



EL CENTRO, INC
ANNUAL

45

REPORT
2021-2022



REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO



What an incredible year!
We celebrated El Centro’s 45th anniversary of service, not with any big splash or celebration, but many wonderful experiences that increased our exposure and enabled us to further our progress.

We saw growth and remained focused on ensuring those still impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic be fully supported, inspired by our community’s resilience and their motivation to succeed. Progress has started and we recognize that sustaining this over the long term will depend on consistent performance, quality service and the support of all of you- our partners.

Highlights were many but let me remind you of some incredible things that happened!

- First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and U.S. Small Business Administrator Isabella Guzman visited our Academy for Children. We shared our work and they participated in a charla (chat) with members of our community, raising their voices.
- We were recognized by the 15 and Mahomies Foundation as one of 15 organizations making a difference in our community!
- We purchased, renovated, and held a ribbon cutting of our Johnson County office in Olathe with such support and fanfare including a mariachi band and tours of the facility. We felt the love and welcomed in our new satellite office!
- Our \$45 for 45th Anniversary campaign was successful!

I could go on and continue to reflect on this anniversary year, but ask we pause to recommit ourselves, in ways large and small, to continue our journey. As we prepare for a new future, we continue to reinforce our commitment to further strengthen our community and uplift the voices of those we serve

Finally, I would like to thank staff, partners, funders and the community for their support and commitment through the last year and I look forward to what promises to be an exciting 2022-2023.


Irene Caudillo

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Catalina Velarde Board Chair Adjunct Professor, UMKC	Dr. Nozella Brown Retired WYCO K-State Research & Extension	Anna Bazan-Munguia Big Brothers Big Sisters
Lucas Behrens 1st Vice Chair MORE2	Dachia Busch Metropolitan Community College Kansas City	Christopher (Chris) Munoz Kansas City, Kansas Community College
Jorge Flores 2nd Vice Chair Northwestern Mutual	Chayan CD Dasgupta Forrest T. Jones/Fidelity Security Life Insurance	Deana Munoz Latino Arts Foundation
Dr. Edward Kremer Treasurer Kansas City, Kansas Community College	Erik Erazo Olathe School District	JD Rios Mayor’s Office Liaison UG of WYCO/KCK
Carmelita Bahamonde Secretary Mid Continent Public Library	Fabian Gayosso Reece-Nichols Real Estate	Father Oswaldo Sandoval Holy Cross Parish
	Tara Markley Johnson County K-State Research and Extension	Art Silva Helzberg Diamonds
	Marielena Marroquin Mosaic, Inc.	Greg Valdovino Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
	Dr. Alicia Miquel Guadalupe Centers Charter Schools	Jonathan Westbrook Kansas City, Kansas Police Department



OUR MISSION

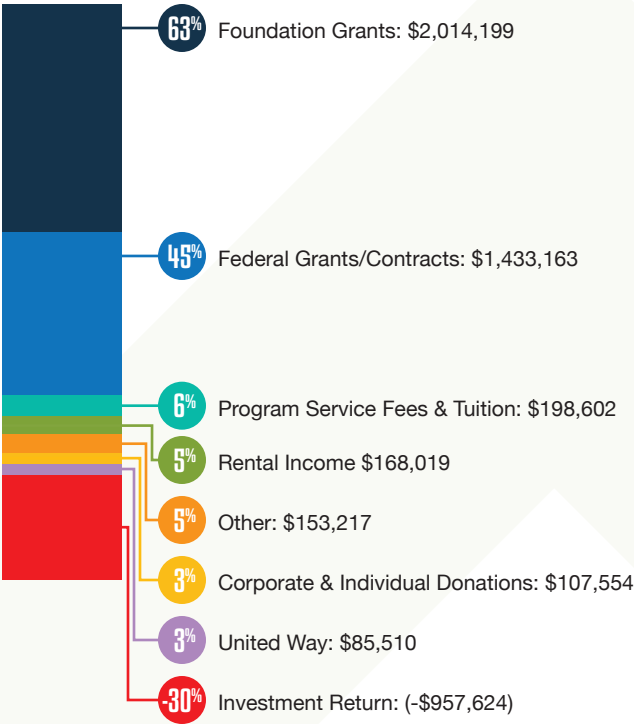
The mission of El Centro, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is “strengthening communities and improving lives of Latinos and others through educational, social, and economic opportunities.”

OUR VISION

To be the premiere organization bridging Latinos and others, resulting in healthy, educated communities.

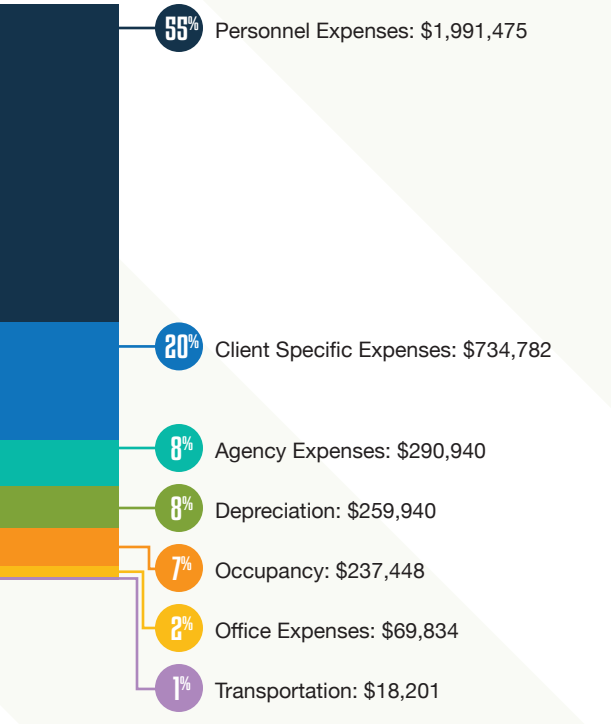
OPERATING REVENUE: FY 2021-2022

\$3,202,640
TOTAL REVENUE



OPERATING EXPENSES: FY 2021-2022

\$3,602.112
TOTAL EXPENSES



Cover artwork commissioned by Kansas City, muralist Vania Soto - vaniasoto.com





PROMOTORAS DE SALUD

Promoting a culture of preventative health.

- 12 Community Leaders were trained as Promotora de Salud.
- 19 Promotoras from Western Kansas trained on “Comprando Rico y Sano” and COVID Prevention.
- 849 Participants completed six hours of virtual education in the “Comprando Rico y Sano” program.
- 1,686 Qualifying individuals enrolled in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (Food Stamps).
- 2,142 Eligible children received the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer P-EBT (temporary food benefits to families of children who typically get free or reduced-price meals at school).
- 849 Latinos participated in the “create a healthy menu with a minimum budget” workshop.
- 454 EBT beneficiaries duplicated SNAP money at Wyandotte Farmers Markets.
- 42,000 Lbs. of fresh vegetables were distributed to clients.



HEALTH NAVIGATION

Increasing and improving access to quality, affordable healthcare services and coverage for our community.

- 2,623 Clients assisted with 3,729 services to access healthcare services and coverage.
- 527 Direct Services provided to help individuals receive prescriptions, optical care, medical equipment, emergency dental care, and diabetes testing kits.
- 184 Billing Navigation services completed to help uninsured individuals apply for financial assistance and make payment arrangements for their medical bills.
- 1,163 Insurance Navigation services provided, enrolling families into healthcare coverage through KanCare, Medicare, the health insurance Marketplace, and dental coverage.
- 354 Specialty Care services received by uninsured individuals needing surgeries, appointments, Patient Assistance Programs, breast and cervical cancer screenings, medical interpretation, health literacy, and care coordination.
- 1,501 Public Services were received by families to help them apply for disability and Social Security benefits, receive food assistance, obtain birth certificates and passports, find a COVID vaccine, apply for an ITIN, LIEAP, and other community programs.



ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN

Creating a foundation for lifelong learning while embracing culture and diversity.

- 73 Children received high quality year-round, dual-language preschool education. Numbers were lower due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- 31 Children graduated ready for kindergarten.
- 27 Head Start positions were supported by our partners at The Family Conservancy. This is an increase from last year’s number of positions.
- 90 Hours of dual-language and social-emotional professional learning and coaching were attended by our teachers to ensure we provide the highest quality early childhood education.



ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Developing leaders to build power and assist in creating policy changes.

- 6 Community Leaders trained to implement community engagement around education, voter engagement, and our DACA and Naturalization clinics.
- 546 Latinos participated in the “Know your Rights and responsibilities as an immigrant” virtual presentations.
- 95 Parents participated in “Manos a la Obra” workshop.
- 54 Dreamers were assisted with new or renewing DACA applications.
- 28 Latino residents were assisted with Naturalization process.
- 9,669 One-on-one conversations on “Know Your Rights” and voter education.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Strengthening families by reducing financial stress and creating long term goals.

- \$234,886 Provided to households for emergency rent/mortgage and/or utility assistance which removed the crisis the family was experiencing and ensured a safe and stable home.
- 684 Households, comprised of 2,106 individuals, stabilized their financial crisis through emergency assistance support.
- 276 Individuals received Employment Services which includes Go Green initiatives, resume writing, job fairs, and applying for jobs.
- 486 Individuals received financial education which includes; home buying, credit repair, budget management, etc.
- 1,061 Households were assisted with Income tax assistance through our two VITA sites.





2021-2022 FUNDING PARTNERS

El Centro gratefully acknowledges the support of the following corporate, foundation and service donors.

ALMA
\$1000,000 and Above

- Childcare Aware
- Community Catalyst, Inc.
- Family Conservancy Head Start Contract
- Francis Family Foundation
- Hall Family Foundation
- Health Forward Foundation
- PROCEED, Inc.
- REACH Healthcare Foundation
- Sunderland Foundation
- Unidos US (formally NCLR)
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ KCK ARPA Funds
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ KCK Health Equity Fund

COMUNIDAD
\$1 - \$49,999

- 15 and Mahomies Foundation
- Academy Bank
- AETNA
- Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Archbishop’s Call to Share
- AT&T Employee Match
- BCCAT Family Foundation
- Bread Financial Employee Match
- Breidenthal Snyder Foundation
- City of Olathe-Store Front Grant
- City of Overland Park- CDBG
- Cloud L. Cray Foundation
- Commerce Bancshares Foundation
- Community Mercantile
- Contigo Centro Legal, LLC
- El Torito
- Equity Kansas- Northeast Chapter
- Evergy Employee Match
- First Federal Bank
- Francis Family Foundation - Discretionary Fund
- Frank & Margaret McGee Foundation
- Garcia Immigration Law Office
- Garmin International
- Graham Family Fund
- Human Service Fund-Johnson County Government and
 - City of DeSoto
 - City of Edgerton
 - City of Gardner
 - City of Leawood
 - City of Lenexa
 - City of Merriam
 - City of Mission
 - City of Olathe
 - City of Overland Park
 - City of Prairie Village
 - City of Roeland Park
 - City of Shawnee
 - City of Spring Hill
 - City of Westwood
- Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City (*Anonymous Donor*)
- Kansas Action for Children
- Keller & Owens
- KUMC Alzheimer’s Project
- McCamon Family Fund
- Menorah Heritage Foundation
- National Immigration Law Center
- Olathe Mayor’s Children’s Fund

CORAZÓN
\$50,000 - \$99,999

- Community Builders Fund
- Stanley H. Durwood Foundation
- Environmental Protection Agency (EWDJT)
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
- Hispanic Federation/Hispanic Development Fund
- Kansas Children’s Cabinet
- KC Regional COVID 19 Funders
- Kansas Department of Health Farmworkers Contract
- Kansas Health Foundation
- United Way of Greater Kansas City



- Oppenstein Brothers Foundation
- Plex Capital
- PNC Bank
- Prime Health Foundation
- Progressive Communication
- R & C Charitable Foundation
- Rx Foundation
- Security Bank of Kansas City
- Sisters of Charity- Leavenworth
- Start Young Mini Grant
- Synchrony Foundation
- Systems of Care Initiative
- Thrive Allen County
- UMB Employee Match
- Brenda Calvin
- Sara Candelario
- Laura Canelos- Ramon
- Thomas Carignan
- Lisa Castro
- Patricia & Jesse Castro
- Sandra Cintora
- Xavier Comeaux
- Aldo Cruz
- Lizbeth De Jesus Lucas
- Andres De Santiago
- Rozanne Devine
- Aimee Dion
- Tim Duncan
- Annette Dye & Ramon
- Ramirez
- Karyn Eppler
- United Health Group Employee Match
- United Office Products
- Wichita State University - Increase the Reach Grant
- WIOA - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act
- Wyandotte 3rd Saturday Democratic Breakfast
- Wyandotte Health Foundation



2021-2022 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

This fiscal year, we celebrated our 45th Anniversary and, in honor of this achievement, we asked you to honor our 45 years, by contributing to our \$45 for 45th Campaign. The outpour of support was unbelievably positive and we would like to thank all of our Individual Donors for showing their support.

MADRINAS/PADRINOS
\$501 & over

- Patricia Carmona

Aditi & Chayan Dasgupta

Angela Maria Garcia

William Hamilton

Gabriel Hernandez

Alison Kossover

Michael Robbins

Dr. Silvia & Roy Robinson
- Denise & Tony Salazar

Elaine & Mac Salazar

Art Silva

Maria Spahn

Josh Thomas

Dr. Theresa A. Torres

Catalina Velarde

PRIMAS/PRIMOS
\$101-\$500

- Erica Andrade

Abogada Ashley Atwell-Soler

Virginia & Steve Bellis

Eileen & Kaler Bole

Julie Brewer

Dr. Nozella Brown

Stephanie Carreon

Karen Casebolt

Adrieon Castro

Irene Caudillo

Rita Cortes

Jessica A. Dominguez

Zulma Perez & Dr. Octavio Estrella

Carol Fields

Fabian Gayosso Gonzalez

Jennifer A. Gilbert

Kerry Higgins

Mary Lou Jaramillo

Dunrie & James Lewis
- Elizabeth Lopez

Tara Markley

Dr. Kelli Mather

Dr. Amanda & Ethan Mavec

Carlos Mercado

Dr. Alicia Miguel

Anna & Pablo Munguia

Mary Ontko

Marijan Podrebarac

Josh J. Price

Monica Reaser

John Rios

Mayra and Matthew Raplinger

Diva Sanchez

Aaron Scott

William Drue Thomas Jr.

Greg Valdovino

Amanda Villarreal

Anonymous (2)

AMIGAS/AMIGOS
\$1 to \$100

- Victor Aguilar

Donette Alonzo

Judith Ancel

Krystal Anton

Sonja Bachus

Mariam Bahadori

Carmelita Bahamonde

Lucas Behrens

Nancy & James Bell

Lucy Betteridge

Bridget Bolin

Grace Boswell

Debra Box

Jeanie Bunker

Dachia Busch

Brenda Calvin

Sara Candelario

Laura Canelos- Ramon

Thomas Carignan

Lisa Castro

Patricia & Jesse Castro

Sandra Cintora

Xavier Comeaux

Aldo Cruz

Lizbeth De Jesus Lucas

Andres De Santiago

Rozanne Devine

Aimee Dion

Tim Duncan

Annette Dye & Ramon

Ramirez

Karyn Eppler
- Erik Erazo

Javier Escobar

Mary Estrada

Sue Fenske

Perla Fernandez

Joseph Fives

Gabriela Flores

Dr. Bernard Franklin

Saira Galvan

Diana Gandara

Susan Garrett

Adrian Garza

Michelle Gines

Eduardo Gonzalez

Teresa M. Guerro

Justin Gust

Patricia & Alfred Gutierrez

Lori Hanson

Jean Hausladen

Scott Hefner

Kay Heley

Erica Hernandez-Scott

Lorena Holquin

Matthew Hughes

Mary Hurla Spangler

Margaret & James Hutchinson

Stephanie Iser

Brenda Jones

Dr. Edward Kremer

Joseph Lafreniere

Raylynn Laster-White

Veronica Luna

- Marielena Marroquin

Paloma Martin Blasio

Maria Martinez

Ramon Martinez

Mary Gonzales & John Mendez

Jessica Miller

Yvonne & Alberto Montanez

Richard Morado

Stella Morales

Christopher Munoz

Paula Neth

Reverend Ken Netting

Ryan Northup

Elizabeth Nowak

David Ochoa

Jamie Ortega

Robert Ortiz

Amanda Pense

Jaime Perales Puchalt

Alejandra Perez

Stephanie & Ruben Perez

Delia & Karla Perez-Solrzano

Patricia Petty

Terrence Putney

Nicholas Rackers

Denise & Juan Rangel

Curtis Raymer

Michael Rebne

Geri Reece

Marcela Renna

Christian Renteria
- Elizabeth Reynoso

Irma & Doug Robinson

Jacqueline Rodriguez

Magali Rojas

Stephen Roling

Martin Rutiaaga

Clara Sainte

Sayra Salais

Katherine & Carlos Salazar

Jessica Salazar-Collins

Norman Scott

Angela Smart

Yvette Solis

Sister Diane Steele

Robert Telthorst

Fredrick Tromans

Joe Valenciano

Anahi Valenzuela

Claudia Vazquez-Puebla

Cassy Venters

Dr. Eric Vidoni

Alicia & Maurillo Vieyra

Rose Villanueva

Megan Wheeler

Edward Whittle

Carey Wilkerson

Trudy Williams

Heather Wood

Eric Wymore

Rick Yarnell

Anonymous (2)





SU CONEXIÓN A LA COMUNIDAD

Richard A. Ruiz Administrative and Services Building

650 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101

El Centro – Olathe

201 E. Loula Street
Olathe, KS, 66061

Academy for Children

1330 South 30th Street
Kansas City, KS 66106

913.677.0100

913.362.8513 (Fax)

www.ELCENTROINC.com

 @ElCentroKC

 @ElCentroInc

 @ElCentroInc

 @elcentroinc

Affiliates and Partners

