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Neighborhood Networks Profile Los Angeles Multifamily Hub

As of May 19, 2005, there are 43 Neighborhood Networks centers in operation in the Los Angeles Multifamily Hub. These centers are located in several Southern California cities, including Los Angeles, San Diego, and Long Beach, as well as Orange County.

NASA in Los Angeles

In Los Angeles, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and local Neighborhood Networks centers have partnered to create several excellent educational opportunities for youth. In February 2005, for example, NASA began an afterschool program, called *Imagine Mars*, at the **Northpointe Resource Center** in Long Beach. Engineers from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory work with students, ages 11-17, to create a community on Mars project and a digital story about the initiative. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Networks center and at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Campus in Pasadena.

Live Web Events in Los Angeles

During Neighborhood Networks Week 2004, NASA hosted a live Web cast from its Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Engineers spoke about their jobs, robotics, engineering, and what the Mars Rovers have been doing on Mars. Kids from the **Northpointe Resource Center** and Coleman-James Learning Center in Pasadena participated in the live audience.

Another exciting Los-Angeles based success story was a 2004 Neighborhood Networks Week Web chat with Teresa Weatherspoon of the Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association. Centers nationwide participated in the live chat and asked questions.

Former Los Angeles Laker All-Star Magic Johnson sponsors five Neighborhood Networks centers nationwide. The Los Angeles center is called the Magic Johnson Inventor Center.

San Diego Center Among First to Open

The University Canyon Learning Center in San Diego was among the first Neighborhood Networks centers to open in 1995. The center serves more than 1,800 residents, including immigrants from Russia, Afghanistan, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

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