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# Annual Report

**AWOKE**

The GR818ERS  
UNITE Cultural Center

# 2021

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# 01

## Who We Are

AWOKE produces educational programs, cross-cultural events and special initiatives that promote youth empowerment, strengthen communities, and foster social kinship. It engages artistic and athletic practitioners as educators, mentors, and changemakers by connecting them to service opportunities in their community. A California nonprofit since 2017, AWOKE's work is anchored in the principles of collaboration and equity - fusing culture, creativity, and service.



AWOKE was established by The GR818ERS, a grassroots collective of artists, athletes and activists founded by youth from Pacoima in 2010. Together they use their lived experiences as people of color raised in a historically disadvantaged community to shape the organization and its activities. AWOKE works to improve access to the arts and athletics, increase civic engagement, and foster positive youth and community development in the San Fernando Valley, Greater Los Angeles County, and globally. AWOKE's UNITE Cultural Center in a Canoga Park storefront is a community hub for all these activities, along with Sheldon Skate Park in Sun Valley - one of the largest public skate parks in Los Angeles.

## Where to Find Us

### Visit Us

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# 02



## Message from the Directors

AWOKE, The GR818ERS, and the UNITE Cultural Center stand in solidarity with people whose lives have been impacted by systemic racism and generational poverty. As an organization grounded in the values of culture, creativity, and service, we are committed to racial, gender and economic equity both internally and externally. Our mission and work are rooted in the lived experience of our founding members and their families whose lives have been impacted by colonial systems of oppression. As such, we are committed to remaining embedded in the needs of those most vulnerable by uplifting leadership from communities of color.

**Eric Chapman**  
**Artistic Director**

**Pierre Arreola**  
**Executive Director**

**Lorenzo Chapman**  
**Creative Director**

# 03

## A Year in Review



### January

Love is Love Virtual Festival  
VNR Anti-Racism Consultation  
UCLA Dance Team Presentation

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### March

Flava of the Month: Online  
Educare LAUSD Talent Show  
Winter/Spring Season Ends

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### May

Green Together Event  
NESFV Recovery Roundtable

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### July

Youth Mental Health First Aid  
Canoga Park Arts Pop Up  
BBoy Summit

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### September

ACE Community Car Show  
Internship Program Ends

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### November

GR818ERSgiving  
CP Dia de los Muertos Festival  
Freestlye Session XXIV

### February

UNITE Workshop Series  
Winter/Spring Season Begins  
Internship Program Begins

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### April

Art in Motion: Online  
Adelante Mujer Latina Conference  
Pacoima Beautiful Earth Day Event

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### June

Tutcint Youth Presentation  
Summer Season Begins

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### August

A Family Affair II  
Graff Yard Boogie II  
Summer Season Ends

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### October

Sheldon Skate Park Cleanup  
Fall/Winter Season Begins

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### December

Flava of the Year II  
Fall/Winter Season Ends



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## By The Numbers

**15,000+**  
Virtual Event  
Viewers

**50+**  
In-Person  
Program  
Participants

**10,000+**  
Followers on  
Instagram

**380+**  
Hours of  
Arts/Athletic  
Instruction

**1000%**  
Increase in  
Revenue

**2000+**  
Live Event  
Attendees

**300+**  
Individual  
Donors

**6 Youth  
Interns**

**50+ Artists  
Contracted**

# UNITE

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## CULTURAL CENTER



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**Donors:  
Grant  
Funders**

**California  
Community  
Foundation**

**California  
Arts  
Council**

**Sierra Health  
Foundation**

**City of  
Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles  
Education  
Partnership/  
Northeast Valley  
Best Start**

**Water  
Buffalo  
Club**

**County of  
Los Angeles**

**United  
Latinx Fund**

**California  
Humanities**

**Los Angeles  
Regional  
Reentry  
Partnership**

**State of  
California**

**Versa-Style:  
Performance  
Education  
Community**

# Donors: Individuals



Cottonwood Urban Farm  
Shez Rahman  
Virginia Sandoval  
Alex Flores  
Flavio Chacon  
Cynthia Hernandez  
Jesus Castellanos  
Audrey Tseng  
Victoria Cruz  
Anthony Lee  
Maya K-a  
Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor  
Karen Hernandez  
Monika Mehta  
Jaclyn Licht  
Kevin Nam  
Teresa Jimenez  
Kevin Taylor  
Joe Edrozo  
Bianette Linares  
Helen Tran  
Daniel Norwood  
Elizabeth Quintero  
MOBHQ  
Jack "Wildchild" Brown  
Tia Christopher  
H Broersma  
Jan Holek  
Brandon Juezan  
O.Z.  
Walter Garcia  
Ivonne Paulino  
Romi Valenti

Claudia Delgadillo  
Judith Jimenez  
Mark Patterson  
Manuel Fernandez  
Kevin Yu  
J Sai  
Stephanie Dudley  
Richard Martinez  
Alexis Elazegui  
Rikesh Lal  
Peter Francis  
Daniela Welsh  
Geoffrey Hussin  
Lily Breeze  
Dianira Antunez  
Julio Saran  
Bryan Saran  
Christina Lim  
Cori Racela  
Alexis Saenz  
Vibren Rathman  
Alicia Arellano-Perez  
Philip Kuon  
Diana Avendano  
Melanie Burgos  
Melissa Sanvicente  
Dyana Roldan  
Gilbert Raj Quiros  
Bo Spencer  
Mikey Disco  
Nuria Beltran Fernandez  
Nicole Mae Martin  
Jennifer Miller

Cassandra Appleby  
Gigi Garcia  
Marina Stankov-Hodge  
Lucas Rivera  
Samantha Aguilar  
Andres Ontiveros  
Cristian Benjumea  
Luis Maravilla Sanchez  
Kian Khiaban  
Hirari Watanabe  
Kiichi Narumi  
Crystal Jackson  
Marie Bonnevey  
Andres Villegas  
Chen  
Ryan Alvarez  
Sidney Kushner  
Lesley Yadon, LLC  
Yadon  
Taylor Lomba  
Mike Hummer  
敦子 大友  
Jose Flores  
Miroslav Olšavský  
Nick DOUNGPANYA  
Anthony Berry  
Theo Tran  
Dante Rose  
Jojo Vandereb  
Catherine Coddington  
Luis Marquez  
Greg Beman  
Lacy Wright

Shannon Hafez  
Lindsay Ducos  
Hour|Mo'bass Musik  
Anthony Campbell  
Jay Baidoo  
Dangelo Boothe  
Melba Gilkey  
Yudithh Sepulveda  
Oluwatoyin Sogunro  
Ricardo Salazar  
Noemi Martinez  
Elisa Neaves  
Levi Ponce  
Lilian Ortega  
Jalene Romana  
Kirstie Beck  
KK Parman  
Arianna Kocabay  
Celia Duran  
Juliette Martinez  
Sun Kim  
David Kim  
Huy Vuong  
Harry Weston  
S.C.  
Grim Boogie  
Andres Sobalvarro  
Mia Berber  
Ninette Ayala  
Isaiah Adams  
Danzel Thompson  
Aryeal Lands  
Brandon Clarke  
Elizabeth Setzer  
Jovahna Solalindez Rivas  
Al Ang  
Juliette Martinez  
Tyrese Starling  
Hector Nieto  
Taevion Saleh  
Victoria Ayad  
Brian E Alfonso  
Colichon  
Aubrey Mamaid

Nicholas Gott  
Kristen Willis  
Alexis Elazegui  
Sherilyn Sandavol  
Erik Tomas Valero Gonzalez  
Cassin Muramoto  
William Luetkehans  
Chris  
Rebekah Garcia  
Alex Banag  
Danny Jimenez  
Alfred Perea  
Koncept  
Benjamin Donner  
Pierre Ivan Arreola  
Rosa Aguilar  
Vanessa Reyes  
Sara Di Gravio  
Andrea Garcia  
Lawson Le  
Maria Jimenez  
Zuce Morales  
Michelle Soto  
Ella Hushagen  
Tony La  
Samantha Shepherd  
Mike Song  
Adrian Miramontes  
Troy Romana  
Alma Montenegro  
Maya Zellman  
Melissa Gutierrez  
Joshua Baysa  
Nelly Munoz  
Connor McGuire  
Joshua Perkins  
Ernesto Galarza  
O'Lick Maknox  
Karolyn Blancas  
Teresa Retana  
Michelle Benavides  
Marie Sheehan  
Dionele Jakobow  
Eric James

David Wark  
Richard Pak  
Johnathan Lawrence  
Youki Terukina  
Gold GRRL  
Konstanin Kim  
Carlos Gonzalez  
Garay Toshi  
Takanashi Tan Keong  
Aaron Harper  
WiJaya Soewito-Martin  
Artem Tcivirko  
Adrian Miramontes  
Gene Vilorio  
Sam Seo  
Garrett Lee  
Kristen Fujitaki  
Anthony Lee Alonzo  
Taylor Swift  
Yolie Anguiano  
Juan Meraz  
Sarah Rodriguez  
K Ceja  
Salma Morales  
Beto  
Aaron Gilbert  
Cuong Tran  
Funk in Focus  
Dimitrios Papalexis  
Iris Garcia  
Melissa Wiesner  
Aaron Harper  
Kristin Hansen  
Steve Henao  
Lyndsi Kartalian  
Lyann Nakama  
Raquel Martinez  
Karen Perez  
Amber Alonso  
Koheil Shihara  
Jean-Edouard Pierre-Toussaint  
Vahid Khorsand  
Xochitl Medrano  
Frank Lu  
Cindy Dou  
Jennifer Davis  
Alina Santiago

Luis Marquez  
Greg Beman  
Lacy Wright  
Erica Liepmann  
Fabian Pacheco  
Deborah Lopez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Rodrigo Martinez  
Joyce Muchan  
Jeremy Saraie  
Desrae Johnson  
Tony Ayala  
Ellen Bridle  
Margo Rowder  
Loraine Lundquist  
Jason Potell  
Eric Chapman  
Foundations Choreography  
Walter Gutzman  
Andrea Longoria Lopez  
Angelica Flores  
Monique MacGregor  
Elizabeth Rodriguez  
David Diaz  
Leann Chapman  
Jonathan Adrino Vela  
Andrea Gonzalez  
Elizabeth Goldenberg  
Ismael Castorena Jr.  
Eric Hines  
Alvin Desir  
Halyard Freyder  
Risa Morales  
Haley Biggs  
Josiyah Maes  
Sheryl Thompson  
Edna Sorto  
Michael Menjivar  
Oscar Pelayo  
Avi Goldstein  
Cameron Cabico  
Taevion Saleh  
Sam Park  
Janelle Perez

Vincent Dominguez  
Lewis Tregaro  
Alfred Zerna  
Kevin Rodriguez  
Marcos Sanchez  
Brandon Munoz  
Ryan Kuromiya-Hsu  
Kevin Fields  
Zane Atkinson  
Tyler Singletary  
Wyatt Garrett  
Leo Flores  
Hyung Seok Ha  
Hailey Summers  
Kirk Vilorio  
Elisa Neaves  
Shantel Urena  
Victoria Villamil  
Jorge Coria  
Cassandra J. Tsolis  
Versa-Style Dance Company  
Miles Basurto  
Yuisa Gimeno  
Endless Summer Mobile Detailing  
Adylenne Solis  
Erica Liepmann

