

To whom this may Concern,

My name is Daniel Martinez, and I am a corp member for the recycling program. I been with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for one year and a half. Through out all this time that I have been here working for the Recycling program I have done several events. We as a corps work together with the Police Department of El Monte for a toy drive. We spend some of our time to give back to our community and help those that in need. We have done several events through out the communities of the San Gabriel Valley area and we gain so much from our events. Recycling is very important and our jobs in these events is to make sure we get as much recyclables as we could.

Before I even started the recycling program I was not doing anything with my life just wasting my time. I did not have a job because no one was giving me a opportunity because I had no job skills and I didn't have a high school diploma. That all changed once I enrolled to the Youth-Build program and earned my high school diploma and then got the chance to join the Recycling program. Without San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps and their Recycling program I would not be where I am today. I am a student now at Mount San Antonio College going for my AA. I have gone from nothing to now having a education because of the help I get from the Recycling program with out this I would be in the streets wasting my life away. This has been a big change in my life. Hope that I don't stop growing within this program. It transformed my life in to a beginning path of success. My goal is to finish my second year of college and continue with school until I see myself and my family happy until then I won't stop until I do.

I strongly wish that this program keeps getting funded through the government because without this opportunity for other youth would just not be fair. I am fortunately lucky to have had get this experience, and wish that another person has the same opportunity like I did. This program helps the community in many ways and it's a very nice thing when you see youth work together and keep them of the streets. If we change some ones life around then its a success in my eyes, but it would be better to help more then one person. I feel that this program is very important for youth and to help this world from keeping to get contaminated and all this recyclables ending up at the wrong place where they are not suppose to. Please keep our Recycling program going so that we may keep helping and changing lives each day.

Sincerely;

Daniel Martinez