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Jóvenes con  
Rumbo



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***Jóvenes con Rumbo* youth participate in a community initiative to clean up their neighborhood**



Photo: Consulate General of the United States, Tijuana

On Saturday September 21, Jóvenes con Rumbo (JcR) was part of a community project initiative, “Salvemos la Playa” (Save the Beach), where 1,900 community members participated and picked up more than 7 tons of garbage in different areas of Tijuana.

JcR’s youth who participate in the program’s leadership course, organized the clean-up activity in Camino Verde, and together with 30 people from the community, picked up 64 kilograms of garbage. These youth will participate in the upcoming Residues Sculpture Contest organized by the US Consulate in Tijuana and will use the garbage they picked up to create an art project. On September 24, participants joined the workshop by L.A. artist – Nancy Kyes – in the U.S. Consulate in order to learn different techniques to turn the garbage/residues into sculptures. Vice-consul Julie Colby welcomed youth to the first stage of the contest. These actions promote a positive perception of youth as community leaders and help to improve the landscape and the environment in which the youth live.

**JcR in partnership with local university students promote school retention in a public school in Monterrey**



In La Alianza, Monterrey, JcR is working in the Secundaria Técnica 96 “Gonzalo Aguirre Beltrán” public school to promote school continuity and retention among students. Psychology students from the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL) and the Universidad Metropolitana de Monterrey in partnership with local JcR staff organized an awareness-raising workshop with the general population of the school. 32 youth participated in the workshop – 14 boys and 18 girls. Two teachers from the school were also engaged in the workshop to support the actions that the dropout prevention team has taken at their school.

**JcR partners with public school in Tijuana to tackle school drop out**



In Mariano Matamoros, the Escuela Secundaria Técnica #31 public school has started working with JcR in a dropout prevention strategy. On September 12, the JcR team along with six female students from the University for Professional Development (UNIDEP) facilitated a workshop with 107 third grade students in order to create awareness about the school drop out situation, and the actions that need to be taken in order to face its challenges.

## **JcR launches its community re-entry program with youth in conflict with the law**



JcR initiated its community re-entry program with 10 young first offenders that are attending the Youth Center (YEC) Camino Verde. The youth are actively working on their Personal Development Plan under the close supervision of JcR tutors as they develop ways to positively re-entry their communities. As part of the efforts to create opportunities for these youth, the YEC will be offering them different technical training courses, as well as human development workshops. Additionally, tutors will work with their families to promote a supportive environment for youth as they re-enter their communities.

## **JcR begins to expand operations into La Alianza and Nuevo Almaguer in Monterrey**

Local staff from JcR have begun working in the communities of La Alianza and Nuevo Almaguer, in Monterrey, promoting JcR and inviting youth to participate in the program. Sixteen youth from La Alianza – ages 14 to 21 – and five youth from Nueva Almaguer – ages 14 to 17 – have joined the program and are participating in the leadership program. They will work on developing community projects and will also be part of the renovation of the Youth Centers that will be opened in their communities.

