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Mothers' Club
Family Learning Center

Annual Report



Letter from our Executive Director & President of the Board



As we begin 2014, Mothers' Club Family Learning Center continues to be dedicated to our vision of a better future for all families in our community. A future where:

- All children will be nurtured and educated during their first five years, develop healthy bonds with their parents and teachers, and enter kindergarten ready and able to learn;
- Every mother will be prepared for her role as her child's first and most influential teacher, know that she is never alone as a parent, and believe that she is a life-long learner; and
- Families will work together to improve the quality of their lives, be connected to their schools and community, and will be active, contributing members of society.

Our vision might be ambitious, but each day we do our part to make it a reality. By providing early childhood education and intervention services, parent and adult education, English as a second language, leadership training, and mental health support to the neediest families in our community, we are giving them the skills and resources they need to create our envisioned future.

During the 2012-2013 program year, Mothers' Club served 110 children and 92 parents in our three core programs. This year we've been able to expand our services to include sixteen more four year olds in an afternoon PreK classroom funded by Los Angeles Universal Preschool. With a waiting list of over 160 families, Mothers' Club looks forward to expanding our services and responding to the unmet need in our community.

Thank you for joining with Mothers' Club to create a brighter future, one family at a time.

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Hector LaFarga, Jr.
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fran'.

Fran Norris Scoble
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2013 Program Accomplishments & Outcomes

Mission: Mothers' Club Family Learning Center prepares families living in isolation and poverty to succeed in school and in life through two-generation learning programs.

We fulfill our mission by providing free programs to disadvantaged families with children ages 0-5. In all of our programs, mothers and children are enrolled in their own programming, gaining the knowledge and skills they will need to break out of poverty.

Programs: Our **Morning Family Literacy Program** served 69 children ages 0-5 and 57 parents. The program was offered Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12pm for 11 months.



Our **Afternoon First Connections Program** served 24 infants/toddlers and 20 parents and was offered Monday-Friday from 1pm-4:30pm throughout the year.

Our **Teen Parenting Program** served 15 teen moms and 17 children in a weekly class.



Programs consist of:

- Early Childhood Education
- Parent Education
- Adult Education
- English as a Second Language
- Parent/Child Literacy Activities
- Family Literacy Classes
- Health & Nutrition Workshops
- Mental Health Services



Program Update: As of July 2013, we were able to expand our Afternoon First Connections Program to serve an additional sixteen at-risk children and their parents each day. Through an extension of our partnership with Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), we have opened and filled a new classroom for four year olds. Our Afternoon Program now serves 40 children per day for the 2013-2014 program year.



2013 Outcomes: Across our programs, children and parents met or exceeded their learning benchmarks, demonstrating children’s readiness for school and parents’ readiness to support their children’s education, as well as their own personal development.

State Benchmark

Mothers’ Club Outcome

PreK students demonstrating school readiness skills

80%

100%

Adults achieving gains in English writing skills

60%

68%

Parents supporting their children’s literacy development

60%

94%

Families who reached their goal or completed the school year

80%

96%

97

percent of Mothers’ Club parents now read to their children 3 or more times per week

11

mothers continued their education by enrolling in GED classes, college courses or vocational training

400








volunteers enriched our programs and provided a valuable service to the community

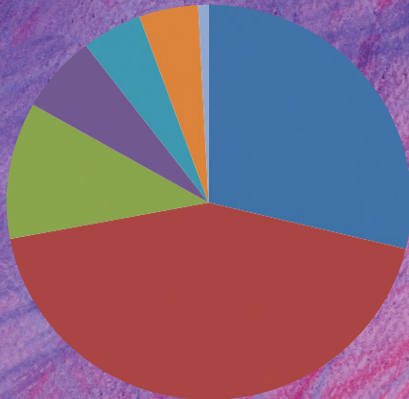
Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

	<u>2012-2013</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$221,005
Investments, at fair value	\$1,441,390
Grants receivable	\$269,044
Prepaid expenses	\$36,096
Other current assets	\$1,000
Property and equipment, net	\$5,707,944
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,676,479</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$52,875
Total Liabilities	<u>\$52,875</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$7,042,355
Temporarily restricted	\$318,486
Temporarily restricted - Capital Maintenance Reserve	\$100,000
Temporarily restricted - Kujawa Staff Development Fund	\$39,263
Permanently restricted	\$123,500
Total Net Assets	<u>\$7,623,604</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$7,676,479</u></u>

Revenue: \$1,681,498

	Government: 29%
	Foundations: 43%
	Individuals: 11%
	Special Events: 6%
	In-Kind Services: 5%
	Investments: 5%
	Corporate/Other: 1%



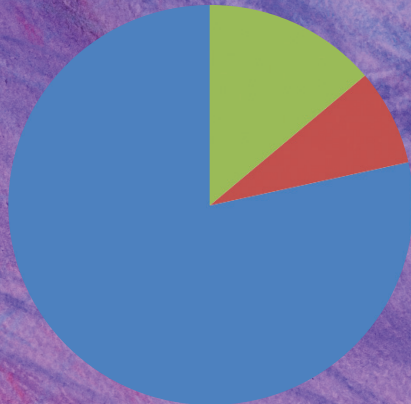
Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

	<u>2012-2013</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Contributions	\$1,409,402
Donated Services	\$83,039
Interest and dividend income	\$15,144
Net unrealized/realized loss on investments	\$67,339
Special events	\$106,574
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>\$1,681,498</u>
EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$1,291,240
General and administrative	\$125,062
Fundraising	\$231,825
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,648,127</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$33,371
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$7,590,233
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$7,623,604</u>

Expenses: \$1,648,127

- Program Services: 78%
- Fundraising: 14%
- General/Administrative: 8%



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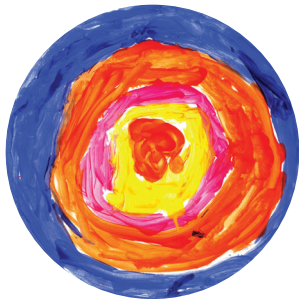
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A Family's Story

My name is Abby Valdovinos. It is my pleasure to be able to represent Mothers' Club since it has become a big part of my life. I began in the afternoon program at Mothers' Club when my daughter Helen was a baby but we had to leave when she turned three years old. I am very grateful that we could return when she turned four to join the new PreK classroom in the afternoon.

I was seven years old when my family came to the United States from Mexico. I was able to complete all my education here and wanted to continue Business Administration in college. However, before I could continue my education I started to work. I often regret that decision but my parents didn't really encourage us to attend college. It wasn't part of the expectations that they had for their kids. They seemed to value jobs instead of education. That is something that I have learned to change with my children. I **want to encourage them to pursue their education, to not get distracted, to understand that tomorrow is not always available.** I had always thought I would return to school but everyday life makes that dream harder to achieve.

Through a friend, I heard about Mothers' Club but I hesitated because I couldn't imagine leaving my baby with anyone else. How could anyone care for Helen better than me? I finally got on the waiting list but I had to wait eight months before there was a space available.

From the first day at



Abby Valdovinos with her husband, Marlon Morales, and their children Isaac and Helen

Mothers' Club, all my fears were gone. The staff was kind, gentle, and I felt a special confidence in them. They cared about Helen and me. They understood my concerns as a first time mom. The staff knew that I needed to slowly separate from my baby and they gave me the time to learn. With their help, I was able to deal with the simple challenges of parenting: separation anxiety, potty training, tantrums and more. I had experts that helped guide me and gave me advice without pressure. As a young mom, I needed the help. **Kids are not easy and they don't come with a manual.**

During our time at Mothers' Club, I noticed that Helen developed more language and

personality. I know that without Mothers' Club, Helen would not be the confident person that she is today. She is social, capable and smart. I see how she plays and directs the other children; she learned to be a leader.

Helen feels at home when she is at Mothers' Club and I learned a lot during my time here. I was given an opportunity to teach a scrapbooking class as part of the leadership program and found out that I enjoyed leading people. I felt good because parents were helping each other, we had become a loving community. **I have made good friends and don't feel as isolated as before. I feel more confident as a parent and as a person.**

One of my saddest days was when we had to leave. I kept asking to please start a class for three year olds. And when I heard about the LAUP [Los Angeles Universal Preschool] class for four year olds, I immediately called. By then I had a new baby, Isaac, and wanted the same experience for him. Luckily, there was a space for both Helen and Isaac. Again, I found the same high quality staffing and support. Isaac loves to come to school. **From the way he is greeted, to all the attention he gets - he shines.**

Before the kids were born, I had dreamed of owning my own

flower shop. With the support and education that I have gotten at Mothers' Club, I have started to dream again. I know that I will start my floral decorations. I plan to start selling to friends and then someday open my business. I know that I will return to school and be a good role model for my children. **I will do what Mothers' Club has taught me: be my children's first teacher and encourage them to succeed.** I look forward to helping my children through school and seeing them graduate from college.

I want to thank you all for supporting Mothers' Club. As a parent, I know that we need a safe environment where we can learn how to be a good parent.

- Abby Valdovinos
Mothers' Club Participant



Isaac and Helen





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