FRIENDSHIP CAMPUS FACT SHEET

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3.25-Acre Friendship Campus Will Revolutionize Postsecondary Training for Intellectually & Physically Diverse Students

The innovative Friendship Campus will include a 64,000 square foot facility to develop an engaging and inviting environment for the entire community. The brainchild of the Friendship Foundation and its Founder Yossi Mintz, the educational and vocational Campus will focus on serving the whole individual with talent and skill building; personal growth and development programs; social and emotional wellness; healthy lifestyle habits and physical fitness; and job training and exploration programs including:

Creative Center: Creativity promotes career opportunities as well as life skills like problem solving, adaptability, stress reduction and confidence building. The state-of-the-art studio will include training on Digital Media such as graphic design, coding, game design; Visual Arts such as painting, photography, filmmaking; craftswork such as woodwork and jewelry making; and Music such as songwriting, audio production and music mixing.

Culinary Arts Center: The Friendship Café and Teaching Kitchen will give culinary students hands-on learning experience to train for careers in the hospitality and culinary industries. With an on-site garden and focus on farm-to-table, the Center will teach the basics of reading recipes, cooking skills, and techniques. It will also feature menu design, safety & sanitation, plating, serving, hosting, and more.

Recreation Center: Friendship Foundation believes physical fitness helps promote mental fitness and overall well-being. The new Recreation Center will offer a place for the whole community to come together to train, play, socialize and get fit with an adaptive curriculum and equipment. Basketball, volleyball, rock climbing, pickleball, dance, yoga, meditation, martial arts, social programming are just some of the things that will be offered here.

Multigenerational Mentoring: In keeping with the goal of integrating the entire community, the Campus will work with area older adults to mentor younger students, encouraging them to use the services offered themselves while providing professional expertise and life experiences. Connecting the ideas, perspectives and experiences of multiple generations benefits everyone with improved problem solving, creativity, confidence and stress reduction for all involved.

Financial Empowerment Academy: Daily life-skills in financial literacy will be a focus to help individuals gain independence in society. Individuals living with disabilities require and deserve the same financial knowledge and skills as others not living with disabilities. Participants will be given the opportunity to gain financial independence by learning how to manage money and taxes, create a spending plan, engage with financial institutions, read a pay stub, and learn to maximize their income and benefits.

Full list of Vocational Programs: (to be offered at varying levels based on individual needs and abilities)

- Technology
- Media
- Hospitality

- Retail
- Culinary
- Office

- Education
- Trades
- Gardening

In addition to postsecondary vocational programs, the Campus will be home to a transition program for Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) and the new headquarters for Friendship Foundation's 50+ programs.

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Friendship Campus Meets Immense Need

Almost 200,000 students are enrolled in special education in Los Angeles County alone and 8 in 10 Americans with disabilities are unemployed. Friendship Foundation's new community-integrated, inclusive Campus will give individuals with physical and intellectual diversities the tools to transform the workforce and find a lifelong passion and purpose.

Location: 850 S. Inglewood Avenue, Redondo Beach

Expected Completion Date: 2024 **Budget:** \$55 million (estimate)

Architect: Gensler

Project Manager: Gardiner & Theobold

Founding Donors: The project is being funded privately with generous donations from Founding Donor Greenberg Family/Skechers; Legacy Donors The Ramesh & Kalpana Bhatia Family Foundation, Harris & Linda Toibb, Mike & Rose Kaplan, Charlie & Jo Ann Kaplan; Founders Circle Donors Ted & Claudette Schwartz and Yosef & Chana Malka Gorowitz; and Visionary Donors Joe & Fay Czyzyk, Margaret & Captain Joe Lee Frank, Jon & Nicole Hirschberg, Joel E. Jacob, Dr. Miriam & Dr. Ben Landau; Yael Roth, Paul & Georgia Solomon, and Windsong Trust, among many others.

About <u>Friendship Foundation</u>: The Friendship Foundation is dedicated to building an integrated, accepting and unified community for our children and young adults. It was founded 15 years ago by Yossi Mintz, Michael Greenberg, and Adam Carroll with the goal of providing neurodiverse children with those with varying abilities the same advantages as their peers to enjoy and experience life. The organization has developed programs that allow all children to play, grow, develop and thrive together. The success and growing demand from the Foundation's existing programs have expanded the vision to include an innovative new campus centered around turning special needs into special contributions to society.

High-Res Artwork: https://bit.ly/3vQliFW



Unique Architecture



Entrance Rendering





Creative Studio Rendering





Courtyard Rendering





Innovation Lab Rendering





Gym/Event Center Rendering





Multi-generational Rooftop Terrace Rendering





Aerial View Rendering with "Pathway of Inspiration"





Culinary Institute Teaching Kitchen Rendering