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CCD SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Community, collaboration, and a new place to connect with resources.



A Message from Founder & CEO Cherly Clark

On behalf of Clark Community Development, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for our End of Summer Block Party and helped make this important day so memorable.

This celebration marked more than the end of summer—it represented the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our community as we prepare for the official opening of ONE Community Resource Center in October.

Thank you to every vendor, community organization, sponsor, performer, volunteer, staff member, friend, family member, and community guest who shared this special day with us. Whether you provided resources, served food, entertained our guests, helped behind the scenes, or simply showed up to celebrate alongside us, your presence and support made a meaningful difference.

ONE Community Resource Center was created with a simple but powerful purpose: to bring people, organizations, and essential services together under one roof. It will be a welcoming place where individuals and families can receive guidance, build connections, and access resources designed to help them move forward.

After 26 years of serving our communities, I remain deeply grateful for the relationships and partnerships that make this work possible. The support we received at the Block Party reminded us that meaningful change happens when people come together with a shared commitment to serve.

As we prepare to officially open our doors in October, we look forward to continuing this journey with all of you. Thank you for believing in our mission, standing beside us, and helping us bring the vision of ONE Community Resource Center to life.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Cherly Clark
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Clark Community Development

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End of Summer Block Party Recap



- Guests enjoying the block party.

Our End of Summer Block Party was a joyful celebration of community, connection, and new beginnings. Clark Community Development and Renewed Horizons proudly came together to host this special event in celebration of the upcoming opening of ONE Community Resource Center.

Nearly 200 guests joined us for an afternoon filled with delicious food vendors, community resources, exciting raffles, and live entertainment. Guests had the opportunity to win an electric bike, electric scooters, and several other electronic prizes while enjoying great food, music, and performances throughout the day.

A special thank-you goes to Rudy Muñoz for helping bring together an incredible lineup of singers and performers who kept the celebration lively and memorable. We are also deeply grateful to every vendor, partner, volunteer, staff member, friend, family member, and community guest who showed up and shared this meaningful day with us.

The Block Party gave our community a glimpse of the spirit behind ONE Community Resource Center—a welcoming place where people, organizations, and essential services can come together. We look forward to officially opening our doors in October and continuing to serve our community for years to come.

Community Impact:

- 200 Guests welcomed
- CCD Backpacks & raffle prizes distributed
- 100 free hot dogs and 100 aguas frescas served
- Free haircuts provided
- Vendor and community partner booths
- New community contacts & registrations collected


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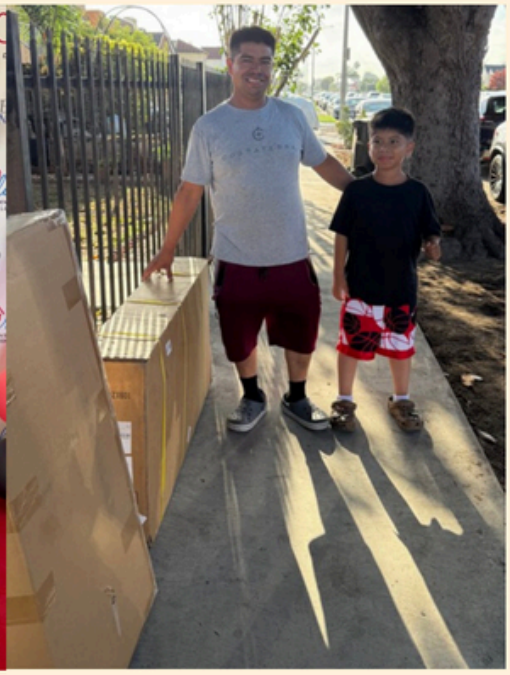





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Special Recognition From

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MHD CD8

During the celebration, Clark Community Development and our Founder and CEO, Cherly Clark, were honored with Certificates of Recognition presented by Los Angeles City Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson, representing Council District 8.

The certificates recognized Cherly's 26 years of dedicated community service and Clark Community Development's continued commitment to supporting individuals and families throughout Los Angeles. This meaningful recognition reflects the years of compassion, perseverance, and partnership that have shaped our organization's work.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Council President Harris-Dawson and the Eighth District for honoring this important milestone as we prepare to officially open ONE Community Resource Center.



Partner Spotlight



José Melgar

CEO of Innovators Financial Services Firm |

DJ | Entrepreneur

Meet José Melgar—a proud father, entrepreneur, and community-minded leader whose warmth, faith, and commitment to serving others are at the heart of everything he does.

Originally from El Salvador, José is the owner of Innovators Financial Services Firm and Salvi Productions. Through both businesses, he has built his career around helping people, bringing families together, and creating memorable experiences.

José also plays an essential role in our Community Health & Resource Fairs, where he brings people together through Salvi Productions. From providing live DJ entertainment to serving as MC and keeping our programs engaging and running smoothly, his energy and presence have become an important part of our community events.

Whether supporting clients through his insurance brokerage or lending his talents to community celebrations, José believes strongly in giving back. Above all, his faith and his two children remain his greatest sources of purpose and inspiration.

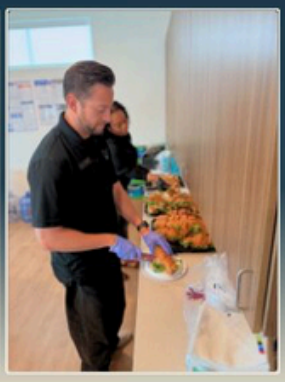
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Staff Spotlight









Jay Avila - *Digital Operations & Administrative Coordinator.*

Outside of work, Jay enjoys traveling, discovering great food, and learning new skills and creative ways to improve the work around him. A self-described perfectionist—in the best possible way—he brings thoughtfulness, organization, and close attention to detail to every project he takes on. Jay is always looking for new ideas, tools, and strategies that can help CCD grow and better serve the community.

CEO's Note
Behind the Vision at CCD

Behind every post, every photo, every video, and every piece of content we share is so much love, creativity, and intention—all dedicated to bringing the vision of Clark Community Development (CCD) to life.

From our newsletters and social media to the design and development of our website, so much of what you see is made possible by our incredible Digital Operations & Administration Coordinator, Jay.

Jay, thank you for your continued hard work, creativity, and dedication. You have a special way of taking our ideas and turning them into something beautiful that truly represents who we are and what we want to share with our community.

Your work often happens behind the scenes, but it never goes unnoticed. We appreciate everything you do to help bring the CCD vision to life and make it possible for us to share our mission with the community we serve.

Thank you, Jay, for being such an important part of our team and our journey. Your hard work and vision are truly appreciated!

-Cherly Clark

Community in Action







Art, Calm & Connection

Clark Community Development was proud to open the doors of ONE Community Resource Center and provide the space for *Arte Que Abraza*, a free and inclusive gathering hosted by artist and singer Janet Uribe and her team.

Created for children with autism and their families, the event gave children an opportunity to express their creativity through colorful, hands-on arts and crafts, while parents were invited to relax and recharge through guided meditation and a soothing sound bath.

It was a beautiful afternoon filled with art, calm, connection, and community—exactly the kind of meaningful experience ONE Community Resource Center was created to welcome.

In our little corner of South Central Los Angeles, Clark Community Development and ONE Community Resource Center aim to create a welcoming and accessible space where individuals and families can connect with vital resources, wellness programs, creative experiences, and genuine community support. We look forward to opening our doors to more local organizations, artists, and community members who share our vision

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Follow and learn more:

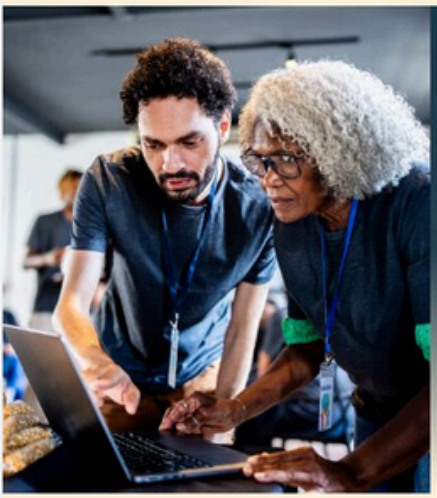
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Did You Know?

What We Offer



Clark Community Development offers:

- Medi-Cal & Medicare Assistance
- Healthcare Services & Screenings
- Mental Health Referrals
- Housing Navigation
- Case Management
- Youth Development Programs
- Senior Support Services
- Employment & Re-Entry Resources
- Parenting Classes
- Anger Management Classes
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Community Events & Workshops
- & Much More!

Upcoming Mobile Resource Fair Events

Skybridge OD Prevention

Overdose Prevention Training

Date: September 24, 2026

Time: 10:00AM - 12:30PM

Private Event

Whittier First Day

Date: September 25, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

12426 Whittier Blvd.

Whittier, CA 90602

Open to the Public

Questions?

Reach out to our Events Team at getinfo@ccdresources.org

Email us

How You Can Help

- Volunteer
- Donate
- Become a community partner
- Host a resource event
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"You only have what you give."
— Isabel Allende

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