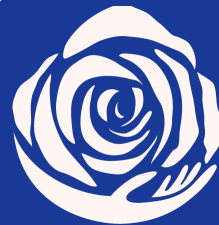




Sueños in Action

2019 IMPACT REPORT

Our mission is to empower the Latino/Hispanic community within Michiana by providing educational, cultural, and advocacy services in a welcoming bilingual environment.



LA CASA
DE AMISTAD
YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Sam Centellas
Executive Director

La Casa is a special place. We are a place that empowers families and often does what others think of as impossible. As a benefactor to our mission, you make the impossible possible and turn tears of sadness into tears of joy. Most importantly, you make dreams come true.

As I enter my lucky seventh year at La Casa, I want to note that none of what happens here is because of luck. Our team has stayed focused. We have been diligent. Through the incredible generosity of our donors and stakeholders, we have responded in respectful and impactful ways to the needs of our community.

You truly make all this possible. The father who signs up his daughter for preschool, the donor who stretches to give when our families need it the most, the mother who drops her son off everyday, and the dedicated volunteer who never misses a day of tutoring to ensure our students never miss a beat. To our entire community -- those providing resources, those who needed a voice, those who gave time, and those who spoke up for others -- THANK YOU. We are beyond grateful.

As we embark onto the next chapter of La Casa de Amistad, we know that a virus will not stop us. We know that no dream is too big and, by working together, anything is possible. Our vision for 2020 and beyond is clearer than ever.

FINANCIALS

A copy of our final audited IRS 990 financials will be available on our website at www.lacasadeamistad.org. These figures do not include capital campaign.

2019 REVENUE

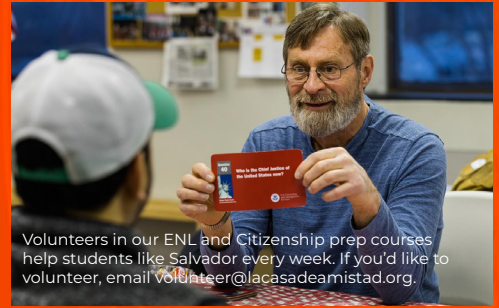
Contributions	\$	109,090
Grants	\$	257,199
Events	\$	232,270
Program Fees	\$	110,014
Rental Income	\$	75,000

TOTAL \$ 783,573

2019 EXPENSES

Staff	\$	392,873
Events & Office	\$	158,312
Programs	\$	67,154
Occupancy	\$	28,455
Depreciation	\$	10,000

TOTAL \$ 656,794



Volunteers in our ENL and Citizenship prep courses help students like Salvador every week. If you'd like to volunteer, email volunteer@lacasadeamistad.org.

Salvador's Story

"My name is Salvador, I been taking English class for the past three years. I am from Mexico, I am very thankful to La Casa for this opportunity, to the volunteers and to Felix for teaching me. I am now in level three and I feel very comfortable speaking to people at work or when am out shopping or doctors office. I don't need help from anyone to translate for me. Sometimes at work they ask me to translate for my co-workers. One time one of my co-workers got hurt and I did not see him using the first aid kit, so I realize that people were not using it, because they did not know what it was, but I knew because we had talk about those things in my English classes. I was very happy that I was able to help him, I read the instructions and told him what to do."



You are the diferencia makers.

Through your generous donations and service, you enable us to reach *thousands of community members each year*. The work outlined in this report is made possible only because of you. We are forever grateful.

100%

pass rate

on the USCIS Citizenship exam for graduates of our English Learning program, which was awarded United Way of SJC's Nonprofit Program of the Year



14,321 volunteer hours supporting youth and family programs including 40 "Alternative Spring Break" students from six colleges.



4,500+ visitors to West Side Wednesday neighborhood events advocating for and promoting our neighborhood

245

cases filed

in our immigration and citizenship program and provided 1,357 consultations which amounts to a \$175K savings for the people we serve

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



DILLEY PROJECT

La Casa de Amistad donors made it possible for local attorneys and immigration law advocates to travel to Dilley, Texas to provide pro-bono legal services to the 2,400 mothers and children detained after fleeing violence in central America.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

After years of due diligence of researching possibilities and stretching to make our current space work, it has become clear that La Casa's building footprint needs to expand to meet the needs of the growing population we serve. In 2019, we launched our El Sueño capital campaign. *Read more on pages 8-9.*



WEST SIDE EVENTS

Our monthly West Side Wednesday social meetups expanded greatly in 2019 into a larger neighborhood advocacy program as we hosted six ribbon cuttings, nine lunches, two major social events, and brought six colleges in for service learning opportunities.

VOLUNTEERS

As a small nonprofit, our work would not be possible without the thousands of hours donated by our dedicated volunteers whose work is valued at over \$200K donated to La Casa in 2019.



Annie McGuire

2019 Volunteer of the Year



Robert Hamma

2019 Volunteer of the Year

LA CASA PROGRAMMING



YOUTH PROGRAMS

YO PUEDO LEER (I CAN READ)

Language inclusion Pre-K program that prepares 20 children, from predominately Spanish speaking homes, for kindergarten in Spanish and in English using the High Scope curriculum method.

CRECE CONMIGO (GROW WITH ME)

Afterschool program that infuses tutoring, culture, art, social development, and recreation to aid in the development of 35 kindergarten through 5th grade students.

ADELANTE (FORWARD)

Afterschool academic support, leadership development, mentoring, and college visits for 33 middle and high schoolers.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer enrichment and learning opportunities for 45 students K-12th grade.



Your gifts empower youth, families, and immigrants and advocate for our community.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

DESPENSA DE COMIDA (FOOD PANTRY)

Providing 45,809 pounds of food to 1,402 client families in the 46619 area code from donations, USDA, the Food Bank, and Kankakee Wetlands Organic Garden.

FORTALECIENDO FAMILIAS (STRENGTHENING FAMILIES)

Provides communication tools and education to 34 parents and children to strengthen family relationships and improve skills in conflict resolution.

SOCIAL SERVICES & REFERRALS

Operate bilingual call center to direct community members to critical needs through partner nonprofits. From helping with utilities to notarizing documents we meet neighborhood needs.



IMMIGRANT SERVICES

CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Our Dept. of Justice accredited legal program, citizenship classes, and pro bono legal resources help our families navigate through the complicated immigration, citizenship, and consular processes.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Citizenship-focused vocabulary, civics learning, sentence structure, speaking skills, listening comprehension, and grammar instruction to 376 individuals who are new to the English language.

COMPUTER SKILLS & DIGITAL LITERACY

We offer translations, computer classes, connection to online job applications, resume writing, and other online resources through 1:1 client service.



ADVOCACY WORK

IMMIGRANTS

We regularly lead and participate in policy awareness events throughout the region to inform interested groups of people of issues that affect immigrants. This includes promotion of our *No Human Being is Illegal* campaign and our *Know Your Rights* presentations and online modules.

COMMUNITIES

To date, La Casa launched resident identification card programs in the cities of South Bend, Plymouth, and Goshen. The 1,000+ cards printed help residents interact with officials in the communities in which they live. We've also worked with SBFD to install 655 smoke alarms in Westside homes.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Through West Side Wednesday events, Best Wednesday Ever, and neighborhood history immersion tours, we invite everyone to learn about our community through shared experiences.

El Sueño

Our founders' vision in 1973 was to create a place that would meet the needs of the Latino and immigrant community through service to teens. Since then, we have grown tremendously and now support and empower our community in ways we could not have imagined then. But today, our small neighborhood center is bursting at the seams. The time has come for our next leap of faith and for our courageous expansion. Our "El Sueño" Campaign brings into fruition the vision of our founders and the dreams of our families for the next fifty years by offering programs in a new, larger experiential community empowerment center in South Bend in 2020.

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WHAT IS THE EL SUEÑO PLAN?

Our generous key investors joined together to purchase a 40,000 square foot property for La Casa de Amistad families. This new building is located near Michigan and Chippewa streets on the southwest side of South Bend. The total project cost of \$3.25mil includes all needed renovations, a capital reserve, and funding for an endowment account (that will be used for building maintenance). We are still in need of additional funders to reach the overall goal and ensure we complete the full plan set forth for the project to benefit those we serve.

WHO ARE THE KEY EL SUEÑO INVESTORS?

Thank you to the following investors who have already stepped forward to make extraordinary gifts to make this dream a reality.

1st Source Foundation | Community Foundation of St. Joseph County

Garatoni Smith Family Foundation | InterCambio Express | Judd Leighton Foundation

Jason & Darla Lippert | Dick & Donna Pfeil | Carolyn Woo & David Bartkus

YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!

We cannot accomplish this work without your support and our entire community working together. La Casa has made a tremendous impact on the community over the past 46 years because we engaged our families, local students, donors, and supportive community members to ensure success. Gifts of all sizes are necessary to make this project a reality. **Thanks to a special challenge grant from The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, we have a special opportunity for donors to double their gift up to \$100,000!**

Visit lacasadeamistad.org/sueno-project to make a donation or learn about special naming opportunities today.



TOP 2019 BENEFACTORS

Through the generosity of our loyal donors, we have been able to provide quality programs for our community since 1973. We are extremely grateful to each and every person who makes it possible to serve those in need.

\$15,000+

1st Source Foundation
 City of South Bend
 Community Foundation of SJC
 Garatoni Smith Family Foundation
 Matt Kahn and Janine Felder-Kahn
 REAL Services
 Richard and Donna Pfeil
 Saint Joseph Health System
 The Bowsher Booher Foundation
 The Judd Leighton Foundation Inc.
 United Way of St. Joseph County
 University of Notre Dame

\$5,000+

Alcohol and Addictions Resource Ctr.
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 Darla Hernandez Lippert and Jason Lippert
 Monogram Food Solutions
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 Jill and Robert Sandilla
 Christopher and Anastasia Tapper

\$1,000+

Asad Ansari and Adeela Alizai
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Northern Indiana

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Bar Association

Indiana Latino Institute

Indiana Legal Services

Indiana University
South Bend

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*This is a sample listing of the many
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our programs. Want to work with us?
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