



Mission Statement

*The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence.*

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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW RECREATION  
AREA TO KEEP KIDS SAFE**

*Los Angeles, CA-* The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is celebrating its new outdoor recreation area with an open house, Friday May 16, 2008 at 4:00 PM. The recreation area was part of a \$55,000 renovation grant generously funded by the LA 84 Foundation. The renovation included new concrete, removal and reconstruction of iron fences, construction of a brick wall, Duracourt, and new sports equipment including: basketball hoops, volleyball and soccer equipment. This new area and equipment will allow the Wooten Center to serve more kids each year with a quality recreation program. The benefits of sports play for youth include exercise, sportsmanship, developing motor skills, and learning life skills like being a good team mate. Senior Athletic Director Cliff Sanchez said “We have been hoping to develop and expand our recreation program for years, and we are so thankful to the LA 84 Foundation for making that dream become a reality. Our youth are finally going to have a safe place to play, in a high quality setting.”

The Wooten Center is located in South Los Angeles and provides a comprehensive program for at-risk youth in the community that includes: tutoring, college prep services, a computer lab, recreation and a gang prevention program. There have been several drive-by shootings in the area and most children in the community do not have a safe place to play outside. This new area provides a safe place with high quality recreation equipment for youth in the community to play safely and learn important life skills.

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