

# 2017



## BLACKSTONE

### SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT



445

residents served  
over 2 sites



**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 communities:**

**Redlands Tennis and Lawn**  
Redlands, CA

**Villetta**  
Mesa, AZ



## Health & Wellness

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

- 230 residents participated in health education programs, including preventative screenings (i.e. glucose, blood pressure), health fairs, exercise classes, nutrition programs, and food distribution programs.
- 121 youth received snacks that encouraged healthy eating habits.
- 3,269 healthy snacks, breakfasts, and lunches were distributed.
- 91% of residents reported that health workshops, screenings, nutrition classes, and referrals to outside organizations increased healthy behaviors in their family.
- 66 residents 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.

- 170 youth participated in constructive out-of-school time activities building their academic, social, and emotional skills.
- 8 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.
- 145 youth participated in the After-School Tutoring program:
  - 86% of children showed positive achievement in reading scores.
  - 93% of children showed positive achievement in math scores.
  - 87% of youth improved their behavior as indicated by the Citizenship grade.
- 48 youth broadened their understanding of the world by participating in educational field trips.
- 18 teens participated in educational programs to build their leadership skills and reduce risky behaviors. 100% of these teens reported an increased awareness of opportunities for greater social mobility.





**\$2,371**

Units of Service  
Provided by Project  
Access

**\$5,922**

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



## 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.

- 197 residents received assistance preparing for employment, improved their financial literacy skills, technological skills, parenting skills, and learned to speak English.
- 11 residents participated in Employment Assistance services such as resume and employment application writing assistance.
- 100% of the residents indicated that the assistance they received was helpful in securing employment.
- 182 residents accessed technology through Project Access computer labs or by taking part in the computer classes.
- 84% 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.

- 387 residents encouraged community cohesiveness and built social capital with those around them through their participation in engagement events, field trips, social events, and workshops.
- 99% of residents indicated that they felt safe in the community they lived in.
- 93% of residents said that Project Access services helped them form stronger relationships with their neighbors.
- 197 residents received a referral to an off-site service; 281 different referrals were made in total.

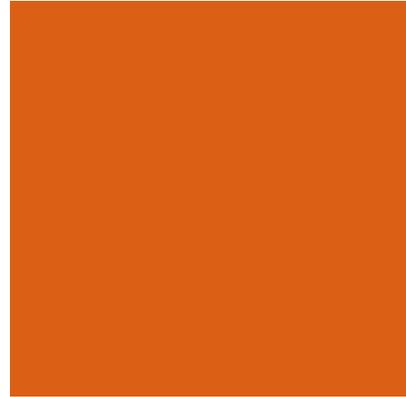


**43** interns provided  
**1,576**

hours of program support  
in various Blackstone  
communities.

**8** people volunteered a  
total of **270** hours in  
Blackstone communities,  
contributing

**\$6,529**  
of added value.



*Pictured above: Mrs. Wall and son*

### **SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH CRISIS**

Mr. and Mrs. Wall have been receiving services from Project Access since 2016. In the past year, a series of unfortunate events have affected their financial stability. Renee’s hours were cut back at work which ultimately led to surrendering their car. They were also behind on their rent and had trouble putting food on the table for themselves and their two kids.

Attending Community Events at the Project Access Resource Center, Renee turned to Project Access for help. With the support of Jessica, the Resident Services Coordinator, Renee received one-on-one financial education, learned to manage a budget, received resources for rental and utility assistance, and access to the local food pantry. Through this support Mr. and Mrs. Wall were able to get back on their feet, taking care of their family and on the journey to self-sufficiency. Renee and Lyndreth thought about moving from their apartment once their lease was up but said they wouldn’t go anywhere that a Project Access Family Resource Center wasn’t on site. In fact, Renee’s sister moved back for the same reason: Project Access.



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