



FRIENDSHIP CAMPUS FACT SHEET

The Greenberg Family/Skechers Center

3.25-Acre Friendship Campus Will Revolutionize Postsecondary Training for Intellectually & Diverse Students

The innovative Friendship Campus will include a 62,000 square foot facility to develop an engaging and inviting environment for the entire community. The brainchild of the Friendship Foundation and its Co-Founder Yossi Mintz, the educational and vocational Campus will focus on serving the whole individual with talent and skill building; personal growth and development programs; social and emotional wellness; healthy lifestyle habits and physical fitness; and job training and exploration programs. Construction began in February of 2023 and is expected to be complete by Fall of 2025.

Vocational Center: The campus will offer innovative vocational programs for postsecondary students who are intellectually and physically diverse, which will be the cornerstone of the new 3.25-acre state-of-the-art education Campus. Vocational exploration, training, and placement will fuel the need to assist individuals discover their unique abilities and to successfully fulfill their purpose and dreams while gaining independence in the community.

Funded by the Ramesh & Kalpana Bhatia Family Foundation

Vocational Programs will include:

- Technology & Media
- Hospitality & Retail
- Culinary & Gardening
- Office & Shipping
- Education & Medical Administration
- Vocational Trades and Work Experience Programs

Vocation Technology Lab: The Campus will be home to world-class innovation and technology developed by the *Frist Center for Autism and Innovation*. Friendship will provide the venue to pilot the innovative and developed technology that will help to create career pathways for individuals with varying abilities. The extensive reach of over 2500 existing Friendship participants and the exponential increase in the student body, when the Campus is fully operational, along with such state-of-the-art technology, will truly change lives for residents in Southern California.

Creative Center: Creativity promotes career opportunities as well as life skills like problem solving, adaptability, stress reduction and confidence building. The state-of-the-art studio will include training on Digital Media such as graphic design, coding, game design; Visual Arts such as painting, photography, filmmaking; craftwork such as woodworking and jewelry making; and Music such as songwriting, audio production and music mixing. The center will host student exhibitions, as well as welcome visiting artists from around the globe.



Culinary Arts Academy: The Friendship Café and Teaching Kitchen will give culinary students hands-on learning experience to train for careers in the hospitality and culinary industries. With an on-site garden and focus on farm-to-table, the Center will teach the basics of reading recipes, cooking skills, and techniques. It will also feature menu design, safety & sanitation, plating, serving, hosting, and more. *Funded by Windsong Trust*

- **The Friendship Café:** The Café will provide a safe and inclusive environment for students to hone their restaurant skills while offering healthy and delicious snacks and lite bites, as well as a coffee bar and grab and go food section. *Funded by The Annmarie Pellerito Community Foundation*
- **Teaching Kitchen:** Classes will give culinary students hands-on learning experiences to further their passions and help forge career paths in the hospitality and culinary industries. *Funded by Captain Joe Lee and Margaret Frank*

Recreation Center: Friendship Foundation believes physical fitness helps promote mental fitness and overall well-being. The new Recreation Center will offer a place for the whole community to come together to train, play, socialize and get fit with an adaptive curriculum and equipment. Basketball, volleyball, pickleball, dance, yoga, meditation, martial arts, social programming are just some of the things that will be offered here. *Funded by Ted Schwartz*

Multigenerational Mentoring Program: In keeping with the goal of integrating the entire community, the Campus will work with area older adults to mentor younger students, encouraging them to use the services offered themselves while providing professional expertise and life experiences. Connecting the ideas, perspectives and experiences of multiple generations benefits everyone with improved problem solving, creativity, confidence and stress reduction for all involved. *Funded by The Eisner Foundation*

Financial Empowerment Academy: Daily life-skills in financial literacy will be a focus to help individuals gain independence in society. Individuals living with disabilities require and deserve the same financial knowledge and skills as others not living with disabilities. Participants will be given the opportunity to gain financial independence by learning how to manage money and taxes, create a spending plan, engage with financial institutions, read a paystub, and learn to maximize their income and benefits. *Funded by Kinecta Federal Credit Union*

Life Skills Center: The life skills curriculum will be meticulously designed, embracing cutting-edge educational techniques while catering to our participants' specific challenges and strengths. From personal hygiene to communication skills, practical community-based experiences and vocational practice to money management, we leave no stone unturned in providing a comprehensive and personalized learning experience with the goal of gaining confidence, competence and independence in the community. *Funded by The John Gogian Family Foundation*

Health and Wellness Center: Tailored specifically to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), classes will offer holistic care fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every individual's unique needs are met with understanding and respect. The facility will be equipped with specialized equipment and sensory tools to promote physical, mental and emotional well-being as well as the tools to encourage a healthy state of mind. *Funded by Dr. Maurice Sandler*

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Friendship Campus Meets Immense Need

Almost 200,000 students are enrolled in special education in Los Angeles County alone and 8 in 10 Americans with disabilities are unemployed. Friendship Foundation's new community-integrated, inclusive Campus will give individuals with physical and intellectual diversities the tools to transform the workforce and find a lifelong passion and purpose. In addition to postsecondary vocational programs, the Campus will be home to the RBUSD transition program.

Location: 850 S. Inglewood Avenue, Redondo Beach

Expected Completion Date: Fall 2025

Budget: \$55 million

Capital Campaign: \$51.8M committed, \$40.1M received

Endowment Fund: \$23M committed

Architect & Design: GENSLER

General Contractor: Project Delivery Group

Project Manager: Doheny Partners

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About Friendship Foundation: The Friendship Foundation is dedicated to building an integrated, accepting and unified community for our children and young adults. It was co-founded in 2005 (registered as a non-profit in 2007) by Yossi Mintz, Michael Greenberg, and Adam Carroll with the goal of providing children with unique abilities the same advantages as their peers to enjoy and experience life. The organization has developed programs that allow all children to play, grow, develop and thrive together. The success and growing demand from the Foundation's existing programs have expanded the vision to include an innovative new campus centered around turning special needs into special contributions to society.

The Friendship Foundation currently operates:

- **77** school-sanctioned Friendship Clubs in **22** school districts
- **60+** monthly programs for ages 8-35+
 - Athletics, wellness, clinics, camps, leagues
 - Social and Life skills classes and fieldtrips
 - Cooking and Gardening
 - Arts, Drama, and Vocal
 - Financial empowerment
 - Science
- **6** weeks of inclusive Summer Camp with 150 weekly participants and student volunteers
- **Friends at Work** vocational programming and work experience opportunities

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To learn more, please visit [Friendship Campus](http://FriendshipCampus.com) or email CampusInfo@friendshipfoundation.com. Media Contact: Leasa Ireland, leasa@lpicommunications.com.

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