



Leroy "Chico" Brown

Leroy "Chico" Brown is the founder of Reach Back L.A. a non-profit 501 (c) (3) inner-city after school youth program. Reach Back L.A. is a youth center that serves 8-19 youths that live in Los Angeles, with a membership of over 2,500 and growing.

Growing up on the streets of Compton, California, Chico learned the hard knocks of life. He was a former gang member and drug dealer, which led him to pay a high price for the poor choices he made. Ultimately, he served seven years in a federal prison. Mr. Brown's involvement with drug trafficking and the CIA is discussed in a book entitled, "Dark Alliance" by Gary Webb. After Mr. Brown's release from prison, he realized each decision he makes can alter the course of his life... positively or negatively. This caused him to change his course from a path of crime to a servant of peace.

Mr. Brown frequently visits high schools, juvenile detention centers and prisons to discuss the harsh realities of life in the inner city. Mr. Brown's personal experiences with each of these issues enable him to provide realistic guidance on what to avoid. He has decided to turn his stumbling blocks into stepping stones to help others.

"Chico" has been a guest on several national and local television talk shows. His life story is slated to be a major motion picture soon.

Mr. Brown attended Compton High School and Long Beach Business College. He is the proud father of two sons and three daughters. He resides in Los Angeles and his ultimate desire is to help make the streets a better place for youth.

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