



BEYOND THE LENS

BY GIRL VOICES NOW



Empowering The Next Generation of Storytellers

Beyond the Lens — a note about GVN Program Advocate Bonnie Ayala

With the support of **Girls Voices Now**, Bonnie Ayala helps lead Beyond the Lens, a program close to her heart. Growing up in Los Angeles along the poverty line, she didn't always see herself reflected in the world around her. As a Latina, she longed for guidance and support — and now, through Beyond the Lens, **GVN provides that guidance and opportunity for the next generation of young women, helping them find their voices and shine.**

Through this program, GVN empower girls to step into their power as storytellers and leaders, building confidence, skills, and community. **Every mentee, mentor, and supporter becomes part of this journey — helping girls not only tell their stories but inspire change in the world.**

What We Do

- Workshops + Mentorship — hands-on training in filmmaking, storytelling, and leadership.
- Community + Confidence — building sisterhood and self-belief through creativity.
- Visibility + Impact — films are showcased to the public, giving girls a platform to be heard.

Why It Matters

Beyond the Lens helps young women move from *outsider to creator, from doubt to confidence*. When girls are given the tools, guidance, and belief, they rise — and their voices ripple outward to inspire families, communities, and beyond. There's no greater gift than giving back — mentoring allows you to pass on wisdom and open doors for someone ready to learn from you.

Get Involved

- ✓ Apply to become a [mentee](#) with GVN
- ✓ Apply to become a [mentor](#) with GVN
- ✓ Support future storytellers through your generosity ([Donate](#))

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