

2017



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESS



SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT



488

residents served



OUR MISSION At Project Access our mission is to be the leading provider of vital on-site health, education and employment services to low-income families, children and seniors. Our goal is to give families the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty, become healthier, further educated and financially stable.



Project Access Resource Centers are **embedded into the fabric of the community** as a **physical presence on site**—in residents' own backyards. By eliminating typical **barriers to access**, we are able to meet the **social service needs of residents** in the communities we serve through **four key initiatives**:

All outcomes reported are specific to the following community:

Whispering Pines
Phoenix, AZ

95%

of residents indicated that Project Access services have helped them to improve a current life situation.



Health & Wellness

GOAL: Provide education to increase knowledge of proper nutrition, preventative services, and access to health resources to improve residents' health.

- 277 residents participated in health education programs, including preventative screenings (i.e. glucose, blood pressure), health fairs, exercise classes, nutrition programs, and food distribution programs.
- 166 youth received snacks that encouraged healthy eating habits.
- 6,530 healthy snacks, breakfasts, and lunches were distributed.
- 75% of residents reported that health workshops, screenings, nutrition classes, and referrals to outside organizations increased healthy behaviors in their family.
- 89 youth gained knowledge of health and nutrition issues by participating in Project Access Health & Wellness programs.



Education for Youth

GOAL: Ensure all youth have access to resources needed to increase academic achievement, opportunities for leadership development, and awareness of opportunities for greater social mobility.

- 229 youth participated in constructive out-of-school time activities building their academic, social, and emotional skills.
- 57 children (ages 3-5) participated in School Readiness programs, improving their readiness to start school by learning shapes, colors, letters, numbers, their name, and their ability to cut with scissors.
- 174 youth participated in the After-School Tutoring program:
 - 85% of children showed positive achievement in reading & math scores.
 - 72% of youth improved their behavior as indicated by the Citizenship grade.
- 32 teens participated in educational programs to build their leadership skills and reduce risky behaviors. 92% of these teens reported an increased awareness of opportunities for greater social mobility.
- 7 youth participated in a college campus tour at Grand Canyon University and received vital resources to prepare them for college entrance.

\$2,340

Units of Service Provided
by Project Access

\$15,055

in-kind
donations, excluding
donation of square
footage in resource
centers

\$1,235

of
grant revenue *



Economic Stability

GOAL: Assist residents to attain or retain employment, improve their knowledge on saving money, and address the digital divide by increasing access to technology.

- 225 residents received assistance preparing for employment, improved their financial literacy skills, technological skills, parenting skills, and learned to speak English.
- 8 residents learned how to speak, read and write English.
- 16 residents participated in Employment Assistance services such as resume and employment application writing assistance.
- 13 residents received GED and Vocational Training.
- 100% of the residents indicated that the assistance they received was helpful in securing employment.
- 169 residents accessed technology through Project Access computer labs or by taking part in the computer classes.
- 86% of residents reported that Project Access computer labs have improved their access to job opportunities, social connections, health resources, and etc..



Community Building

GOAL: To provide opportunities for residents that strengthen family and community engagement.

- 445 residents encouraged community cohesiveness and built social capital with those around them through their participation in engagement events, field trips, social events, and workshops.
- 94% of residents indicated that they felt safe in the community they lived in.
- 89% of residents said that Project Access services helped them form stronger relationships with their neighbors.
- 345 residents received a referral to an off-site service; 988 different referrals were made in total.



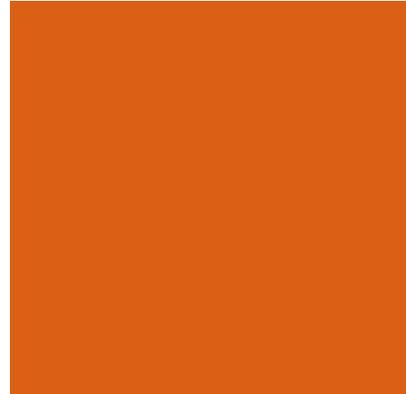
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people volunteered a total of
371 hours at Whispering
Pines Apartments,
contributing

\$8,309

of added value.

* Grant revenue does not reflect organization fundraising revenue. Look forward to learning how much organization fundraising revenue is allocated to your site in 2018.



Pictured above: Kimesah

HELPING SINGLE MOTHERS FIND STABILITY

Kimesha is a single mom devoted to her four-year-old daughter. She struggled to find a full-time job, and her financial troubles were growing. She reached out for help at the Resource Center. Kimesha started attending weekly resume workshops and computer clinic classes to help with online job applications. She also got job interview coaching through one-on-one mock interviews with Resident Service Coordinators.

After three months, she had established a bank account, overcame her job interview anxiety, and got a full time housekeeping job. Knowing she can provide for herself and her daughter, Kimesha can breathe easier, stating “I’m so happy to have Project Access here in my community.”



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