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Introduction

What you hold in your hands is the vision of, by, and for a community that is in the on-going process of actualizing the truth that “it takes a whole village to raise a child.” More than a vision, it is also a partnership between the City of Claremont and the Claremont Unified School District. More than a partnership, it is also a collaboration among non-profit service providers, the business community, faith based groups, and civic organizations. Most of all, it is a plan to co-ordinate all our resources to provide the best developmental assets for Claremont children, youth and families.

Claremont is one of the first cities in the nation to create and now update its Youth and Family Master Plan (Y&FMP). The work of the Update Steering Committee was empowered by input from public comment, service provider panels, community forums and focus groups, case studies, and live votes with children and youth. Hundreds of voices from all sectors of our community participated in the development of this updated plan. Now the implementation of our plan is up to each one of us. Every interaction with youth on the part of family, neighbors, teachers, business owners, police officers, and community leaders makes a difference.

As cities come to realize how community resources impact the quality of life for their residents, Y&FMP’s are central in strategically setting goals for outcomes and coordinating efforts to ensure communities have the assets in place to be carried out. Not only will our plan make a difference for Claremont families, but it will make a difference beyond our community as it serves as a teaching tool for other cities around the nation.

Please read the plan, consider the goals, and imagine your role. “It takes a whole village to raise a child,” and it will take a whole community to actualize this plan. Join me in the hope that every child and youth in our city and schools will look back one day and be able to say, “I’m glad I grew up in Claremont!”

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