2014 WAS A PLANNING YEAR FOR LTSC.

We engaged in a strategic planning process to guide the organization for the next three years. We created a fund development plan to ensure diverse and long-term funding for LTSC. Finally, we began working on a communications strategy to improve the way LTSC tells its story. All this work will help LTSC meet the needs of its clients and continue serving the Los Angeles community. As seen on the cover of this annual report, LTSC is building a strong future.

I hope you will join us in celebrating LTSC’s 35th anniversary.

Dean Matsukayashi
Executive Director

AS WE EMBARK ON LTSC’S 35TH YEAR, we reflect on the dream for a vibrant and sustainable Little Tokyo and goals of discovering new ways to serve our community. We also celebrate and honor culture and collaboration in our growing and changing community. Our BIG push to raise funds for the Budokan of Los Angeles is taking place and soon our community-wide vision will be realized with Little Tokyo’s new center for recreation and community activities.

I am privileged to follow Alan Nishio as President of LTSC’s Board. Alan’s imprint on LTSC will continue as he applies his future-focused vision and leadership in his new role as Chair of LTSC’s Board of Governors. Thank you Alan for your 30 years of leadership!

Thank you dedicated staff, volunteers and donors for keeping LTSC a priority in your lives.

Debra Nakatomi
President, Board of Directors
**LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER**

Positive Change for People and Places

- Improving the lives of individuals and families through culturally sensitive social services
- Strengthening neighborhoods through housing and community development
- Promoting the rich heritage of the ethnic community

**FOCUSBING OUR WORK IN:**

- **Little Tokyo**
  Where we strive for a vibrant and healthy multi-ethnic community that preserves and celebrates its Japanese America heritage and culture.

- **Nikkei Community**
  Where we serve as a key Japanese-speaking social services provider, especially for seniors, and where we help connect Nikkei youth to community.

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander and Low-Income Communities**
  Where we collaborate with community-based organizations to address the needs in low-income communities.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:**
**JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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**EXPENSES (BY PROGRAM)**
**$8,812,150**

- Community Economic Development  $2,848,654  32.1%
- Children & Family Services      $2,511,441  28.6%
- Social Services                  $1,088,246  12.3%
- Administration                   $835,541   9.5%
- Development                      $321,912   3.6%
- Fiscal-Sponsored Programs        $1,459,848  16.4%

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

800+ UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

200 MILLION DOLLARS IN REAL ESTATE PROJECTS

15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

130 THOUSAND SQ FT OF COMMERCIAL SPACE
LITTLE TOKYO

Little Tokyo is one of the last remaining Japantowns in the country. We must preserve its cultural roots and build a more sustainable Little Tokyo for future generations.

ATOMIC CAFE

A Little Tokyo landmark, the Atomic Cafe, was demolished to make way for Metro’s Regional Connector. On February 22, 2014 over 200 Angelenos joined Atomic Nancy – daughter of the Cafe’s original owners – as she resurrected the sounds of the Atomic with a DJ set of old ‘45s from the Cafe’s infamous jukebox. Everyone came to share memories and say goodbye to the familiar brick building.

The original “Atomic” was opened in 1946 by the Matoba family and its name was a challenge by Minoru Matoba that “no one ever forget the Atomic bomb… nor our food.” A local hang-out with an eclectic menu, featuring signature dishes like saimin and “the gaccha” (scrambled eggs, veggies and spam or wieners), the Atomic flourished as an after hours stop for kimono-clad hostesses, local business owners and GIs.

In the 1980s the Atomic became one of the city’s hottest gathering spots in the burgeoning punk rock scene. Blondie, The Go-Go’s and David Bowie hung out with the locals after hours.

The Story of the Atomic Cafe is an important part of Little Tokyo history and also highlights the cultural richness of the area. LTSC and a committee of community partners advocated for and secured from Metro a space on the Regional Connector station site for an artistic commemoration that celebrates the Atomic Cafe.

SAN PEDRO FIRM BUILDING STORIES

In 1991, the City threatened to demolish this 1923 building but after a $3 million renovation, LTSC’s first affordable housing project now provides 42 units of affordable housing to low-income residents.

Ms. Yoshiko Takai has been living in San Pedro Firm Building since 1953. Now 91 years old, Ms. Takai was born in Fresno but grew up in Japan. At 20 she returned to Fresno and then came to Los Angeles. She moved into San Pedro Firm Building and worked as a seamstress. She recalls how the building was lively before its decline and how happy the residents were when they first saw their renovated homes.

Evie helped Ms. Takai tell her story about life in Little Tokyo

Ms. Takai is the subject of a documentary film produced by LTSC and directed by Evie Liu, a student at USC. LTSC captured her story because she has witnessed over 60 years of Little Tokyo history. See her story on youtube.com/ltsccdc.

18 CLASSES OFFERED AT FAR EAST LOUNGE

3717 PEOPLE ATTENDING CLASSES AT FAR EAST LOUNGE

LITTLE TOKYO SELECTED FOR ECODISTRICT’S TARGET CITIES
BROADER NIKKEI

Little Tokyo Service Center is the only bilingual multi-service agency and community developer in Southern California serving the Japanese American community. We serve more than 18,000 Japanese Americans annually.

142 PARENTING SKILLS WORKSHOPS
543 SENIORS IN LITTLE TOKYO & GARDENA GIVEN ASSISTANCE
3000 TRANSLATIONS & INTERPRETATIONS TO SENIORS LIVING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
81 SENIORS HELPED WITH UTILITY BILL SAVINGS
43 SENIORS ATTENDED CASA HEIWA BINGO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2160 SENIORS REACHED THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
143 HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED WITH APPLICATIONS FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
6 WORKSHOPS FOR SENIORS, 466 ATTENDEES

26 MEETINGS HELD BY CASA HEIWA SENIORS CLUB
162 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECEIVED COUNSELING
342 HOURS OF SERVICE TO HOME-BOUND SENIORS (PROVIDED BY NIKKEI TOMODACHI PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS)
Valerie Zin: Big Sister

As a freshman at UCLA Valerie joined CHAMPs, the Saturday youth mentoring program at LTSC’s Angelina Apartments in Echo Park and mentored youth for four years and codirected the program for two years. Currently in its 18th year, CHAMPs links at-risk youth with UCLA volunteer mentors. “As I got to know the youth I wanted to invest in their lives and let them know they mattered,” explains Valerie.

In addition to beginning a weekday tutoring program, Valerie started a college prep workshop series because she wanted to help the youth with their college aspirations. “I was checking in with Genesis, a girl I mentored in CHAMPs, and she asked me for help with scholarship applications,” Valerie said. This gave Valerie the idea for Moving Forward. “Some of the kids wanted to look into college, but didn’t know what questions to ask or where to start,” stated Valerie.

Moving Forward helps with the application process and gets the youth thinking about the direction they want to take in their lives. “I begin with a question, ‘why do you want to go to college?’ to get everyone thinking about their motivations. They can use these thoughts in their personal statement,” explains Valerie.

Valerie has helped many youth with the admission process and currently 8 are attending college. “I see myself as their big sister. Ultimately they will make their own decisions in life but I hope they remember my advice of ‘be wise’ along the way,” says Valerie.

Grace Iino Child Care Center

Located in LTSC’s Casa Heiwa Apartments, Grace Iino Child Care Center serves middle-income families who work and live in Downtown Los Angeles and Little Tokyo. Our program provides a developmental and child-centered curriculum and offers peace of mind for working parents.

Hours: 7 am – 6 pm
For more info, contact: Jenni Kuida, Director of Children & Family Services (213) 473-1699

CITI FOUNDATION

Thanks to funding from Citi Foundation LTSC was able to start a new financial literacy program for the residents living in our affordable housing communities. Our Financial Capacity and Asset Building program provides financial literacy workshops and one-on-one counseling to residents needing help managing their money. Residents learn how to develop a monthly household budget, decrease expenses, reduce credit card debt, increase savings and improve their credit record and FICO score. This program is providing a much-needed service and is assisting residents build their financial capacity. Thank you Citi Foundation for helping our low-income residents achieve financial capability and long-term stability.

REMEMBERING NANCY HATSUMI KIKUCHI

On September 10, 2014 LTSC lost one of its family members as Nancy Kikuchi passed away from ovarian cancer at the age of 52. Nancy was dedicated to making Little Tokyo a better place and she worked and volunteered with more than 10 community organizations. At LTSC she was a small business counselor from 2000 - 2007, assisting the mom-and-pop shops that give Little Tokyo its unique charm. Nancy was also instrumental in getting LTSC’s annual sake and food tasting event off the ground. The “Home is Little Tokyo” mural was her labor of love and is a larger than life reminder of Nancy. In June 2014 Nancy was recognized by the JACCC as a Community Spirit Award Winner.

We will all miss her energy, enthusiasm, joy and dedication to Little Tokyo. She was fearless and her sense of adventure was infectious. We all lost a great friend.

GIVINGTUESDAY SUCCESS

Our 2014 GivingTuesday campaign raised nearly twice our goal of $1,000. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Kosumosu received a brand new security camera system, increasing the level of security and contributing to the peace of mind of residents.
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2014 PROJECT MILESTONES:
* $12.7 million raised, surpassing 50% of total fundraising goal
* Project Entitlements obtained from the Los Angeles Department of City Planning approving the project
* Business Plan Complete

BUDOKAN OF LOS ANGELES (BoLA)

Together we can build...

A multipurpose sports facility in Little Tokyo and a home court for all!
Casa Heiwa’s Martinez Family

Oldest brother Jose doesn’t think they are special, but Casa Heiwa’s Martinez family is very special.

Jose, sister Claudia, brother Raul, baby Oswaldo and their parents were living in a small apartment near Skid Row. When Casa Heiwa opened the Martinez family applied for a unit. “Life changed when we were approved to move into Casa Heiwa,” Jose remembers. “I had my own room and was able to get my school work done. We could play basketball and have fun outside.” A few years later, LTSC opened the Aratani Afterschool Program and Claudia and Raul came for tutoring and fun. When Oswaldo was old enough he also attended where his sister was a tutor. “I really liked the computer lab,” says Oswaldo.

And now, Oswaldo is getting ready to graduate high school and become the fourth Martinez sibling to attend college. Jose, the first to go to college in the family, graduated from Cal State LA and is working as an accountant, Claudia attends Glendale Community College, Raul is a science major at Cal State Northridge and Oswaldo will be a chemistry major also Cal State Northridge.

Inequality hurts us all — not just those receiving the short end of the stick. When we provide supportive services and affordable housing that help people thrive, we build a stronger community and we all win.

AAPI and Low-Income Communities

With the strong work ethic instilled in them by their parents, the Martinez children have bright futures ahead of them. “Education is everything. Our parents were very strict about school,” says Jose.

Casa Heiwa provides 100 units of affordable housing

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Grand Opening in Van Nuys

On June 13, 2014, the Homes for Life Foundation and LTSC celebrated the grand opening of the HFL Sequoia Apartments, which will provide 24 apartments for low-income adults with mental disabilities. The lack of permanent, affordable, supportive housing is one of the main obstacles to stabilized lives for mentally disabled adults. The building was designed with many “green” elements and two rooftop terraces provide a serene yet secure outdoor environment for residents. On-site supportive services include life skills development, mental health counseling, crisis intervention, economic empowerment and networking for off-site mental health services.
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

LTSC’s Child Development programs served 75 children at Angelina Preschool and 74 children in our home-based Family Child Care programs throughout Downtown Los Angeles and Koreatown. These programs expanded in 2014 due to restoration of funding after several years of state budget cuts.

186 parents participated in “Make Parenting a Pleasure,” a parenting education and support program. With funding from Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, LTSC provided 165 classes throughout Los Angeles.

LTSC’S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **40** YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
- **75%** OF YOUTH IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM INCREASED GRADES
- **75%** YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
- **17** FIELD TRIPS INCLUDING SWIMMING AND HIKING
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LTSC’S PARTNERS

Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program (API SBP)

Ron Fong, API SBP Director (far right) and Jerome Horton, Chairman of CA Board of Equalization (back left) at the 15th Annual Asian Small Business Expo with winners of the API SBP & Citi Business Plan Competition.

Formed in 1999, API SBP is a collaborative of 5 community organizations: Chinatown Service Center, Koreatown Youth & Community Center, LTSC, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans and Thai Community Development Center. API SBP provides free business counseling and business workshops regarding business plans, loan applications, access to capital, basic business preparation and franchise acquisition. In 2014 API SBP served 2,500 people.

Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M)

UCSD NSU students during their drive for INC Cheek Week

Since 1991, A3M has been a recruitment center for Be The Match, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program. Each year, A3M conducts over 500 marrow donor recruitment drives in the African American, Chinese, Japanese, Hispanic, Korean, Pilipino, South Asian, Vietnamese and multi-racial communities to increase and diversify the national marrow donor registry. More than 450 people who registered as potential marrow donors at recruitment drives have gone on to donate their marrow or blood stem cells to patients with leukemia and blood cancers. Patients are searching for a cure. It could be you.

Nikkei Helpline (NHL)

Volunteers of the Nikkei Helpline

NHL was the first crisis hotline for the Japanese and Japanese American community. Over 40,000 people have called NHL since its inception in 1984, getting help with everything from immigration, education, and traffic accidents to illness, drug abuse, relationship crises and other emergencies. NHL serves Japanese, English, and Korean-speaking community members. Inochi No Denwa Tomono Kai was established in December 2005 to support NHL service activities through fundraising events.

Japanese Speaking Parents Association of Children with Challenges (JSPACC)

JSPACC with Hon. Norman Mineta, Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

In 2014, JSPACC celebrated its 20th anniversary. A unique parent support group for families with special needs in the Japanese-speaking community, JSPACC has been actively engaged in supporting families with educational seminars, family events and raising awareness. For more information, please visit www.jspacc.org or email info@jspacc.org.

Ryugakusei Hotline (RHL)

Ryugakusei Hotline volunteers at the Oshogatsu New Year’s Celebration in Little Tokyo

In 1991 RHL was established to provide information and referral services to Japanese international students in need. Since then RHL’s dedicated volunteers have answered thousands of calls. RHL volunteers also fundraise by selling Oshiruko at the New Years celebration in Little Tokyo.
TOKYO BLOOM, JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Friday, July 24, 2015

Sake & Food Tasting Event
Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles

Sake generously provided by Mutual Trading Co., Inc.
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