



## Hello from L.O.V.E. Our Youth ❤️

As we continue to kick off 2026, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that 2025 brought to L.O.V.E. Our Youth and share what's ahead in the months to come.

### Our Favorite Moment of 2025 Was...



### Opening the Doors to Our Own Center!!!

If we had to choose one moment that defined 2025, it would be our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, and officially moving into the L.O.V.E. Our Youth Center.

This milestone represented years of vision, persistence, and community support. Having a permanent space has allowed us to deepen our programming, expand access for teens, and create an environment where young people feel safe, supported, and empowered every day.

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## LET'S RECAP LAST QUARTER

The final quarter of the year was filled with growth, connection, and meaningful experiences for the youth we serve:



### **EXL at the Teen Lounge**

This was an impactful in-person session where teens learned, connected, and built skills that will shape their future.



### **Teen Talent on Display**

Teen Lounge member J'miah performed at Oktoberfest, where we hosted the Teen Zone once again, this time in our new center.



### **Career Lounge Returned**

We kicked off Season 4 of the **Career Lounge**, our YouTube series in partnership with EXL.



## Youth Leadership in Action

Members of our East Orlando Youth Advisory Board met with Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings at the mayor's office.



## Expanding Resources

Thanks to the Aeras Foundation, our Digital Media Room is now equipped with computers to support creativity, learning, and skill-building.

*We're always looking for ways to grow our center and provide teens with the best possible resources. If you're interested in donating, collaborating, or connecting, we'd love to hear from you.*



## Teen Lounge Growth

With our new center and additional support, we expanded Teen Lounge hours to Wednesdays and Fridays, offering teens consistent access to a safe space. Fingers crossed that expanding to every weekday is in our future! Volunteers joined us to lead classes in digital media, chess, cooking, and more.



## College Night Out

This was an evening of fun, creativity, and connection for young adults, hosted in partnership with the Avalon Arts & Culture Center, creating a supportive space to build community, get to know L.O.V.E. Our Youth, and share ways to volunteer with us.



## STEAM-topia

Our Thanksgiving Break camp was packed with hands-on learning and exploration. Even if it's just for a couple of days, we love it when we get to see these students while on break.



## Community Experiences

The Orange County Government invited our Youth Advisory Board to enjoy a Solar Bears game from their suite!



## Leadership Council Mixer

We hosted our first-ever Leadership Council Mixer, bringing community leaders together to help shape the future of L.O.V.E. Our Youth.



## Holiday Giving & Connection

Lasheena and Dally attended a holiday giving event hosted by Cool Kids Productions in partnership with Lemonade in the Shade, building new relationships aligned with our mission.



## Team Appreciation

We closed out the year with a well-deserved team outing at Universal and Islands of Adventure, celebrating the people behind the work!

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## Looking Ahead: What's Coming in Q1 2026

We're excited to continue the momentum into the new year.

Here's a preview of what's coming up:

### 💖 February 12, 2026 – Share the Love Night

Looking for a Valentine's night that's actually fun and meaningful? Join us for Share the Love Night with L.O.V.E. Our Youth. A relaxed, hands-on event designed to bring people together while supporting local teens. Make it a date night, girls' night, friend hang, or just come solo!

### What to expect:

- ✓ Build workforce kits
- ✓ Valentine's-themed stations
- ✓ Sweet treats & goodies
- ✓ 30-minute time slots between 6–8 PM
- ✓ Come & go — stay as long as you want

**\$10 per person**

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**Spots are limited, so grab your time slot now!**

### **March 11, 2026 – Teen Lounge Tour**

Come see our space, learn about our programs, and experience what the Teen Lounge is all about.

*More details coming soon.*

## Thank You to Our 2025 Donors

To our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters — thank you for making this work possible. Your belief in our mission allows us to create safe spaces, meaningful programs, and opportunities that empower youth to grow, lead, and thrive.

We're grateful for your continued support and excited for what 2026 will bring.

With gratitude,  
The L.O.V.E. Our Youth Team



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