# CULTIVATING OPPORTUNITIES

Impact Highlights 2023-2024

## **About BLOOM**

BLOOM is a 501(c)(3) that cultivates equitable opportunities for upward mobility through educational advancement, financial empowerment and community engagement. These programmatic pillars create resilient individuals and thriving communities.





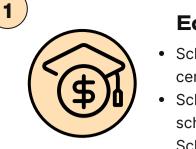
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**Financial Empowerment** 

In 2021, the median renter and homeowner households with incomes under \$30,000 had just \$380 and \$680 per month, respectively, after paying for housing to cover other necessities—the lowest residual incomes in two decades.

-The State of the Nation's Housing 2023, Harvard Univ Joint Center for Housing Studies



#### **Educational Advancement**

- Scholarships for post-secondary education including certificates, associates and bachelor's degrees
- Scholarships for those looking to obtain their high school diploma (in partnership with <u>Career Online High</u> <u>School</u>)
- Online, one-on-one tutoring for K-12 and postsecondary students as well as volunteer opportunities as a tutor (in partnership with <u>Learn To Be</u>)



#### • 25 PEOPLE AWARDED

#### • \$120,000 CONTRIBUTED IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

This scholarship has helped me get past my first year of college, and I am deeply honored and grateful to receive this much support so that I can continue my academic journey towards my dream job. — Recipient in Claremont, CA

### **Financial Empowerment**

- One-on-one instruction with a Financial Wellbeing Coach, plus in-person and virtual workshops (in partnership with <u>Operation HOPE</u>)
- Support for qualified residents in their pursuit of:
  - accumulating savings
  - obtaining and improving credit scores
  - reducing debt
  - preparing for homeownership
- 34 CLIENTS RECEIVING ONE-ON-ONE FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES
- 165 RESIDENTS ATTENDED FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS
- \$2,650 AWARDED IN INCENTIVES

This program has been a blessing for me. I was drowning in debts, going in circles trying to pay my debts but I didn't know how to start. Through this program, I have learned a lot, and now I'm well-oriented of what to do...This program has been a huge release and peace of mind for me. – Participant in Miami, FL

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