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This year we celebrate a decade of service...

to the greater El Monte community. We mark our 10th year with hope, optimism and a sense of renewed purpose for the work we do with your help and support. For a decade, we have been supporting our students from kindergarten through high school by showing them that college or further training, and targeted career preparation will give them the tools and skills to have a successful life.

With the launch of our Roadmap To College, and the continued support of our national, statewide, and local community partners we are ready to provide greater access to the college dream for all of our children.

The El Monte Promise Foundation was started in 2012 as a project of Community Partners, with a mission to unite the community’s efforts to create a seamless cradle-to-college pathway in the greater El Monte region. This locally-run effort unites parents, students, and community leaders from school districts, colleges, local governments, businesses, non-profits, and private foundations to actively coordinate systems and mobilize resources for the educational benefit of local students.

The global pandemic and the nationwide reckoning on equity and access have shown us that the work we do is more important than ever. We have reimagined and reorganized our services so that we can provide our families with greater access to our services and to the pathways to college. We know that our work must include not just a focus on our students, but also empower the whole family to support these goals for their children.

We know that the generous spirit of our community, including parents, our educational partners, and our donors is strong and that it has lit the way through these dark times. We are all united in our belief that a strong and vibrant community depends on the support of rigorous learning goals and of the financial guidance and support that we offer to every child and family to give them access to these opportunities.

Our heartfelt thanks to the many who partner with us in our mission – our education, city, business, community and parent leaders, our Board of Directors, and our dedicated community supporters who help EMPF to succeed. By investing in our children, we are investing in our future.

Our Mission is to ensure a college-ready culture in El Monte and surrounding communities.

Our VISION is a community that supports its children to reach their full potential.

Our COMMITMENT is to diversity, equity and inclusion. We support our students and families by building partnerships and developing collaborations that reflect the diversity of our community and break down barriers to access. We facilitate transformational changes that eliminate outcome disparities for historically underserved and underrepresented populations. We work to model equity within our organization and support this work in our community.
2007-2011
- California Community Foundation (CCF) invests $10 million over 10 years in the El Monte Community Building Initiative with an extensive program of research and community engagement to increase educational standard, community resources, affordable housing, healthy lifestyles and opportunities in the region.
- The El Monte Pledge Compact is established to create a college pathway between El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD), Rio Hondo Community College, Cal State LA and UC Irvine.
- CCF publishes “A Pledge and A Promise: Building a Seamless Pathway to College for El Monte Students and Families,” outlining the community’s needs.

2012-2014
- El Monte Promise Foundation (EMPF) is established from the findings of the CCF Community Building Initiative to serve as a convening and backbone organization to support education success in youth.
- EMPF becomes a project of Community Partners, which will provide fiscal sponsorship for the foundation.
- The El Monte City School District (EMCSD) and the Mountain View School District (MVSD) become core partners with EMPF.
- The Scholars Savings Program (SSP) launched.
- El Monte Promise Cradle to College Agreement is established between school districts and the City of El Monte.
- EMPF establishes the Parent Advisory Council, and initiates its first internship program.

2015-2018
- EMPF is recognized as a Bright Spot by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence.
- EMUHSD and the City of South El Monte formally become part of the El Monte Promise Cradle to College Agreement.
- SSP is expanded to all schools in EMUHSD and MVSD with Scholar Dollars committed to graduates of EMUHSD.
- EMPF joins EMCSD and MVSD in collaboration on the Early Developmental Instrument, a research tool that evaluates kindergarten readiness and community resources.

2019-2021
- EMPF adopts a three-year strategic plan with a focus on helping the community respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic while providing foundational support for the Cradle-to-College pathway.
- EMPF is awarded the Every Kid Counts and CSAC grants from the California Student Aid Commission to support SSP Expansion.
- EMPF joins StriveTogether, a national convening organization building cradle-to-career pathways.
- Development of virtual financial literacy programming to support families during the pandemic.
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Timeline and Highlights

2019-2021
- Launched the Roadmap to College to support college readiness at every grade level.
- Awarded a $600,000 grant from the California Student Aid Commission to support College Savings Accounts.
- Restarted Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors Programming to support parents of 0-5 year olds.
- Launched a summer workshop financial education series to promote financial wellbeing in young adults and adults presenting on topics such as building credit, budgeting, and financial aid.

2021-2022
- Organized monthly Parent Advisory Committee meetings to encourage greater parent involvement and engagement in students’ pathways to higher education.
- Distributed more than 3,000 books to students to support Summer reading.
- Supported the API Community by partnering with Day One to host the El Monte Mid Autumn Moon Festival.

Partnered with the American Red Cross to support students’ health and safety during the transition back to in-person learning by providing face masks and hand sanitizers.
- Partnered with EMUHSD, the Cities of El Monte, South El Monte and Rosemead provide personalized banners to recognize EMUHSD’s class of 2021.
- Supported families during back-to-school by helping to distribute over 2000 backpacks at the Jeff Seymour Family Center and Mountain View Family Center.
- Student Advisory Committee hosted a guest speaker event featuring a USC Marshall Student to help students gain greater insight about higher education opportunities and their pathways to college.

Hosted weekly Summer virtual workshops on 2020 Tax Credit Programs, building credit, responding to identity theft, budget building, navigating debt collections, and accessing financial aid.
- Hosted the 18th annual Tamalada: contributions from sponsors and donors helped 90 students start college savings accounts.
- Actively supported students in the college applications process by providing resources for financial aid applications, scholarships, and applications tips.
- Joined the Strive Together Network, a national organization focused on building cradle-to-career focused communities.
- EMPF reaches its 500th College Savings Account.
Our INITIATIVES highlight how the El Monte Promise Foundation is working to fulfill its mission and vision. We are working to ensure our students have a strong foundation and opportunities to become competitive for college.

Our CRADLE TO COLLEGE PATHWAY ensures students and families have the tools, support and resources to pursue and complete higher education. This is facilitated through COLLEGE AWARENESS WORKSHOPS, ROADMAP TO COLLEGE, internship opportunities, and community dialogues on how to promote college in the home.

We are working with Rio Hondo College, Cal State LA, and UC Irvine to provide students a means to begin their higher education through the EL MONTE PLEDGE COMPACT complete with support and counselling services.

Our COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT activities continue to develop partnerships to collaborate with organizations, work with parents through our Parent Advisory Committee, empower student leaders through our Student Advisory Committee and build our capacity to engage with our Asian American and Pacific Islander community through our API Committee. We seek opportunities to connect with our local community to ensure our work meets the needs of our families.

We provide Financial Literacy Education for both parents and elementary school students to help them learn and plan for their financial future.

Our SCHOLARS SAVINGS PROGRAM is a college savings program designed to help families start saving for college with a 529 College Savings Plan.

The goal of the program is to encourage families to save at their own pace, and start talking to their children about higher education. Research shows when a child is expected to graduate from high school and has a college savings, that child is 3 times more likely to enroll in college and 4 times more likely to graduate!
ASSETS AS OF JUNE 2021
Cash and cash equivalents $395,400
Grants and contract receivables, net $28,500
Prepaid expenses & other assets $11,291
Total assets $435,191

Liabilities AS OF JUNE 2021
Total liabilities $94,693
Total net assets $340,498
Total liabilities and net assets $435,191

Expenses AS OF JUNE 2021
Program services $457,301
Supporting services
Project administration fees $39,789
Strategic initiative and consulting fees -
Total expenses $497,090

SUMMARY STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 2021
Change in net assets $(132,080)
Beginning net assets $472,578
Ending net assets $340,498

Revenue and Support AS OF JUNE 2021
Contributions $2,319
Corporation and foundation grants $113,850
Government grants and contracts $179,291
Membership dues -
Contract and consulting fees -
Conference and special events $60,550
Donated services and goods $9,000
Total revenue and support $365,010

*2021-2022 Revenue As of May 2022
Government Grants $264,724.00
Corporate and Non-Profit Giving $77,678.00
Local Business & Individual Contributions $71,411.00
Approx Revenue Raised 2021-2022 $413,813.00

Where our funding comes from?

GOVERNMENT GRANTS 63%
CORPORATE AND NON-PROFIT GIVING 18%
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS 17%
IN-KIND SERVICES 2%
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$10,000+
Asian Pacific Community Fund
California Student Aid Commission
S. Mark Taper Foundation

$5000+
El Monte Union High School District
DeWitt Family Foundation

$2500+
Andre Quintero
Jeff & Suzanne Seymour
Liz & Mike Raymond
Norma Edith García-González, in memory of Luis B. (Papi’is) García
Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O’Neill, LLP
Ronald Varing, in honor of Dr. Maribel Garcia
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis

$1000+
American Career College
El Monte City Elementary School District
El Monte Police Officers Foundation
Freddie Mac’s Towing
LEARN
Lillian French
Maribel García & Andrew Mora
Mountain View School District
Rio Hondo College
Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation
Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing, Inc.
San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Stephen & Mary Hake
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

$500+
Amanda Zelechoski
Anaíz Medina Díaz
Carlos Salcedo, in honor of Bobby Salcedo
Dr. Edward Zuniga
Glenda Giron on behalf of MVSD Administrators, in honor of MVSD Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents
Heidi Hanson
Jasmin Gamboa
Jennifer and Roger Cobian, in honor of Nicolas Cobian
Dr. Kristan Venegas
Lisa Mendez, in memory of Mariana Baserga
Dr. Maria Romero-Morales
Maria Morgan
Oscar Marquez
Raymond Andry
Roberto Lopez-Mena
San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance
Valley Vista Services
Vera de Vera

up to $499
Adam Carranza, MPA
Adriana Garcia
Alba Zamora-Day
Alejandra Peralta
Alexandra Muñiz
Alma Puente
Ana Gutierrez
Angie Tomasic
Brenda Carrillo
Brenda Lopez
Carl Caston
Carlos Salcedo
Carol Cantagallo
Catherine Eredia
Cathleen Chavez-Morris
Cathy Konstandatos
Celina García
Chere’l Barrett
Christian Diaz
Christina Davila
Christine Nguyen
Cristina Salazar-Romo
Cynthia Traino
David Zimmerman
DayOne El Monte
Douglas Halvorsen
Dr. Aileen La Corte
Dr. Edmund Khashadourian
Dr. Isela Oceguera
Dr. Jefferey Lagozzino, in honor of Lillian French

“[The El Monte Promise Foundation] is a good program that has good benefits and resources to teach the community to save money. This program will help my son in the future because from a young age he will know how to save...and learn how to face his goals.”

~Guadalupe G., Parent

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“As an individual who identifies as a first-generation college student, I understand how stressful and confusing the application process can be. I am very grateful for organizations like EMPF who offer resources and guidance for students and families.”

~Yingxin W., Student

“We opened a college savings account with EMPF because it creates a foundation, and serves as a purpose and motivation for my daughter.”

~Joaquina Q., Parent

up to $499
Elizabeth Rivas
Elvia Torres
EmCLP
Evelyn Barba
Florencio Briones
Francisco Arroyo
Frank Serna
George Schonborn
Gerardo Yepez
German Garibay
Gregory Schillo, in memory of
Dionicio Llamas
Hector Delgado
Heidi Carrillo
Ilbea Fedele
Jacqueline Saldaña
Janet Lloyd
Javier Ortega
Jerry Velasco
Jessica Rodriguez, in honor of
Adam Carranza
Joaquina Quiñones
Joella Richenberger
Jose Guzman
Joseph Vu, in memory of Bobby
Salcedo
Josh Dannett
Joy Healy
Juan Castillo
Karen Silberman
Kathleen Leeper
Katrina Dumaua
Kimberly Tso
Krystle Stoll, in honor of Bradly Joseph
Kyle Kappe
Larry Cecil
Larry Herrera
Laura Gaber
Leonard Martinez
Leticia Arreola
Leticia Arreola Gonzalez
Letty Cardenas
Magdalena Flores
Margina Berg
Maria Mendez, in honor of
Marina Mendez
Maricela Borja
Marta Giner
MaryAnne Pacheco
Melissa Negrete
Michele Earle
Michelle Hamilton
Mike Fong
Mylinh Lam
Natalie Andrecht
Nayeli Sos
Peralta Family
Perla Hernandez
Ramona Chandler
Robin Torres
Rocio Centeno
Rose Lazo
Roseann Taing
Roxanne Salazar
Roz & Paul Keeler on behalf of EmCLP
Spiritt Family Services
Steve Sallenbach
Trang Le
Veronica Sifuentes
Vicky Santana
Virginia Castro
Walter Rojas
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