



TKF

Empowering Kids
Saving Lives
Teaching Peace

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The mission of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) is to break the cycle of violence by empowering kids, saving lives, and teaching peace. Our programs directly align with the California Endowment Initiative's fifth outcome; *children and families are safe from violence in their homes and neighborhoods*. TKF is currently running violence prevention programs throughout San Diego County. Our programs include a Violence Impact Forum assembly, a Circle of Peace after school program, an Ending the Cycle of Violence curriculum, a Parent Peace Coalition program, a Peace Empowerment Project and an AmeriCorps Hope Works mentoring program. All of our programs are focused on teaching young people skills to better address the conflicts in their lives and discover the power of making positive choices. During the 2007-2008 school year, TKF reached over 20,000 students.

All of our programs are currently being evaluated through the use of pre and post surveys. San Diego State University is conducting a three year evaluation on our Peace Empowerment Project which will end in the summer of 2010. Our Hope Works mentoring program uses an extensive intake form in order to assess the risk factors associated with our mentees and to track progress throughout their involvement in our program. The data that is collected through these evaluations would be relevant for the City Heights neighborhood due to its similarity and proximity to our current service area in Southeast San Diego.

TKF is committed to this initiative and is willing to devote 5% of our Program Director's time to be involved in the 9 month planning process. TKF is also committed to sharing any data collected by TKF with the planning committee in order to gain a better understanding of the needs of the residents of City Heights.

Sincerely,

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