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LEON L. WILLIAMS FOUNDATION

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORUMS**- will be initiated in collaboration with other organizations to bring together diverse and multi-disciplinary community, government, and business leaders to explore the trends that are affecting how our children live in our communities; and engage in sharing ideas that improve their livability and are workable; and facilitate forums for youth by youth so that decision-makers can hear from them about issues that youth deem important in helping to improve the quality of their lives.

* **YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAM**- is designed to provide an opportunity for youth to be exposed to the every-day world of operating a business and provide hands-on experience for youth to conduct business ventures from concept to actual operation. The San Diego Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Junior Achievement Program and other similar organizations will be requested to collaborate with the Foundation on this program.

* **"KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT" PROGRAM**- is designed to provide youth an opportunity to visit meetings of local elected bodies and actively participate in the meetings (via speaking on a particular agenda topic); meeting with elected officials and other decision-makers; and increase their knowledge of the governmental process.

  Elected bodies participating in this program will include, San Diego Port District Board, Water District Board, Convention Center Board, Housing Commission Board, School District Board, Transit Development Board, County Board of Supervisors, and San Diego City Council.

* **"LEON WILLIAMS PRESENTS..." PROGRAM**- is a series of breakfasts/luncheons at which individuals who are public policy makers or influence public policy are invited to speak on matters of interest to the public.

* **"EVERYDAY SCHOLARS AWARDS"**- are awards and recognition given to youth who are overcoming adverse home and community conditions to stay in school, improve his/her grades and school conduct, and striving to make him/herself a better person. School teachers, counselors, juvenile probation officers, etc. will nominate youth for these awards. Awards will be presented at scheduled luncheons and or/dinner.

* **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM** - will match youth with mentors interested in assisting with the positive development of youth.