



# FACES OF **GRACE**

2019 IMPACT REPORT  
FIFTEEN YEARS OF CHANGING  
LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION



*Photo by Brian Tietz*



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GRACE PLACE PUTS FAITH INTO ACTION, PROVIDING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY BY EDUCATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Aaron, Bright Beginnings Student  
Photo by Brian Tietz

# CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

As we celebrate fifteen years of educational programming and service to the Golden Gate community, it is exciting to see how much we’ve grown and the impact that Grace Place continues to have for children and families.

Our five-acre site has expanded to include five new buildings and a renovation to the existing chapel building. The grounds have been enhanced to provide new outdoor playgrounds and meeting spaces, creating a beautiful campus for children and families to enjoy. Our programs have grown to serve over 1,000 students through comprehensive family literacy, afterschool, and adult education programs. Still, our belief that education changes everything and that every individual deserves the opportunity to achieve their full potential remains at the center of our mission.

This year, we opened the doors of the Jilk Family Center, a state-of-the-art enrichment center, and the final new building to complete the Campus Expansion project. We became the first organization of its kind in the world to receive Lighthouse Certification from the FranklinCovey organization, fully integrating the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*® into our educational programs and throughout the organizational culture.

Our Bright Beginnings program became a registered trademark as the Grace Place Family Literacy Model® and can now be licensed for organizations across the world to replicate. We celebrated the 2019 senior AP Leadership class, as 100% of them graduated high school, and 100% went to college or the military.

As you explore the following pages, you’ll discover more accomplishments to celebrate, including the personal achievements of those that remain at the heart of our work – the students and the families we serve.

Thank you for believing in Grace Place and for your support as educational champions for our children and families. Together, we look to the future with excitement, promise, and great aspirations in continuing our work as an educational leader in the community.

MARIO VALLE  
*Board Chair*

TIM FERGUSON, Ed.D.  
*Chief Executive Officer*



# FACES OF GRACE

Fifteen years ago, we embarked on our mission to change lives and empower families through education. Today, that vision continues to be realized.

We've seen firsthand that when a person is empowered by knowledge, great things are achieved. That knowledge has a ripple effect that impacts many others. The idea that providing education to a person has a return on investment with endless possibilities, is what excites us most.

In honor of our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we've collected stories from some of the determined and impressive students your generosity has touched in a collection we call *Faces of Grace*. There are countless more success stories you're a part of at Grace Place. For more *Faces of Grace* visit [graceplacenaples.org](http://graceplacenaples.org).

A special thank you to the remarkably talented photographer, Brian Tietz, for lending his time and gifts to put a face to the amazing individuals in these stories through the photographic collection, *Faces of Grace*.



## CARLSON AND CHERLDI

This dynamic brother and sister duo grew up across the street from the campus and have been familiar faces at Grace Place since they were in diapers. Both attended Bright Beginnings with their mother, before enrolling in our Academy of Leaders program when they reached elementary school. Today, they are both thriving in school, reporting “mostly As and a few Bs.” They still consider Grace Place a second home.

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## ROXANA AND AARON

Roxana joined the Bright Beginnings program with her oldest child Aaliyah, when Aaliyah was one year old. She knew that to give her daughter the best start she could in life, she needed to provide her with a strong educational foundation. She learned about providing a language rich environment, promoting pre-literacy skills, and how to foster learning through play. When her second child Aaron was born, she had him enrolled in the program with her and Aaliyah within weeks. They've continued learning together. Today, Aaron is one of the brightest students in his classroom at Grace Place, and Aaliyah is flourishing in kindergarten. With Roxana as their first teacher, their futures look very promising.

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# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## GRACE PLACE FAMILY LITERACY MODEL®

AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, PARENTS  
IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING  
FOCUSED TRACK:

- » **SHOWED AN AVERAGE  
IMPROVEMENT OF 1.1  
GRADE LEVELS IN READING\***
- » **88 PERCENT DEMONSTRATED  
IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR  
ENGLISH LISTENING\***

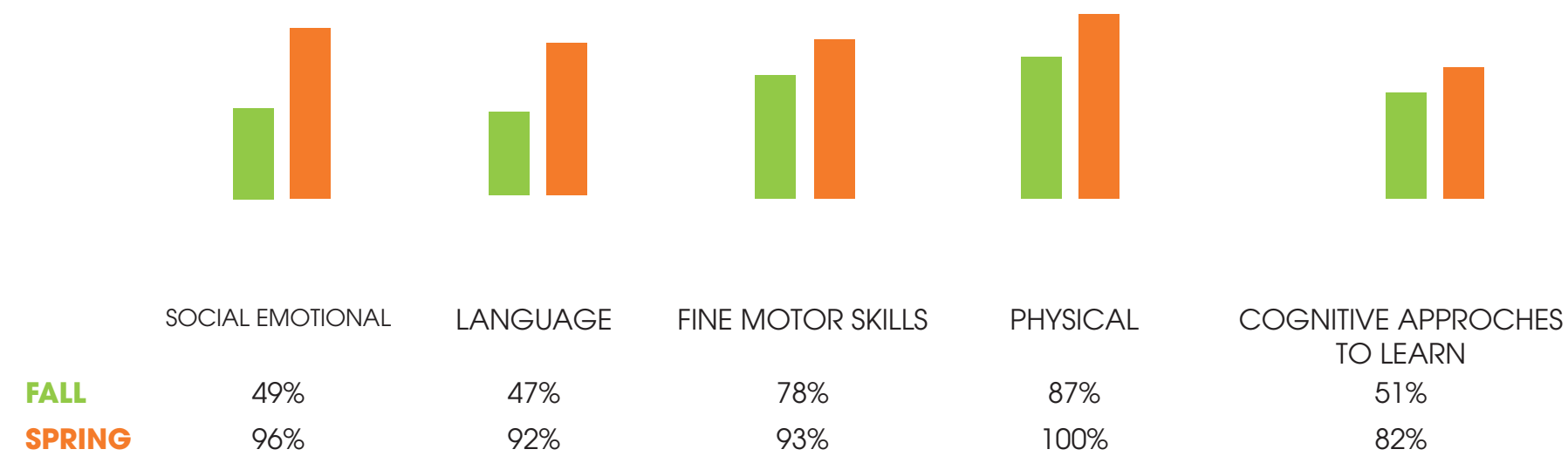
\*As evidenced by the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Life and Work Reading Exam

As we launch the homegrown family literacy program, Bright Beginnings, onto the national stage as the Grace Place Family Literacy Model®, we continue to hone and evolve its offerings here at Grace Place. With the support of our generous investors, we increased enrollment across the program and added new courses and new classes.

In addition to our existing parent and adult education classes, we added a course focused on building life and leadership skills while developing marketable skills for the workplace. An additional entry-level parent class was added, allowing more than 20 new families to join the program. We strengthened the participation of our Parent Leadership Council, empowering parents to find and use their voices.



2018 - 2019 FULL TIME ECE STUDENTS



With funding from discerning investors including the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and the Naples Children and Education Foundation, Founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, our early childhood education (ECE) offerings expanded. We added a full-time two-year-old classroom, an additional full-time three- and four-year-old classroom, and another weekday of programming for all four-year-old students enrolled in Bright Beginnings. We introduced Conscious Discipline, an innovative social-emotional learning, and classroom management program.

Through these enhancements, 228 children are better prepared to start kindergarten and 192 parents are better prepared to support them.



NOEMI AND EMILY

Noemi first came to Grace Place with her son, Francisco. As a young mother, she felt unprepared to be her child’s first teacher and had heard that the Bright Beginnings program offered classes where she and her son could learn together. Noemi thrived, she became voracious for information and quickly became one of the most involved parents in the program. After her second child Emily was born, Noemi decided to take her passion for early childhood education and put it to work. She began taking classes to become an early childhood educator. Today, Noemi is a Support Teacher in one of the Bright Beginnings early childhood education classrooms, her daughter Emily is flourishing in kindergarten, and Francisco is a successful second grader.

Photos by Brian Tietz



## DYLAN

When Dylan's parents first came to the United States neither one spoke English. Determined to provide the best future for their family they could, his mother Nelly enrolled in Bright Beginnings with Dylan while Dylan's dad, Elmer, started coming to English classes at Grace Place. Over the next six years, the family thrived. Dylan thrived. He developed language skills, he learned his alphabet (in English and Spanish), he met friends, established bonds with his teachers, and mastered the classroom environment. Dylan started our Academy of Leaders program last year and we continue to watch him grow and blossom.

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# ACADEMY OF LEADERS

**462 STUDENTS  
SERVED**

## AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM FOR K-12

After fifteen years of providing community-based youth development experiences, we are keenly aware that creating a great academic program is only the first step toward having a lasting impact. We believe in taking a whole-child, multi-generational approach to tackling obstacles of poverty by teaching more than academics, and by engaging parents.

Integrated throughout our afterschool and summer activities are efforts to develop student's character and the soft skills needed for college and career readiness. Program activities combine academic enrichment with leadership development, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention

programs, arts, music, physical fitness, mentor activities, and career and technical programs. We facilitate parent workshops throughout the year, and encourage parents to enroll in our Adult Education program.

A mainstay of the program's design is to promote the aspiration to give back. High school students volunteer and work in the kindergarten through eighth grade classes. This past year, we developed a mentoring program between our middle and elementary-aged students. These peer-to-peer relationships have resulted in greater student investment in the program.





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In addition to families that transition into Academy of Leaders from our Bright Beginnings program, we target students identified through our relationship with Collier County Public Schools to be most at-risk in Golden Gate. Our students’ scores in math, science, and English Language Arts are a testament to what is possible if children are given the right opportunities.

ACADEMY OF LEADERS ELEMENTARY

% at or above proficiency



ACADEMY OF LEADERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

% at or above proficiency



ACADEMY OF LEADERS HIGH SCHOOL

% at or above proficiency



GENESIS

It’s quite possible that Genesis took her first steps at Grace Place. She and her mother have been enrolled in our programs since Genesis was born. In Bright Beginnings, Genesis spent four years learning, growing, and developing strong pre-literacy skills alongside her mother. When Genesis entered kindergarten, she was well prepared to succeed. Today, she is enrolled in Grace Place’s Academy of Leaders afterschool program and has been invited to join the advanced studies and gifted learners program at Golden Gate Elementary School.

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## REBECCA

Rebecca joined Grace Place's AP Leadership program her freshman year of high school. Bright and determined, Rebecca has always been a high achiever, but the path to higher education was a mystery to her. Over her four years in the AP Leadership program, Rebecca took advantage of every opportunity. She's visited college campuses, attended college knowledge workshops and ACT Prep courses, and gained assistance identifying and applying for scholarships. This fall, she began her freshman year at Florida Gulf Coast University on a full scholarship (a Jubilee Scholarship).

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# AP LEADERSHIP

## COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

The AP Leadership program was developed to remove the obstacles to higher education that children from families with low income face. We help our students, many of whom are the first in their families to go to college, with the application process. We provide ACT and SAT preparation, coaching for application essays and guidance for selecting the right post-secondary education opportunity. We help students navigate financial aid, apply for external scholarships and give out our own scholarships too, including the prestigious Grace Place Jubilee Scholarships. **IN FY 2019, OUR GRADUATING SENIORS HAD \$601,600 IN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS.**

Since its pilot year in 2013, the AP Leadership program has boasted a 100% graduation rate, with 100% of graduates enrolling in college or the military. We are thrilled to continue that record this year.

# 100%

## OF SENIOR AP LEADERS

- » GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
- » WERE ACCEPTED TO AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE
- » ENROLLED IN COLLEGE OR THE MILITARY



# ADULT EDUCATION

**200**  
STUDENTS SERVED

**53%**  
DEMONSTRATED  
NOTEWORTHY  
GROWTH IN  
ENGLISH READING  
COMPREHENSION\*

We believe that a safer, stronger, and more sustainable community for our children, begins with an educated adult population.

Our Adult Education program equips students with the needed language and life skills to strengthen their ability to participate in the workforce, improve their quality of life, and enhance their self-sufficiency and engagement within the community.

Last year, thanks to the support of our amazing allies, and a grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation, 200 adults received English language and literacy education, digital literacy, financial literacy, and citizenship preparation. To make these existing efforts even stronger, this year, we broadened our programming and enhanced our assessments.

In collaboration with the Florida Planning Association of Southwest Florida, we extended the Financial Literacy Workshop an additional week. Students who completed the Financial Literacy Workshop were invited to participate in a pilot Homeownership Workshop offered in partnership with the HUD-certified nonprofit organization, Housing, Education, and Lending Program (H.E.L.P.). The \*C.A.S.A.S. assessment used to evaluate the growth of our English language learners was migrated to an online testing system, allowing for more targeted and accurate testing, and saving time and money.



## BENJAMIN

Benjamin had a growing family and knew he needed to learn English to advance at work. In the five years he took English classes in our Adult Education program, Benjamin received three promotions, ultimately managing a crew of ten. Today, he and his brother are running a business together and have both returned to Grace Place to learn from our Digital Literacy course.

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## AUGUSTUS "GUS"

Gus is a retired mechanic. Like many senior citizens in our community, he found himself needing the aid of our Food Pantry. But when Gus found Grace Place he found much more than emergency food supply, he found a community. He began volunteering three years ago. You will still find him, every week, among the dedicated food pantry volunteers giving back.

*Photo by Brian Tietz*

# HUNGER RELIEF FOOD PANTRY

Food insecurity is a crisis for families all over the world, including families' right here in Collier County. According to Collier County Public School's website, 66% of students in Collier County qualify for the free-and-reduced lunch program, meaning they fall below Florida's income eligibility gap lines. Hunger places unfair demands on parents, requiring them to make tough choices between food and other necessities. This can include the challenging decision to purchase inexpensive, but less nutritious food to stretch the household budget.

The Food Pantry supports Grace Place's mission by meeting the basic need for nourishment and health, which are essential for strong mental and physical development.

Thanks to our supporters, we helped provide an incredible 395,000 plus pounds of food, including fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy products, to people facing hunger in our community.

**39,020**  
**PEOPLE FED**

**395,000+**  
**POUNDS OF FOOD  
DISTRIBUTED**



# CHANGE MAKERS

At Grace Place, volunteers not only make days better, they make them possible. It was a group of volunteers, and a visionary with a big heart, that founded Grace Place fifteen years ago. A decade and a half later, we remain a volunteer-driven organization.

The combined efforts of over 350 people make Grace Place possible by contributing their time, attention, and talents annually. Our board of directors, committee members, administrative, program, event support, and food pantry volunteers, are critical in our ability to serve the over 1,000 individuals enrolled in our education programs and the countless more served through the food pantry.

We hope you take pride in knowing that your gifts are making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you.



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| Mary Agnew             | Diana Belbruno    | Kay Brandon       |
| Nazmiye Akyuz          | Chloe Bellizzi    | Emily Brovey      |
| Jennifer Amatulle      | Ian Bello         | Thelma Brown      |
| Arlis Ander            | Al Bennett        | Wes Bryant        |
| Paul Ander             | Jan Beshears      | Jeanne Bucklin    |
| Marcos W Araya II      | Mary Beth Jones   | Rod Bucklin       |
| Delilah Archibald      | Debra Blaine      | Sue Buntic        |
| Dianna Austin          | Fredricka Bond    | Joan Byerhof      |
| Yesenia Avila          | Robin Bonica      | Kate Cahill       |
| Karen Jean Bach        | Monique Bontana   | Barbara Campasano |
| Cheryl Ballenger       | Michelle Borders  | Allen Caswell     |
| Michael Ballenger      | Jim Bosscher      | Augustus Chester  |
| George Ann Bardenheier | Pat Bosscher      | Thomas Clark      |
| Joseph Barnette        | Maria Botana      | Joanne Colasanti  |
| Doris Barrett          | Nancy Bove        | David Cole        |
| Emily Batuman          | Patricia Bradford | Edith Cole        |
| Nancy Beights          | Barbara Brandes   | Kimberly Colector |

## LUIS

Luis, his mother, and his two younger brothers came to the Bright Beginnings program at Grace Place together in 2008. Luis was older than most of the children in Bright Beginnings and quickly found himself in the role of “helper” to the teacher. He developed a passion for giving back that he’s carried with him during his years in the after-school program. Today, Luis is enrolled in the Academy of Leaders high school program and considers his time volunteering in the elementary and middle school program among his favorite activities.

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| Christine Connolly | Joyce Fletcher            |
| Lindsay Corbin     | Wealtha Flick             |
| Darcy Cox          | Carol Fox                 |
| John Cox           | Bill Fox                  |
| Kimberly Craig     | Kathy Freeman             |
| William Crawford   | Kathleen Friedler         |
| Janice Cressman    | Lisa Furlong              |
| Pilar Maria Cruz   | Marie Gannatti            |
| Sandra Cunningham  | Juan Garcia               |
| Carole Damiano     | Alyssa Gedeon             |
| Lou D’Amico        | Anne George               |
| Connee Dawson      | Craig Goodrich            |
| Maris Delano       | Luanne Gregas             |
| Erin Delgado       | Randle Grossman           |
| Virginia Deneka    | Susanne Grossman          |
| Linda DiGiorno     | Angela Grows              |
| Carol Dlouhy       | Richard Grows             |
| Dewayne Dunnam     | Andy Guenette             |
| Elizabeth Eberhard | George Gulley             |
| James Evans        | Pat Gulley                |
| Elaine Evans       | Dennis Gulley             |
| Teri Evans         | Trisha Hare               |
| Lisa Ewell         | Pat Hart                  |
| Patti Fazio        | Ray Hart                  |
| Betty Fedorjaka    | Anne Hart                 |
| Leslie Feldman     | Ed Heckert                |
| Dianne Fiebrink    | Patrice Heckert           |
| Mark Fiebrink      | Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hefner |
| Susan Filip        | Kathy Henderson           |
| David Finch        | Fermin Antonio Hernandez  |
| Barbara Finn       | Jennifer Hinkle           |
| Harry Fisher       | Sharon Hoffman            |
| Cindy Fitzgerald   | Gail Hoopes               |
| Patricia Fleck     | Matthew Hott              |



# “VOLUNTEERS ARE LOVE IN MOTION!”

- ANONYMOUS

Chris Howard  
Mary Hubert  
Deborah Hurd  
Pamela Hurd  
Louise Isroff  
Jami Jackson  
Douglas Jensen  
Holly Jensen  
Patricia Jilk  
Cindy Jonckheere  
David Jonckheere  
Clayton Jones  
Debbie Jones  
Sherri Joyce  
Lisa F Kanner  
Jerri Kautsky  
Jerry Kimble  
Leo King  
Gail King  
Suzanne King  
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Nancy Kunz  
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John Langenheim  
Barbara Laudano  
Cindy Lewis  
Kathy Long  
Kevin Lopez  
Cynthia Lozano

Claudia Luma  
Erik Lutgert  
Judith Lynch  
Stewart MacFarlane  
Renette Majuste  
Olivia Mancino  
Paula Mangan  
Lolita Manzo  
Nancy Marino  
Phil Mathias  
Deborah Mathews Finch  
Jose Maya  
Ed Mayes  
Geraldine McEnroe  
Rosemarie McGirl  
Michael McGrath  
Diane McGrath  
Rebecca McIntosh  
Julie McLeod  
Mitchell McLeod  
Michael McNamara  
Sherrie Meek  
Juliana Meek  
Karen Merilien  
Raymond Merz  
Sue Merz  
Harold Milkey  
Brian Miller  
Susan Miller

Diedre Milligan  
Jeffrey Mitchell  
Jan Mitchell  
Tracy Moffatt  
Salley Moneymaker  
Gloria Moore  
Diane Morgan  
Richard Morris  
Boo Mortenson  
Carol Mumford  
Connie Murray  
Lesley Nietzman  
Lise O’Brien  
Rosemary O’Connell  
William O’Connell  
Monica Osterhaus  
Wei Ouyang  
Diane Palmer  
Jean Paprocki  
Janet Perna  
Eve Perni  
Russell Peterson  
Helene Price  
Betty Pursley  
Aaron Radcliffe  
Cathleen Ragone  
Diane Rahman  
Nita Rapp  
Valquiria Reilly

Marion Renzetti  
Whitney Rhyne  
Maureen Riley  
Jacklyn Robinson  
Audrey Rooney  
Paul Rooney  
David Rose  
Melanie Rose  
Lynwood Rosser  
Carole Russell  
Stan Russell  
Bill Safrin  
Mary Margaret Sampson  
Jean Schlosser  
Roberta Stevenson Schrage  
Andrea Kathleen Shields  
Donald Shippey  
Jeffrey Siegal  
Janet Silloway  
Deborah Silor  
Nancy Simpson  
Susan Sissman  
Arthur Smith  
Audrey Smith  
Clark Smith  
Hal Smith  
Axel Sotelo  
Saundra Spilotro  
Laura Stacell

Donna Stapleton  
Jane Stark  
Marilyn Steinberger  
Kathy Stried  
Robert Stried  
Julie Thiele  
Pat Sue Thoma  
Roger Thomas  
Heather Thompson  
Teshey Thompson  
Brian Tietz  
Scott Tiffany  
Malerie Urquiola  
Mario Valle  
Faye Van Wert  
Vlady Vnukova  
Hughes Wahl  
Deborah Wahl  
John Walter  
Alina Walther  
Kate Wasmer  
John Wasmer  
Maria Weiss  
Scott Weltzien  
Marge Wilmoski  
Arthur Winterhalter  
Sally Yalley  
Barbara Zack  
Larisa Zadorecky

16,670  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

\$423,918  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER  
HOURS\*

\*independentsector.org



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# JILK FAMILY CENTER

## MEET THE JILKS

It didn't take long after moving to Naples for Pat and Craig Jilk to discover Grace Place. Pat was chairing the Education Grant Committee at the Community Foundation of Collier County when a passionate and enthusiastic woman came to the group asking for funding for a literacy program in Golden Gate. A longtime believer in the equalizing power of education, Pat and the group were immediately impressed with the mission of the organization. They decided to fund the small program. "Each year, for several years, we watched Grace Place grow in enrollment and programs, and each year we recommended a grant to Grace Place," Pat recalls.

Seven years later, with loyal support from the Committee and other generous sources, Grace Place was ready to expand. Like Pat, Craig is a firm believer in the transformational gift of an education. The couple decided to tour Grace Place. "At the time, the chapel building had been remodeled into classrooms. The old parish hall

building served as offices, classrooms, and the food pantry. Later, trailers were added for additional space. There was no doubt in our minds that this group needed more and better space to educate children and parents." Soon after, the couple became one of the first contributors to the upgraded campus. "Our first contribution was two classrooms in the new building. These classrooms were made in memory of my sister and cousin, who had been teachers," Pat reports.

Grace Place's momentum continued, and additional investors saw the importance of educational services in Golden Gate. The plans were laid for a complete Campus Expansion. As the campus grew, Pat and Craig became more involved with Grace Place. Pat joined the Board of Directors in October of 2017 and Craig served on the 2018 Grace Place Jubilee Scholarship Committee.



When the time came to secure funding for the final building on campus, Pat and Craig had seen the impact Grace Place was having firsthand. They wanted to ensure its legacy. "We contributed the funds for the final building built on the campus, the multipurpose building. Now, we have a completed Grace Place campus for the children and families in Golden Gate," remarks Pat.

"By offering high-quality educational opportunities, we believe that Grace Place makes a difference in the lives of Golden Gate children and their families. As the Grace Place adage states...education changes everything."



# FINANCIAL PROFILE

AUGUST 1, 2018 - JULY 31, 2019\*

We are pleased to report another year of strong support from our amazing donors, who allowed us to serve more families than ever before. As we look forward toward deeper involvement in our community and further growth, we remain dedicated to fiscal prudence to ensure viability and high quality educational programming for every family Grace Place serves.

## ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Operating Funds	712,766
Capital Development Funds	201,531
Endowment	304,988
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,219,285
Total Other Current Assets	304,148
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,523,433
FIXED ASSETS	
Fixed Assets	13,303,874
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,679,054)
Total Net Fixed Assets	11,624,820
TOTAL ASSETS	13,148,252

## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Total Current Liabilities	27,868
Mortgage Payable	560,706
TOTAL LIABILITIES	588,574
TOTAL EQUITY	12,559,678
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	13,148,252

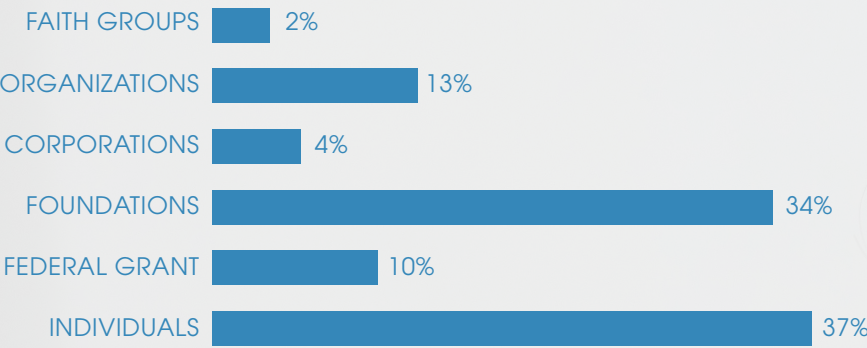
## SOURCES

General Donations	4,484,937
Directed Donations	599,132
Capital Donations	567,758
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	5,651,827

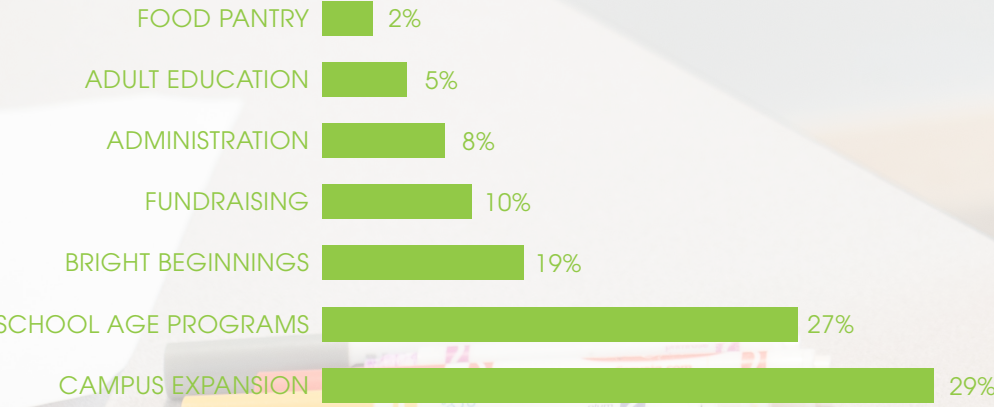
## USES

Operating Expenses	3,449,828
Capital Expenditures	839,851
Directed Spending	593,302
Endowment	6,100
TOTAL FUNDS USED	4,889,080
INCREASE IN FUNDS ON DEPOSIT	762,747

## GIVING BY SOURCE



## USAGE OF FUNDS





## ON THE COVER

# RENE, YESSICA & SOFIA

Rene and Yessica have always believed in the power of education, so when Yessica heard of a program in the neighborhood that offered early childhood education classes she quickly enrolled herself and her daughters, Alice and Sofia, in Bright Beginnings. Over the next few years, they learned and grew together. Seeing the progress of his wife and children, Rene signed up for English classes to help develop his language skills. He and his brother would be starting a business, and he knew the importance of being able to easily communicate with his clients. Today, the family is flourishing. Alice has started kindergarten and is one of the top performing students in her class. Yessica and Sofia are still enrolled in Bright Beginnings, and Sofia shows Yessica something new she's learned every day. Rene recruited his brother into English classes at Grace Place and together they have launched their new business.

*Photo by Brian Tietz*



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A LEADER IN ME LIGHTHOUSE ORGANIZATION



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