Little Tokyo Service Center, a Community Development Corporation meets the critical needs of people and builds community.

• We improve the lives of individuals and families through culturally sensitive social services.

• We strengthen neighborhoods through housing and community development.

• We promote the rich heritage of the ethnic community.

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Casa Heiwa
"House of Harmony" symbolizes the multicultural mix of its residents
Mount Vernon Demolished to Make Way for Burger King!

Such a headline could never happen today because Americans have gained a greater appreciation of our heritage and history. But there was a time, about 50 years after George Washington's death that his Mount Vernon estate was in danger of falling apart due to neglect and disrepair until civic-minded ladies came to the rescue and saved the estate.

Little Tokyo is a symbol of the 120-year history, heritage and contributions of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles. Preservation of Little Tokyo has been an important part of LTSC’s community development work, leading to the renovation of historic sites including the Far East building and the old Union Church. These century-old buildings have been renewed to serve modern needs including an arts venue and even a technology center. LTSC is a developer with a social services heart and builds to meet the needs of people.

As a trusted partner for ethnic communities, LTSC recently opened 60 units of affordable senior housing in the San Fernando Valley with Thai Community Development Center, and is currently in various stages of development in nearly a dozen different Asian Pacific Islander communities.

You are an important part of this neighborhood we call home. Subscribe to our e-newsletter and learn more about LTSC and Little Tokyo. We thank you for your support and confidence in our work!
Recognizing the lack of low-income housing for seniors in the San Fernando Valley, Thai Community Development Center approached LTSC for help. The organizations worked together to develop 60 apartments. When Palm Village Apartments opened, it was like winning the lottery for 63-year-old resident Steve.

For years, Steve rented rooms in the San Fernando Valley, all with poor living conditions. “My room was the size of a two man cell,” says Steve, “There was only cold water and a public restroom.” Drugs, crime, and domestic disputes surrounded him and twice he was handcuffed on false suspicion. Fearing his safety, Steve confined himself to his room. “It was below standard but it was better than living in my car, so I didn’t complain,” explains Steve.

Eventually, housing inspectors deemed the place uninhabitable and his landlord tried to forcibly evict Steve.

It wasn’t until Steve read an ad for Palm Village that he thought his luck would change. He arrived at the building at 5am with six people already in line and was later approved for housing. “I felt like I won the lottery,” he says.

“There’s no way I could have survived in my car with my medical conditions. Palm Village saved my life,” he states matter-of-factly.

Palm Village is more than just a building. It gives hope to residents like Steve who now have a place to live with dignity.

As the lead agency of the Asian Pacific Islander Housing Collaborative, LTSC works with community-based organizations to build affordable housing that serves their ethnic communities and increases their capacity to engage in future developments. The Collaborative has built over 600 units of housing.
Three-year-old Mia Dulalia preferred sitting in the back row rather than in the front. She pointed more than she spoke and was only able to verbalize 50 words.

But that was two years ago.

Today, the five-year-old recent graduate of LTSC’s Angelina Head Start/State Preschool, has overcome many hurdles as a selective mute and feels more than ready to start kindergarten next year.

Mia’s mother, Michelle Dulalia, reflects that it has been an amazing journey.

Michelle’s number one priority was finding a comfortable, safe, and welcoming environment for Mia, diagnosed with expressive speech delay. After a protracted search, their family speech therapist recommended LTSC’s full-day preschool program for Mia. This was exactly what they had been searching for. Michelle found the teachers very understanding of Mia’s disability and able to meet Mia’s needs, the curriculum fun and effective at combining academics with art, and the Echo Park location and hours convenient to her work schedule.

LTSC’s preschool program worked with Michelle collaboratively, keeping her updated on Mia’s progress. Michelle is amazed at how involved the teachers are; their patience and their willingness to lend a helping hand.

Both Michelle and her husband feel blessed that they have been part of the program and hope that the program continues to help families in need such as theirs.

Mia smiles and laughs more often now, and that is more precious than words can ever say.
In 1996, LTSC built Little Tokyo’s first family housing in over 70 years, providing 100 affordable units. And in 2008, teenager Phuntsok Wangyul and his family realized their dream as they purchased their own home in Van Nuys after calling Casa Heiwa home for ten years.

Phuntsok and his family moved from Tibet to Culver City as refugees 11 years ago. “I never saw a car before,” he recalls, “and we were so dependent on each other because we didn’t know anything about the U.S.” It was especially difficult for his mother, who was pursuing a nursing career and taking care of four kids.

After a year, when Phuntsok was five, they moved to Casa Heiwa where he was a very shy and timid boy who barely spoke. “I just shook my head a lot,” he says.

Overcoming his shyness, he joined the Aratani After-School Learning Center. He soon made friends and received tutoring from an encouraging staff. The tutoring “was one-on-one and I understood everything,” Phuntsok explains. Later, he joined the CHAMPS mentorship program, providing academic and social support for youth in LTSC’s apartments. Both programs kept him off the streets and made him a better student.

“What I’ll really remember is the basketball court,” says Phuntsok. He and his friends became a little group on and off the court. With every friendship his confidence grew and that shy boy became a faint memory.

“LTSC provides the services but it’s up to the youth to take advantage of it like Phuntsok did. No matter how hard it was for him, he hung in there,” says Tom Sogi, Director of Tenant Services.

Phuntsok has become an empowered individual who, like his family, will see his own dreams come true – whether it’s becoming an engineer or playing in the NBA.
ERICH NAKANO: THE MAN BEHIND THE MUSTACHE

Since interning at LTSC in 1991, Erich Nakano, has been a key part of the agency’s growth, helping establish the small business and childcare programs and leading the renovations of the Union Center for the Arts and the Far East building. Now 17 years later, as LTSC’s Deputy Director, he sees his role as supporting the hard work of frontline personnel and helping staff understand and fulfill LTSC’s mission.

Erich grew up with an awareness bestowed by his parents, Bert and Lillian, about the Japanese American experience including the internment camps during WWII, and similar injustices faced by other minorities. Bert recalled the horrible experiences his family endured, including the night his father was taken by the FBI, right after Pearl Harbor, and was not heard from for 6 months. Bert went on to lead the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations on a 9-year campaign that, in 1988, won reparations.

Meanwhile, Erich was taking a stand at UC Berkeley mirroring the same resolve he saw in his father. During the peak of Anti-Apartheid protests, Erich was arrested many times for his involvement in civil rights demonstrations. In 1986, student pressure forced the school to divest $3 billion from South Africa leading to the end of white-minority rule.

During college, Erich also met his wife Sandra. Together they purposefully decided to make a difference through their career choices and how they would one day raise their family.

When Erich entered the Urban Planning program at UCLA and began working at LTSC he knew this path of community development was the right one for him. Economic vitality, bricks and mortar, and even cultural preservation are all important, but in the end it is about the quality of people’s lives. Do they have viable jobs? ‘Is their home safe? People are the bottom line.’
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

LTSC’s work is organized into three related areas. In Little Tokyo, we strive for a vibrant and healthy multi-ethnic neighborhood that preserves its rich Japanese-American heritage; in the Japanese-American and Japanese immigrant community of Southern California, we serve as the main Japanese speaking social service provider; and LTSC helps disadvantaged groups of all ethnicities and backgrounds in the neighborhoods in which we work.

LITTLE TOKYO

Little Tokyo is where we started as an organization, and we remain committed to our home neighborhood. We are dedicated to preserving Little Tokyo as a place that recognizes the historical presence and contributions of Nikkei. We also strive to promote Little Tokyo as a vibrant home to low-income residents, workers, small business owners, and others in need from various ethnic backgrounds.

LTSC addresses the needs of the Little Tokyo community by:

- **Revitalizing the community through historic and cultural preservation**
  - Obtained federal recognition of Little Tokyo by Preserve America
  - Over 200 participants enjoyed the 10th Annual San Tai San youth basketball tournament
  - Continued to develop plans for the construction of a multi-court Recreation Center

- **Aiding small businesses** in Little Tokyo
  - 70 clients received advice in finance and government regulations from LTSC’s Business Counselor, 20 more than last year

- **Developing affordable housing and community facilities**
  - Supportive permanent housing for 8 formerly homeless individuals
  - Affordable housing for 293 other Little Tokyo residents
  - 30,000 sq. ft. of community facilities

- **Organizing and assisting residents to improve their quality of life**
  - 40 youth participated in tutoring, computer-based learning, and activities at the Aratani After School Learning Center
  - 160 Little Tokyo residents received in-depth case management services
  - 900 Japanese and Korean residents engaged in, social events and meeting to improve inter-ethnic relations

- **Providing technology access** at DISKovery Center Little Tokyo, with satellite locations in Echo Park and Gardena
  - Over a dozen writers who live and work in Little Tokyo contributed to a blog hosted by LTSC
  - Provided 85 affordable computer classes in Japanese, Korean, Spanish and English ranging from Computer Basics to Video Storytelling for 862 children, adults, and seniors
  - 250 users per day took advantage of the wi-fi networks throughout Little Tokyo
  - 2,600 hours of open public access were logged by online visitors

- **Collaborating with fellow Little Tokyo stakeholders**
  - Participated in the Little Tokyo Community Council, made up of 100 Little Tokyo businesses, nonprofits and residents, building a united voice to weigh in on community issues
BROADER NIKKEI COMMUNITY

Little Tokyo and the Nikkei community (inclusive of Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants) are historically connected. LTSC’s roots, therefore, extend into the larger Nikkei community. We are committed to addressing the pressing and unmet needs of Nikkei in the Greater Los Angeles area, especially for seniors, families and youth by:

- Providing **culturally sensitive services** to the elderly and disabled
  - 168 Japanese seniors, including 70 new clients, received in-depth case management, in-home services and/or respite care
  - 136 caregiver referrals were made to Japanese seniors
  - 1,000 Japanese clients received assistance
  - 50 seniors enrolled in five computer workshops at the DISKovery Center Japanese Cultural Institute in Gardena

- Offering **information and referrals** by telephone
  - 500 Japanese foreign students sought help from the Ryugakusei Hotline
  - 700 people called the Nikkei Helpline, 350 more than last year

- Training **future caregivers**
  - 2 extensive two-day trainings were facilitated
  - 20 caregivers completed the program and are on LTSC’s caregiver registry

- Providing **family support services**
  - 15 children of domestic violence participated in 50 innovative group therapy sessions
  - 50 support group meetings were held for those affected by Alzheimer’s, cancer, and stroke
  - 150 individuals and families received mental health counseling, and attended support groups and educational workshops 759 parents learned about the challenges of raising children outside Japan

- Fostering **cultural education** and civic engagement in Nikkei youth
  - 14 college students, 2 more than last year, participated in the 8-week Nikkei Community Internship, a statewide paid summer internship
  - 48 middle schoolers attended Camp Musubi, a week-long Japanese American heritage camp
ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AND OTHER LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

LTSC believes in addressing social and economic inequality facing all ethnicities and backgrounds, and in the power of local community-based organizations to deliver direct services in their community. To tap this, we build collaborations and partnerships, especially around affordable housing development and other areas where we have developed expertise and capacity to contribute. We are committed to providing assistance to Low Income communities of all races and ethnicities, and also in the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities of Los Angeles by:

• Developing **affordable housing** by partnering with multi-ethnic community based organizations
  — Lead agency of the Asian Pacific Islander Housing Collaborative
  — Completed Palm Village Senior Apartments, 60 units of affordable housing in Sun Valley
  — 9 organizations received hands-on technical assistance and training
  — 17 projects under development, totaling approximately 700 units - to be new homes for:
    • 320 families in need of affordable housing
    • 370 emancipated foster youth, frail elderly, and others

• Providing full service **property and financial asset management**
  — 75 low-income units including: apartments for the formerly homeless, independent housing for mentally ill adults, transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence, a group home for developmentally disabled adults
  — 299 affordable units including independent living for seniors
  — 6 commercial tenants
  — 22 market rate units

• Serving low-income families in Downtown and Echo Park with **affordable, high-quality childcare**
  — 77 children were cared for in the homes of 15 Family Child Care Providers, many of whom live in LTSC’s housing
  — 78 infants and toddlers were cared for at the Grace Iino Child Care Center, using an innovative Primary Care model developing strong bonds between caregivers and children
  — 129 children were enrolled in the Angelina Head Start/State Preschool and our partner’s, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Crenshaw Children’s Center
  — This past year we happily said goodbye to 39 children who graduated to Kindergarten
  — 17% of the children served had special needs

• Providing holistic comprehensive **family services**
  — Programs include support from Head Start and a Family Literacy program funded by First 5 LA
  — 40 parents attended monthly meetings and stayed involved with their children’s development
  — “Male Involvement” classes engaged 14 fathers with their children
  — 26 parents and 30 children ages 0
  — 5 participated in parenting classes, unique parent-child literacy activities, computer, job and life skills training, and ESL classes

• Encouraging **self sufficiency** for youth, adults and families
  — 256 low-income individuals and families in need of emergency housing received immediate assistance
  — 72 youth connected with UCLA volunteer tutors in the CHAMPS mentoring program, 35 Saturdays per year
  — 10 women and 9 children escaped domestic abuse and started new lives in the Kosumosu Transitional Housing Program
  — 170 clients received job placement training services
**LTSC PARTNERS**

**Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches** (A3M) helps save lives by improving patient access to marrow and blood cell transplants. A3M has added over 150,000 Asian and Pacific Islander potential marrow donors, one fourth of the total API’s in the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. To date, 215 A3M-recruited donors have donated their marrow or blood cells to patients. [www.AsianMarrow.org](http://www.AsianMarrow.org)

**During the past year,**

- 28 registered donors saved lives through transplants
- 420 donor drives were hosted
- 693 donors were potential life-saving matches for patients
- 14,757 potential donors were recruited, a 33% increase from the previous year

**Asian and Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance** (APIOPA) is making healthy, active living a priority in the API community. Comprised of health advocates from community organizations and health agencies, the pilot project works in Japanese, Filipino and Pacific Islander communities by providing information and expertise to groups to create sustainable changes in API neighborhoods. [www.apiopa.org](http://www.apiopa.org)

- 3 Community Action Groups were formed
- 10 capacity building trainings on nutrition policies in churches and safety at local parks were provided
- 25 workshops were held with over 320 participants

**Asian and Pacific Islander Older Adults Task Force** (APIOTF) aids senior service providers throughout L.A. County by providing cultural competency trainings, diversity workshops and technical assistance to better serve the aging community. [www.apiotf.org](http://www.apiotf.org)

- 305 service providers attended 14 trainings and 4 workshops
- 3,178 hours of technical assistance were provided through information and referrals
- 7,800 meals were served at the Cambodian Senior Nutrition Project in Long Beach, 2,800 more than last year

**Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program** (APISBP) assists the development of small and micro businesses in Los Angeles with particular focus on Chinatown, Koreatown, Little Tokyo, Thai Town and Historic Filipinotown business communities, especially those of low-income immigrants. [www.apisbp.org](http://www.apisbp.org)

- 5 nonprofit organizations are part of this award-winning collective
- 96 workshops have been facilitated in 7 different languages
- 750 attended the 8th Annual Asian Small Business Expo in Downtown Los Angeles, 150 more than the year before
- 1,966 participants to date have attended workshops
La Vida SAKE
A SAKE AND FOOD TASTING EVENT

Angelinos shifted gears from tofu to sake for this year’s Sake & Food Tasting and Awards Gala titled “La Vida Sake.” The annual fundraiser for LTSC was another sold-out crowd pleaser at the Petersen Automotive Museum with shiny lowrider cars providing the perfect backdrop for guests to sip on jizake from Northern Japan -- home to the largest concentration of Japan’s most renowned sake. Car & sake aficionados also sampled delectable culinary pairings from LA’s top restaurants. At the VIP reception, Chef Akira Hirose of Pasadena’s Maison Akira was honored with the “Fu Re Ai” award in recognition for his longtime community involvement.

See photos at: www.LTSC.org/sake

Thank you to the generous food and beverage providers for “La Vida Sake.” Jizake from Northern Japan generously provided by Mutual Trading Co.

VIP Catering provided by: Andy Nakano
Cold Mountain Miso
Feast from the East
GuS
Gyu-Kaku
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Mishima
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Singha Beer
Starbucks
Tokyo Table
Warung Cafe
Water Grill

Join us for the next Sake and Food Tasting in Spring 2009

Over 800 attendees sipped on numerous sake from Northern Japan

Guests cruised the exhibits while noshing on hors d’oeuvres from LA’s top restaurants

The Petersen Museum’s homage to the lowrider culture of Los Angeles

Chef Akira Hirose of Maison Akira in Pasadena was honored for his community involvement
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Palm Village, a collaboration between LTSC and Thai CDC, is 60 units of affordable senior housing that opened in 2008.
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