



Proyecto Pastoral
at Dolores Mission

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dearest Proyecto Friends,

In 2021-22 Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission celebrated its 35th Anniversary! Thirty-five years ago, inspired by the gospel and love, the women of our community **came together in action** with the California Province of Jesuits to create a safe and just community for their kids and generations to come. The strength and love of those founding women has guided our work these last 35 years.

We are mindful that the last three years have been full of heartbreak for many in our community due to the loss of loved ones, employment and housing. The pandemic uprooted many that were already on the margins, but we have also been witness to the faith and hope that has kept our community moving forward. Our programs have pivoted to respond to the needs of the people we serve, and through it we have seen our staff grow in their commitment and compassion for those they serve.

At Proyecto we **“work with our hearts for social change.”** This means that the unhoused men and women residents who live with us are guided and supported in regaining stability through a lens of compassion. Our IMPACTO program reopened and is thriving in supporting the youth of the community in addition to providing nutritious food through food distribution which started in response to the pandemic. Our Early Childhood Education Centers provide a safe learning environment for the children while their parents are making ends meet. Promesa Boyle Heights continues to expand the cradle-to-career pipeline of support for local youth and work to change systems of inequity in our schools and community.

We thank you for your support and partnership in making this work possible, and invite you to celebrate the community’s strength and resiliency with us!

Sincerely in Gratitude,

Raquel Roman

Proyecto Pastoral’s mission is to empower the community of Boyle Heights through grassroots projects in education, leadership, and service.

OUR MODEL



Education

We are building an educational pipeline through Early Education Centers, Youth Development, and Community School Transformation Strategies.



Collective Impact

We are the backbone organization to the Promesa Boyle Heights collective impact initiative.



Community Empowerment

We build the power of those most impacted by systemic inequities to create transformational change.



Homeless Shelters

We restore a sense of wholeness for shelter participants by building connections with the community.

MEET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAQUEL ROMAN



Raquel Román has over 18 years of experience (14 years at Proyecto Pastoral) in direct service to vulnerable special needs populations, including programmatic work, capacity development, and administrative support in areas relating to underserved communities and homeless populations. She holds a position on the Steering Committee for Provider Alliance and a seat on the Coordinating Council of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), where she represents Boyle Heights and provides feedback on policies affecting local families and the populations that the Guadalupe Homeless Project serves.

In 2018, Raquel was recognized by the office of Los Angeles City Councilmember José Huizar, Council District 14, as the Pioneer Woman of the Year for her work in serving the homeless community and advocating for their needs. In 2019, she was recognized by the Archbishop at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels for her work serving the immigrant community. Raquel holds a Bachelor of Arts in Chicano Studies from California State University Northridge, and a Masters in Social Work from University of Southern California. True to our values of fostering leadership development within the organization, Raquel is in a strong position to lead Proyecto as its next Executive Director.

2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Proyecto kicked off its 35th Anniversary celebrations with our Women of Impact event in June 2021, honoring Vanessa Delgado and raising \$108,000! Delgado joined Norma Dominguez (Wells Fargo) and Deana Ng (SoCalGas) on a panel moderated by Alysha Del Valle.



Early Childhood Education Centers served 81 students and their families in the 2021-22 school year.



Proyecto reached 200+ women with wellness goody bags in August 2021 in lieu of our Annual Women's Conference.



Guadalupe Homeless Project served 105 residents in 2021 and transitioned 33% to housing.



IMPACTO Academic Case Managers served 73 vulnerable students in 2020-21 - 80% of seniors graduated on-time with their peers by summer 2021.



Promesa Boyle Heights expanded its Community-School model to Sheridan Elementary & First Street Elementary in August 2021.



IMPACTO youth program transitioned back to in-person Summer & After-school programming for 55 youth.



Proyecto reached 41 families and 150 children with Christmas gifts thanks to our Holiday Drive sponsors!

IMPACTO

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



IMPACTO youth development program re-opened and expanded in-person programming to address deepened educational inequities for the most vulnerable students



- ◇ Served 24 of the most vulnerable students providing a supportive space for youth during the school day until May 2021
- ◇ Returned to in-person summer & after-school programming for 55 youth TK-8th grade from July 2021
- ◇ Academic Case Managers served 73 vulnerable students in 2020-21 - 80% of seniors graduated on-time with their peers
- ◇ Launched a Summer Lifeskills & Internship Program for 10 middle and high-school youth in summer 2021
- ◇ Academic Case Management expanded to Boyle Heights Continuation School
- ◇ Food distribution continued 5-days a week throughout 2021 reaching 500 families weekly
- ◇ Brought back its sports programming at the Aliso-Pico Recreation Center in Fall 2021

“Last year I had the opportunity of joining the Academic Case Management summer internship program. The experience changed me more than I expected. I made friends but it also made me realize the true value of the IMPACTO program. IMPACTO isn’t just an educational, recreational program... It is a home for many community children. It is a safe space where children can grow. Participating in the IMPACTO program helped me with my social skills and prepared me for the real world and really helped me believe in myself.”

Steven
IMPACTO Academic Case Management student

GUADALUPE HOMELESS PROJECT



Guadalupe Homeless Project provides more than simply shelter, meals and showers for unhoused residents - we provide holistic support in a welcoming environment to restore residents' sense of self and dignity

- ◇ Served 105 residents in 2021, transitioning 33% to housing!
- ◇ Veronica Meza became GHP's Program Director, after 18 years of service at the shelter
- ◇ Partnered with Housing For Health and St John's to ensure all residents were vaccinated and continued to operate with reduced capacity to allow for social-distanced sleeping arrangements



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS



Our two Early Childhood Education Centers provided a safe and nurturing environment for young children's social, emotional and cognitive development and connected their low-income families to critical resources

- ◇ Served 81 students and their families in the 2021-22 school year
- ◇ Re-opened La Guarderia in August 2021 after consolidating services at our Centro de Alegria site since March 2020
- ◇ Veronica Herrera was welcomed as the new Program Director in October 2021
- ◇ Relunched parent workshops on topics such as boosting children's brain development and literacy workshops



promesa BOYLE HEIGHTS



Promesa is a collaborative of 35+ organizations, residents and schools working together to build a cradle-to-college and career continuum of support for Boyle Heights students and families

- ◇ Promesa finalized its 5-year strategic plan in April 2021, engaging 38 partner orgs and 20 community residents in the process
- ◇ Paulina Flores was welcomed as Promesa's new Managing Director in October 2021



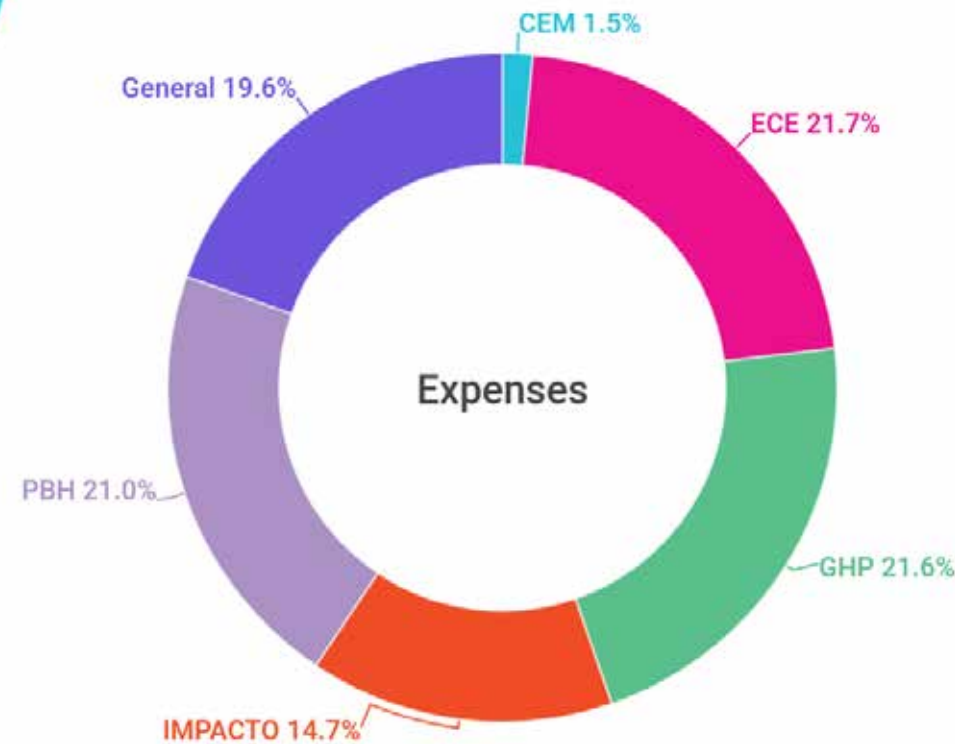
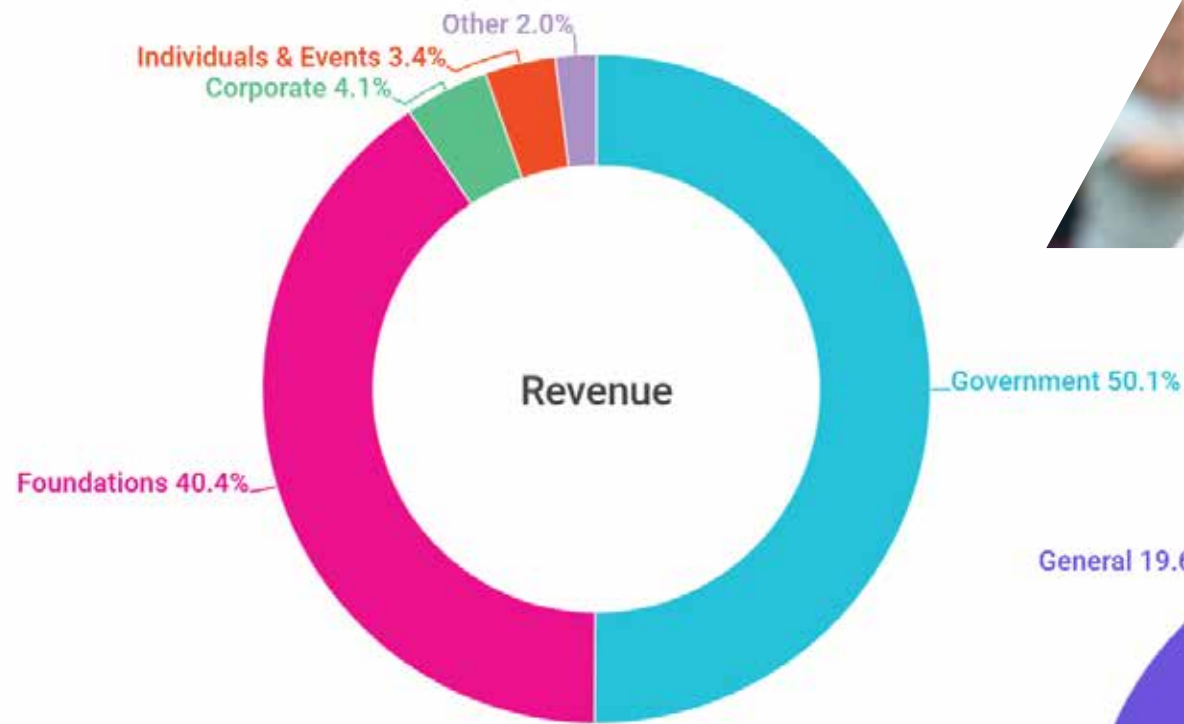
COMMUNITY-SCHOOLS

- ◇ Promesa's Community-School model expanded to Sheridan Elementary & First St Elementary in August 2021, fully building out Promesa's cradle-to-college and career continuum with supports now starting from First Grade
- ◇ Reached 498 high school students with virtual Career Day in Spring 2021 with 60 professional speakers, and 200 students in Fall 2021 through virtual College Fair
- ◇ Reached 31 college-bound students with transition summer supports with a multi-day workshop series, and supported 39 students through their first year of college

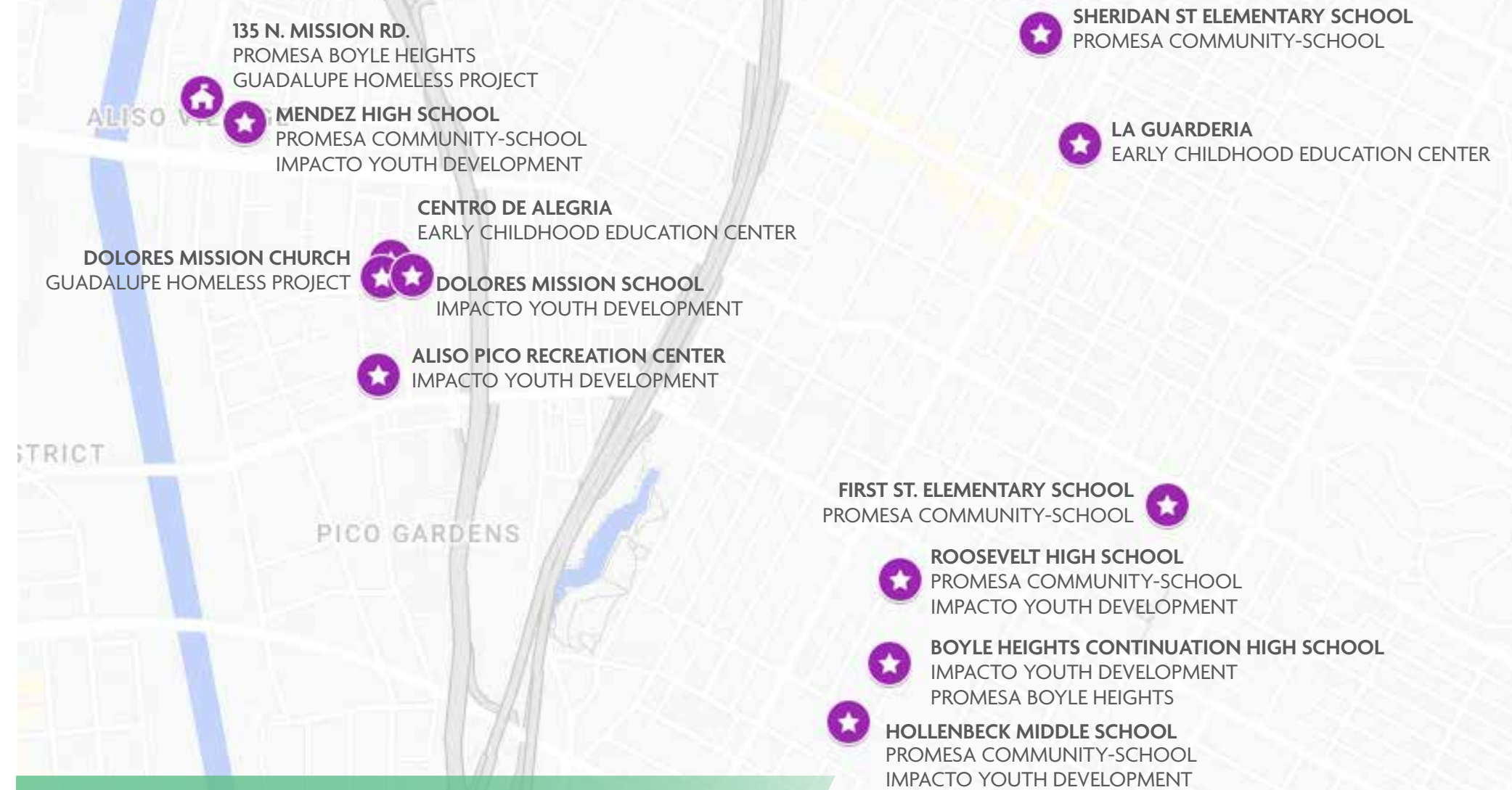
COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

- ◇ Promesa's wellness promotoras reached 1,334 residents with accurate COVID-19 information
- ◇ Promesa held a virtual Leadership Academy in August 2021 with 35 community residents centered around wellness and healing in the context of the pandemic
- ◇ Promesa built resident leadership capacity in park and water equity, and convened the Park Equity Alliance which advocated for \$11.5M in funding for 2021 spring & summer parks programming and advocated for community oversight of Measure A dollars
- ◇ Reached 14 parents of English Learner students with English Learner Leadership workshops to support their students' success

2021 FINANCIALS



WHERE WE SERVE



Our 75+ team works across 12 different sites.

OUR SUPPORTERS 2020-21

\$1,000,000+

State of California, State School Fund

\$500,000+

California Community Foundation
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

\$100,000+

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\$10,000+

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