education, skills, training, and support they need to live, work, and study with dignity, hope, and joy. •

ARTS AND HUMANITIES PROGRAMS are designed to promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills. **Youth Radio DC**, a partnership with Youth Radio in California, offers teens a vehicle for voicing their ideas and opinions nationally. As part of this mission, the program trains youth in radio broadcasting and interactive media. **Latino Community Heritage Center**, a collaboration with the DC Historical Society and Smithsonian Institution, is a neighborhood-based museum displaying historical snapshots and "real life" artifacts that tell the story of the District's Latino community. **Drop-in-Center** offers activities to neighborhood children and youth such as soccer, games, and weekend and off-site trips.

Arts Activities are designed to reinforce basic academic skills and enhance social skills development and include video, applied arts, music, photography, theater, museum studies, and radio. In addition, this program offers youth entrepreneurial opportunities through an exhibition gallery and store. **Saturday Programming** extends weekday services to the entire family.



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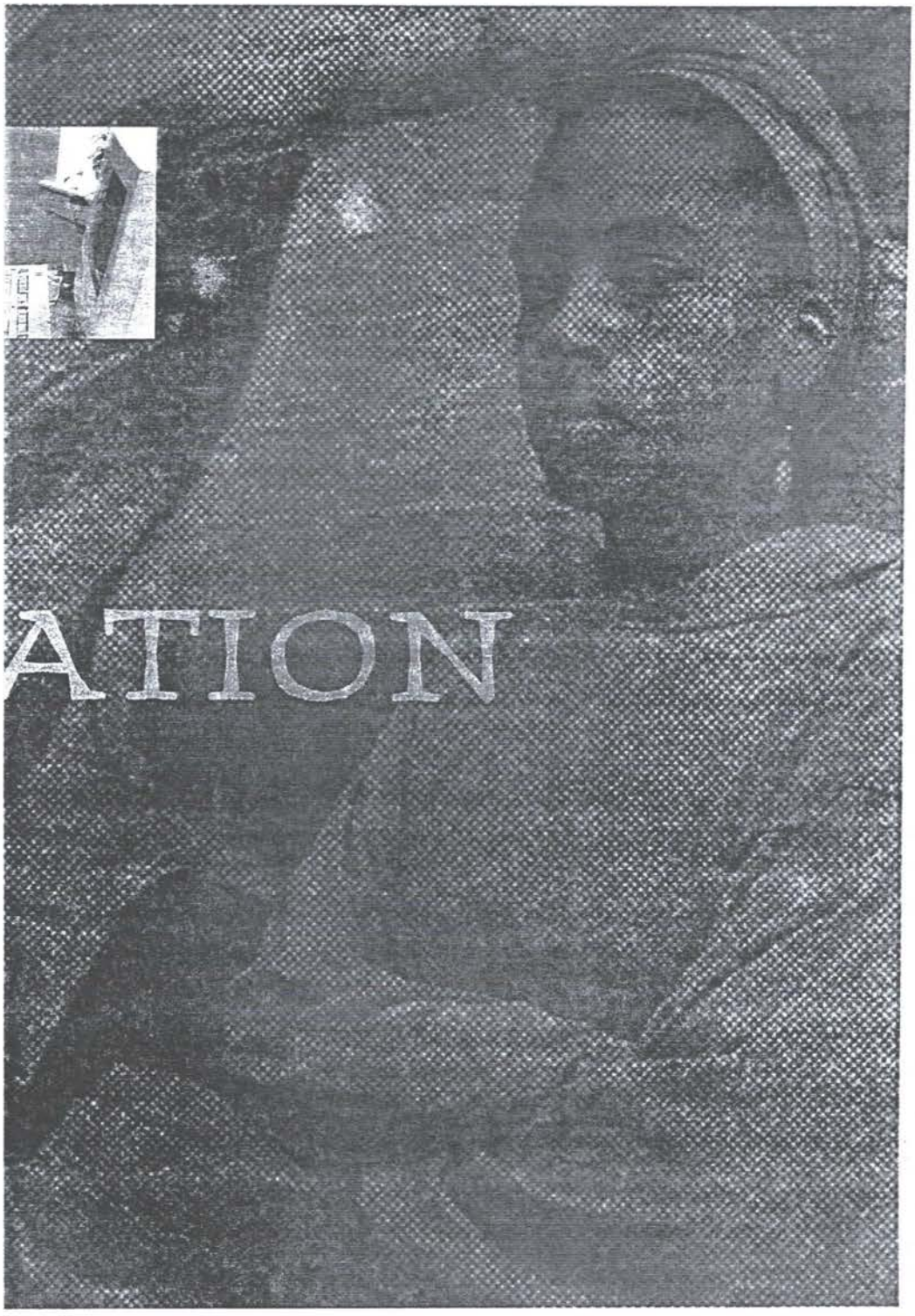
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WHEN OFFERED
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EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES offer academic training for both in- and out-of-school youth. **Upward Bound** works in partnership with the National Council of La Raza and George Washington University to provide educational enhancement to 9th- through 12th-graders and their parents. **After School Tutoring** provides individual and group services to youth aged 7 to 15. It works to increase academic achievement, enhance personal and social development, and reduce juvenile delinquency, gang involvement, and school dropouts. LAYC participates in the Capital Area Asset Building Corporation's **Individual Development Account (IDA)** program, which offers savings matches and financial training to youth saving for a first home, a small business, or a return to school.

NEXT STEP PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL offers youth aged 13 to 21 intensive high school equivalency courses (GED), classes in English as a second language (ESL), and educational enhancement courses. The majority of these students are teens who have dropped out of school or are parents. The Next Step offers parenting classes, teen father outreach activities, and help in finding childcare. LAYC's **Teen Parent Support Program** offers them comprehensive social services and case management.


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HEALTH EDUCATION programs emphasize preventive medical services and primary health care as key to improving and maintaining health. **Teen Health Promoters Program** trains youth to provide peer education and support to teen clients of Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care and the Unity Health Care Upper Cardozo Clinic. **Health Career Opportunities Program** works in collaboration with George Washington University Medical Center to provide a Saturday academy and summer program for students interested in going to college to pursue health careers. **Family Strengthening Project** engages families in the development of a model program for strengthening communication skills and preventing teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse. **HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education: "Focus on Kids"** is a peer support program that enables youth to resist risky behaviors. **Sexual Minority Youth (SMY) Initiative** encourages Latino gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and their families to take advantage of the full range of LAYC programs and raises community awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the diversity of sexual orientations.

In addition to these programs, LAYC partners with the Children's Defense Fund to identify uninsured children and youth for national health insurance opportunities; with the Sasha Bruce Youthwork to offer HIV-related case management services; with the Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco to prevent teen smoking; and with an International Planned Parenthood Federation program in Lima, Peru to share information regarding peer education strategies for youth.

LAYC HAS BEEN PART OF THE COMMUNITY FABRIC FOR ONE ENTIRE GENERATION. ONE-THIRD OF THE LAYC STAFF ARE THEMSELVES ALUMNI— THEY BRING TO THEIR JOBS A FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRUGGLES YOUTH FACE EVERY DAY.

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COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

programs are designed to develop youth as leaders and inspire them to serve their community.

The Center's **AMERICORPS Community Service Program** is a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Network for Youth and Family Services. At H.D. Cooke Elementary School, AmeriCorps members focus on school success through in-school and after-school tutoring, parent involvement, and summer school and summer camp activities. At Lincoln Multi-cultural Middle School, AmeriCorps operates **TEENSTARS: Teens Trained Around Responsible Sexuality**, an abstinence program that uses teen pregnancy prevention as the key to high school completion. Teenstars organizes health fairs and after-school and parent-involvement activities for the middle school students.

LAYC's **Leadership Program** includes a Youth Speakers Bureau, a Youth Action Council, and a program by which each Center youth understands basic core concepts related to the development of leadership skills.

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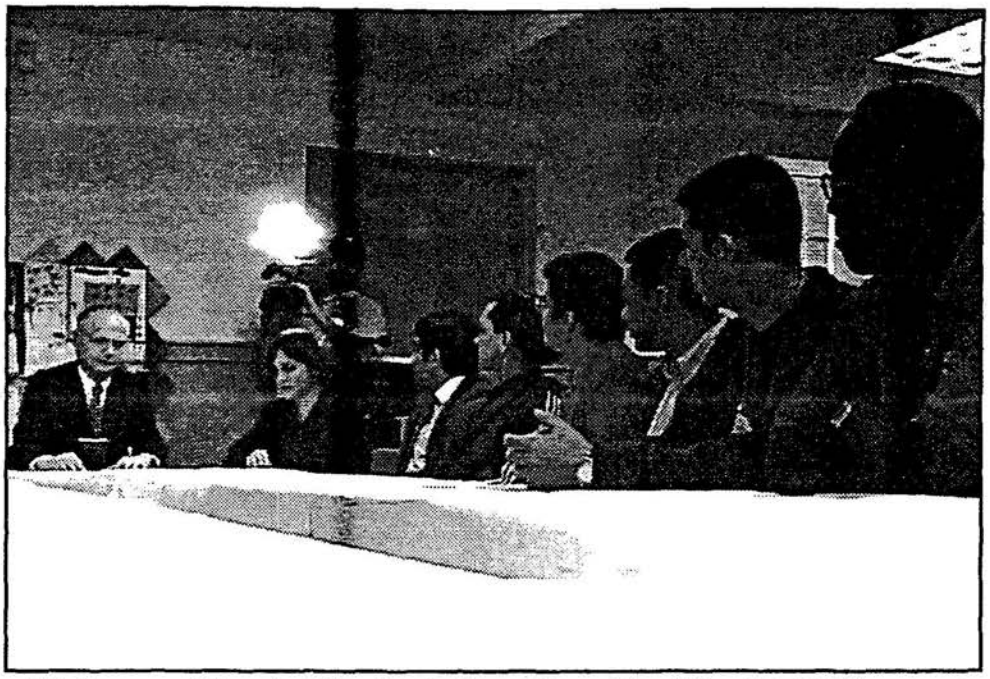
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SPRING 2000

U.S. Secretary of Education Riley Visits the Latin American Youth Center

"We need more places like the Latin American Youth Center"

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley "Excelencia Para Todos - Excellence For All" March 15, 2000



U.S. Secretary of Education Riley visits the Center. Pictured from left to right: U.S. Secretary of Education Riley, Lori Kaplan, LAYC Executive Director, Carlos Vera, Director of LAYC Social Services Division, Silvio Amaya, Next-Step student, Alex Wilson,LAYC Board, John Nutterfield, LAYC Upward Bound, Ernest Yombo, LAYC Division Director of Community Service and Leadership.

On Monday December 6th, 1999 Secretary of Education Riley visited the Latin American Youth Center and The Next Step Public Charter School. His visit was organized by Ms. Sarita Brown, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

The purpose of Secretary Riley's visit was to meet with Latin American Youth Center and Next Step Public Charter School staff and students to learn about the issues that impact Washington, DC Latino and language minority students, parents and teachers.

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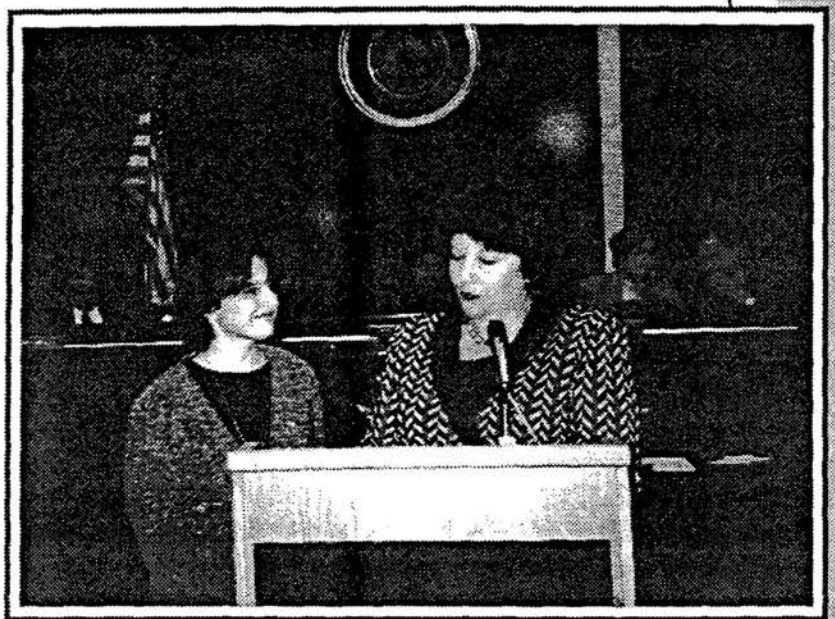
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Secretary Riley had lunch with LAYC staff, teachers and students and participated in a very lively and informative discussion.

As a result of the Secretary's visit, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans will co-sponsor a one day conference "Excelencia en Educación", for Latino parents of children in the D.C. Public Schools and educational advocates in the District of Columbia.

Mark your calendars now as this important conference will take place on September 9, 2000!. For more information on the conference contact Ms. Stephanie Mintz, (202) 319-8644.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHWARTZ PRESENTS LAYC WITH A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAYC'S EXEMPLARY WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



LAYC Executive Director Lori Kaplan (left) and CouncilMember Carol Schwartz (right)

Last December 7th 1999, Council Member Carol Schwartz, at a Committee of the Whole City Council session, presented the LAYC with a beautiful Resolution in recognition of the LAYC's exemplary work and history in the District of Columbia. Signed and voted on by every member of the Council of the District of Columbia, this Resolution was a true "vote of confidence" for the Center's work. Thank you Councilmember Schwartz and all members of the D.C. City Council for your recognition of the Center's important work with children, youth and families in the District of Columbia.

U.S. Secretary of Education Riley also visited Bell Multicultural High School and here is a quote from his speech "Excelencia Para Todos - Excellence For All":

"A few months ago I had the opportunity to visit a community learning center with after-school programs - an enriching center right down the street from here. I had a wonderful discussion with some of the students and counselors. I was very impressed. In addition to housing a creative public charter school, the Center offers a wealth of support services to young people in the community, including some who have left school and want to return to the world of learning. We need more places like the Latin American Youth Center".

FOCUS ON KIDS

By Vannessa Zorrilla, *Parent Coordinator*

February was kick off month for Focus on Kids, an HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention project that helps youth learn the needed skills to make positive choices in their lives. The LAYC, in collaboration with the University of Maryland at Baltimore, is evaluating this curriculum and the impact it has on the Latino community in Washington, DC.



Focus on Kids participants make good use of their time at the LAYC Computer Lab.

Groups of youth participants are assisted by LAYC staff and one Peer Facilitator. The Peer facilitators have gone through the Focus on Kids program and have received two full day trainings. Peer Facilitators use this experience as their internship, a requirement needed to graduate from high school. The closing reception for the first group of youth was on March 18th. The participants took a post-test, received a certificate of completion, and an education stipend.

We are currently recruiting for the next wave of youth. Please contact Doris Romero or Vanessa Zorrilla at (202) 319-2225 if you have youth to refer to Focus on Kids as participants or Peer Facilitators.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

By Stephanie Mintz, *Program Coordinator*

In an effort to involve parents more actively at the LAYC, the Family Strengthening Program has begun. This exciting two-year initiative focuses on how parents can help to prevent substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy and violence.

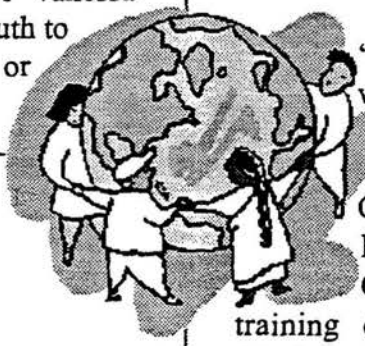
Over the past few months, we have conducted focus groups and individual interviews with community leaders and parents. We have also researched effective program models that have successfully worked with Hispanic families.

Our first group of families will begin in May of this year. If you know of any parents who might benefit from this program or if you have any questions, please call Stephanie Mintz at (202) 319-8644 or Ariel Silber at (202) 319-2246.

SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH INITIATIVE GAINS MOMENTUM

By Kevin Davis, *Sexual Minority Health Coordinator*

In January, 1999 LAYC began a diversity assessment to evaluate the level of awareness and knowledge of diversity issues. Most importantly, Center staff want to insure inclusion throughout all LAYC programs of sexual minority youth, young persons who self identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or those who are questioning their sexual identity/ orientation.



"We want LAYC to be among those places where sexual minority youth feel safe to ask questions, get information, share experiences and participate in our Center's programs." expresses Lori Kaplan, LAYC Executive Director. The Center recently held an "all-day" staff training on sexual minority youth awareness falicited by Marianna Toledo, of the Latina/o Lesbian and Gay National Organiztion and Beth Beck, of Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League.

LAYC was awarded a grant by The Bridge Builders

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May 1, 2000

Dear LAYC Friends and Supporters:

We hope you enjoy reading about our work over the past few months. Everyday, the Latin American Youth Center recommits itself to realizing its mission: to support youth and families in their determination to live, work and study with dignity, hope and joy! The rewards are great and continue to mount as children, youth and families move forward in their own pursuits of self-sufficiency.

We too are moving forward. With spring and summer right around the corner, the Latin American Youth Center is planning many exciting activities, in addition to our ongoing programs. Our next few months will be filled with camping trips, and visits to college campuses, youth leadership activities, summer employment opportunities, special activities for girls, a new parents training course and many other fun and educational initiatives.

The Center's new capital campaign-the renovation of two residential programs for teens and the transformation of two community nuisance properties into residential and program space-is both exciting and demanding.

Of course, we can always use your help: a little goes a long way and a lot goes even farther. Imagine, with weekly giving over a year's time:

$1 becomes $52 and provides one year of basic school supplies for one youth k-12.
$5 increases to $260 and purchases tokens for 1 month to enable 10 people to travel to and from work during their first month of employment.
$7 becomes $350 providing 8 months of refreshments during therapeutic group sessions.
$10 turns into $520 and secures half a month of Internet connection for 200 users.
$25 matures to $1,300 enabling 15 youth to participate in a two-day outward bound rope's course.

Whatever contribution you make will be truly appreciated. Tell a friend and multiply the impact; I assure you. It will be put to very good use. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of children, youth and families. Come by and visit us when you are in the neighborhood, or visit us on the web at www.layc-dc.org

With warm regards,

Lori M. Kaplan
Executive Director

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boys and girls who are on the street at night with no safe and supervised home.

• Renovate 3033 St., NW into a single family household. Columbia Heights YouthBuild will renovate the home.

• Renovate 3035 15th St., NW into a youth centered entrepreneural arts learning community with gallery, outdoor theater and performing arts facility and space for visual and performing arts classes and activities.

To date, $220,000, or 22%, of the campaign goal has been raised. LAYC partners include Covington and Burling and MANNA, Inc.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please send your generous contribution in the enclosed envelope and identify it as a capital campaign contribution!



Reality Check

By Joel Street

Growing up in the ghetto, living a life to please himself and no one else. Defending his community to the fullest that's all that mattered, anywhere he went some one was always there to watch his back! That's what he thought. The fast life was at full speed and there was nothing to live for but, money, girls, and popularity. At the young age committing crime without a second thought just to impress his older friends and to be down with the crew. Anywhere he went he had his best friend, Betsy that is, the chrome 9 millimeter always loaded and ready to fire, on any one it didn't matter.

Police on him like the shirt back, breading and sleeping violence. Sleeping with Betsy on his bedside, with nightmares and all the problems in the world on his mind every time he put his head on the pillow. 17 years of age and he already did some of the things no big man would dare do. Why? For something so simple but yet so deep and that is respect. One day sitting on the block listening to his friends brag about how they were not going to work for Babylon and how there where going to get back at the guys from downtown, loading up the car with the 16 gauge shot gun in the trunk, they were on a mission.

The guys from downtown were expecting them. The atmosphere was clean and clear at first, but after a few seconds the place was like World War all over again. The block clouded and filled with gun smoke. After all the commotion, he realized that he was lying on the ground bleeding. He got shot four times; he was in critical state in the hospital and the doctor said that he had no chance of getting through this. At age 17 and four slugs in his chest everyone thought that it was the end of his life. He was in a coma for two months, but he woke up. He realized that his so call friends never came to see him. After getting out of the hospital he went to get his best friend Betsy that is, he turned it into the police. He decided to go all out to get his life on track, changing the way he lived day by day and one step at a time. He told his so called friends, the same ones who left him in the hospital that he got his reality check and he is changing his life, gang banging is not part of it. Since then he has not looked back, known he is 19 and going to school in the week and working on the weekend also he is keeping himself occupied with athletic. He is a student athlete with a 3.5 GPA and he is on his way to the top. He realized that everyone is not as fortunate as he is to get a second chance, so he is on a mission to push himself mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Family Connections
Social Services Team

For each newsletter the LAYC will focus on a cluster of LAYC services. The Spring Edition highlights the work of our Social Services Team.

The Social Services/Family Connection Team (SSFCT) has been a corner stone in the development of the Latin American Youth Center since mid 1980's. Staffed with a group of talented, committed, active, community oriented bilingual staff, interns and volunteers the SSFCT assists children, adolescents and their families by enhancing their well being, reducing the impact of internal and external stressors, facilitating their access to community resources and improving their capacity and opportunities to change and meet their own needs.

All interventions are based on promoting community involvement, equality, respect for ethnic and cultural diversity, self-determination and an explicit commitment to social change. The SSFCT provides an array of services including: Outreach, advocacy, crisis intervention, case management, psychosocial assessments, counseling, housing, tutoring, school based support assistance, referrals, and follow up services.

The SSFCT encompasses the following programs:

DIVERSION: The goals of this program are to support and to strengthen youth who are experiencing educational and family problems and are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.

HOST HOMES: Provides temporary shelter for homeless and runaway female youth in a culturally sensitive community-based setting. For referrals contact Barrie Lynn Tapia (202) 319-2225

FAMILY STRENGTHENING: The goal of this program is to prevent substance use, HIV and early pregnancy among Latino youth.

FOSTER CARE: Provides foster care services to children aged 0 to 18 who have been temporarily removed from their biological homes as a result of abuse and neglect. The program recruits, trains and assists future foster parents through in the licensure process.

STREET OUTREACH (SOP): Provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention, education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of runaway and homeless youth. The program is open to female and male youth aged 16 to 21.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: This is an outpatient program that provides prevention and treatment services to children, adolescents and their families. The goals of the program are to prevent youth from involvement in drug use, and provide counseling services to youth who are drug and or alcohol dependent. The prevention approach includes parent/client skills, conflict resolution, anger management training, recreational activities and peer socialization.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TLP): Provides stable, safe living accommodations for male youth aged 17 to 21 in a supervised independent residential facility for up to 18 months. The purpose of the program is to promote transition to self-sufficient living and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

In addition to the programmatic activities, the SSFCT is engaged in the development of community-oriented interventions. Accordingly during the month of March, the SSFCT staff organized the first annual "Peace in Our Streets" month. The goal of this project is to promote non-violent behaviors in our communities. The event included: staff soccer game, a rope course training, a poster/graffiti contest, and a poetry/essay contest. The event ended with a talent show and a family dinner.

During the month of April, the SSFCT organized activities for Child Abuse Awareness Month. SSFCT staff participated in the National Annual Alcohol Screening Day. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness among youth and their families about alcohol use, its risks and consequences.

For more information, or to make a referral, contact Carlos Vera, SSFCT Director at (202) 319-2225.

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(As of May 1,2000)

Since our last newsletter the LAYC has received incredible support from individuals, foundations, corporations, faith based communities and other non-profit organizations. The LAYC is proud to publish the list of our many friends and supporters. This list just keeps growing thanks to each and everyone of you!

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Sarita Brown in memory of her father, W. Ken Brown.
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Over 500 children, youth and families attended the Latin American Youth Center holiday season activities. It was our greatest ever thanks to the enormous generosity of the following people and organizations:

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SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday September 9, 2000

☐ White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Washington, D.C. Parents, Advocates and Educators Conference - Sponsored by The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, ASPIRA, MALDEF, D.C. Public Schools Office of Bilingual Education, the Latin American Youth Center, NECA, Multicultural Community Service and other community partners.

Friday September 22, 2000

☐ LAYC's *"Put a Little Salsa in Your Life"* Dance and Silent Auction.

Attachment 3

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS VILLAGE
TENANTS ASSOCIATION
1347 HARVARD STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

APRIL 15, 2000

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS VILLAGE CURRENTLY RENTS 20 PARKING SPACES T THE LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO RENT 10 ADDITIONAL SPACES, IF NEEDED TO THE LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTONS, OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 387-3586.

SINCERELY,

PATRICIA JENKINS
PRESIDENT

Attachment 4

Formerly Health Care for the Homeless Project, Inc.

October 19, 2000

Ms. Lori Kaplan
Executive Director
Latin American Youth Center
1419 Columbia Rd., N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Rental of Parking Spaces at the Upper Cardozo Health Center

Dear Ms. Kaplan:

This letter confirms that Unity Health Care, Inc., is willing to rent the Latin American Youth Center with 12 additional parking spaces in the Upper Cardozo Health Center parking lot. The lot is located at 3020 14th Street, N.W. The lot is located around the corner from 3035 15th Street, N.W., the property for which you are seeking additional parking spaces.

The parking spaces are available immediately.

Yours truly,

Carl F. Stout
Director of Administration

Voice: (202) 518-6454. Fax: (202) 462-6128. Pager: (202) 773-6788.
Administrative Assistant: (202) 518-2389
United Way CFC # 7614

Attachment 5

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the CARE of TREES
9228 GAITHER ROAD · GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20877 · (301) 948-5885 · FAX (301) 948-4353

March 20, 2001

Meghan Walsh
2231 Ontario Rd. NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Tree preservation of white oak at 3035 15th Street NW

A large mature white oak (approximately 52 inch diameter) located in the backyard of the above address is in fair to good condition. No visible signs of structural defect detected and the tree has an adequate amount of live buds. Significant dead wood is present in the tree, but this is probably due to lack of regular maintenance.

A tree of this species, age, and size would have a "critical root zone" of approximately 50 feet in radius (from the base of the tree). For proper preservation tactics, we need to save as much of this zone as possible. Any construction on this property should consider this zone and keep any soil disturbance and construction as far away from the base of the tree as possible.

In addition to keeping disturbance away from the base of the tree, the following items are suggested: liquid injected fertilizer with a mycorrhizal inoculant, soil drench of paclobutrazol (to facilitate root growth), fencing to establish tree protection area, mulch in critical root zone, root pruning (if necessary), and periodic watering during drought situations.

This tree is hundreds of years old and cannot be replaced. Great care should be taken to give the tree a chance to live and the local community a chance to appreciate this urban wonder.

If you have any questions, please call. I look forward to being of further service.

Sincerely,

Brett Linkletter
Certified Arborist/Urban Forester

Construction injury minimization

Construction on your property can cause damage to your existing trees, but preventing construction damage, can add years to your tree's life. Establishing barriers (fencing) around valuable trees to keep equipment as far away as possible from the root zones is one way The Care of Trees can help your trees live longer, healthier lives. Call us to make recommendations on preventing injury during your next construction project.

Ecological Restoration

The purpose of an ecological restoration project is to restore the health of remaining woodland, prairie, or wetland so that it is a functioning, self-regenerating, ecologically diverse ecosystem. The Care of Trees performs ecological restorations to restore, protect and enhance a sites' "natural" structure and composition.

Fertilization and root health care programs

Trees exist in an environment characterized by natural cycles and the recycling of essential elements. Growing in niches suitable to their species, trees shed their parts or die, returning organic material to the soil. As this organic material decomposes, it conserves the supply of essential elements, such as nitrogen, making these nutrients available.



Fertilization can be defined as the addition of required elements to the soil to improve plant health and appearance. Fertilizers are not plant food. They are combinations of elements that plants require to carry on their normal activities. Trees make their own food through the process of photosynthesis. Without the proper combination of air and soil borne elements, plants cannot function effectively.

Our fertilization applications can help your trees, shrubs and evergreens maintain their vitality and beauty. If fertilizing is not a part of your program, we would like to discuss its consideration with you.

Soil aeration

Aeration of the soil is a rejuvenating cultivation practice. It improves the turf's ability to obtain water, nutrients and oxygen. Soil aeration is also used to improve root growth.

Cabling and Bracing

Often, a tree that has lost its structural integrity can be pruned to reduce weight problems and excessive sailing effects caused by heavy winds blowing against the tree.

Trees with structural defects may benefit from cabling and bracing. Cabling and bracing techniques can be an effective means to extend the life of a tree. Our professional arborists are trained to identify defects. If you have trees you believe to be structurally unsound, we can evaluate them and make recommendations.

Mulching

"What is the best single thing I can do to help my trees and shrubs?" In many cases, the correct answer can be stated in one word - MULCH. Why? Because mulching closely parallels how trees grow in nature.

Mulching is one of the best things you can do for your plant materials because not only does it help to conserve moisture around the tree's root zone, it helps to keep the soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Also mulching helps to prevent "mower blight" around the base of the trunk. Mower blight occurs when attempting to remove the grass that is growing right next to a tree trunk with power lawn mowers or string trimmers.

Mulching is simply the addition of a ring of an organic material around the base of your trees and shrubs. Many suitable materials are available, but one of the most convenient is shredded wood chips. Wood chips are readily available, inexpensive, easy to work with, long lasting, and attractive.

Hazard Tree Identification

To evaluate the condition of trees and recommend maintenance procedures.



Tree and Stump Removal

Due to the poor condition of a tree, and the tree's location, a removal may be necessary. There are two types of removals, general and technical. A technical removal may involve the temporary disconnection of electricity, telephones and cable utilities. A crane may even be required in some situations. At all levels of our company, we strive to find the safest solutions for hazardous and difficult tree removal.

Horticultural consulting

A thorough evaluation of landscaping on your property.

Tree Value appraisal

With all the good things trees can do for us, they can be the victim of accidents, vandalism, or storms. Each tree has a value for tax and insurance purposes. It is a value that should be determined only by a professional arborist, as it involves objective costs combined with subjective evaluation of tree condition, location and health.

Lightening protection

Each year, thousands of trees are struck by lightning. When a lightning strike injures one of our prized trees, the results can be devastating. After a valuable tree is hit, we often wonder what could have been done to prevent the injury. Installation of a lightning protection system in prominent, high value trees can help reduce the threat of lightning damage.

Insect and disease management

The first line of defense against pests and diseases is plant health. The healthier a tree or shrub, the better able it will be to fend off pests and diseases. At The Care of Trees our primary concern is preventative pest management through overall tree care.

Even with preventive maintenance, sometimes a tree simply cannot defend itself against pests and diseases. When this happens, our arborists assess the infestation and the tree's health, and recommend the most effective and environmentally sensitive approach possible. State-of-the-art natural pest controls and dormant oils are among the tools we use to help restore a tree to health.

Plant health care property inspections

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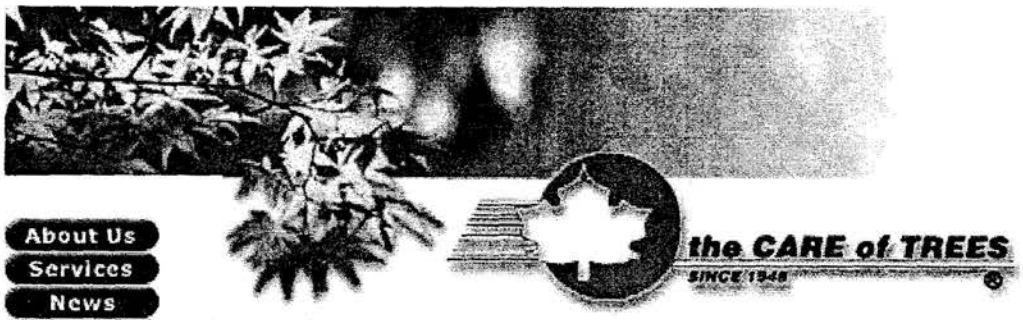
A mapping of your property with a detailed evaluation of each tree to keep trees in good health which will help the tree better defend itself against insects, disease and site problems.

24-hour emergency service

Storms may cause limbs or entire trees to fall, often landing on homes, cars, other structures or other trees. The weight of storm damaged trees is great and they can be very dangerous to remove or trim. The Care of Trees offers a 24-hour emergency service to assist in performing the job safely, while minimizing further risk to your property.

Speakers for garden clubs and other group meetings

At The Care of Trees, we offer our knowledgeable staff to speak on tree related issues for your club or other group meetings.



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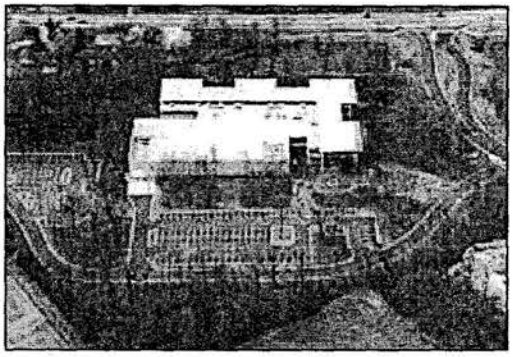
Awards

2000 Awards

The National Arborist Association awarded Hendricksen, the Care of Trees in Wheeling, IL, a division of the Care of Trees family of companies, their **Awards of Distinction** for their tree preservation work at Tetra-Pak in Vernon Hills, IL.

Tetra-Pak tree preservation project, Vernon Hills, IL.

As you can see, many trees were preserved during the construction of the building, which was built from the inside out.



As reported in Tree Care Industry magazine,
The developer owned a majestic, wooded site and wanted to find a tenant interested in saving as much of the property's natural resources as possible.

The primary goal of this project was to construct the building on the site and make it look as if it had always been there.

The first task was to remove the undesirable, non-native brush from the building envelope and parking areas so the quality small trees could be identified for transplanting. The undesirable trees and underbrush were safely removed while preserving the desirable trees. Next, complete tree care was provided for the remaining trees on site, including fertilization, root pruning and crown cleaning.

The judges commented, "this is what tree preservation is all about. I would enjoy working in the environment preserved and created through this project. Superbly done!"

The National Arborist Association gave their **Awards of Distinction** to the Care of Trees in Gaithersburg,MD, a division of the Care of Trees family of companies, for their commercial tree care at Rock Spring Office Park in Bethesda, MD.

As reported in Tree Care Industry magazine,

The site was originally used for agriculture, then developed into a single owner-occupied office building. In 1995, the site was transformed into an office park with the construction of two buildings. Many of the trees on the site were removed to make way for new buildings, the parking garage and roadways. Several trees were preserved and needed special care during and after construction. Having the history of the trees and a client committed to ongoing tree care made the success of this project possible.

The goals of the owners and the management company were achieved by maintaining new and existing trees in a safe, healthy and aesthetically pleasing manner. This project shows how a long-term commitment to quality arboriculture care can enhance and improve trees.

1999 Awards

1999 Best Practices COMPANY ARTHUR ANDERSEN • CHICAGO •

Hendricksen, the Care of Trees, a division of the Care of Trees family of companies, has been awarded Arthur Andersen's prestigious 1999 Chicago Best Practices Award℠ for Motivating and Retaining Employees. Arthur Andersen's Best Practices program annually honors excellence in business practices and offers a variety of educational forums and tools to enable participants to improve their business performance. The award granted to Hendricksen, the Care of Trees recognizes the company's outstanding ability to advance and optimize employee performance and potential.



Larry Hall, Senior Vice-president of the Care of Trees family of companies, was awarded **"Arborist of the Year"**, by *Arbor Age* magazine. Larry Hall recently celebrated his 50th anniversary in the tree care industry. "He's a total success," said Scott Jamieson, president, the Care of Trees family of companies.

Hendricksen, the Care of Trees, a division of the Care of Trees family of companies, was awarded the number 13 spot on the Top 100 Lawn and Landscape companies, from The State of the Industry report in *Lawn and Landscape* magazine.

The National Arborist Association awarded four divisions of the Care of Trees Family of Companies Excellence in Arboriculture Awards for 1999:

- Grand Award - Alpine, the Care of Trees for Elm tree preservation at Fordham University in Bronx, NY.
- Award of Distinction - Walgren, the Care of Trees for tree preservation at PepsiCo headquarters in Purchase, NY.
- Award of Distinction - the Care of



- Award of Distinction - the Care of Trees for tree preservation at Georgetown Visitation School in Washington, D.C.
- Honorable Mention - Hendricksen, the Care of Trees for tree preservation at Thorngate in Riverwoods, IL.



PepsiCo headquarters
Purchase, NY

Attachment 6



Looking at tree toward Arts House from adjacent rear lot



Looking at tree from Arts House



Looking at tree toward Arts House