

# 2017



## EDEN HOUSING

### SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

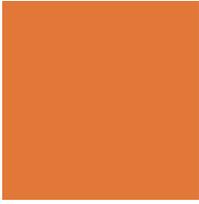


403

residents served  
over six 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:**

**801 Alma Apartments**  
Palo Alto, CA

**Arroyo Vista**  
Mission Viejo, CA

**East Bluff Apartments**  
Pinole, CA

**Light Tree Apartments**  
East Palo Alto, CA

**Nugent Square**  
East Palo Alto, CA

**Studio 819**  
Mountain View, CA



## Health & Wellness

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

- 320 residents participated in health education programs, including preventative screenings (i.e. glucose, blood pressure), health fairs, exercise classes, nutrition programs, and food distribution programs.
- 140 adults received supplemental food assistance for their family.
- 3,149 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.
- 84 residents gained knowledge of health and nutrition issues by participating in Project Access Health & Wellness programs.
- 75% of residents indicated that their children's access to fruits and vegetables have improved.



## 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.

- 135 youth participated in constructive out-of-school time activities building their academic, social, and emotional skills.
- 15 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.
- 128 youth participated in the After-School Tutoring program:
  - 80% of children showed positive achievement in reading & math scores.
- 16 youth broadened their understanding of the world by participating in educational field trips.
- Two youth participated in a college campus tour at UC Irvine and received vital resources to prepare them for college entrance.



# 1,994

Units of Service Provided  
by Project Access

# \$14,279

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

# \$26,079

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.

- 123 residents received assistance preparing for employment, improved their financial literacy skills, technological skills, parenting skills, and learned to speak English.
- 10 residents received GED and Vocational Training.
- 13 residents participated in Employment Assistance services such as resume and employment application writing assistance.
- 103 residents accessed technology through Project Access computer labs or by taking part in the computer classes.
- 88% 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.

- 357 residents encouraged community cohesiveness and built social capital with those around them through their participation in engagement events, field trips, social events, and workshops.
- 98% of residents indicated that they felt safe in the community they lived in.
- 88% of residents said that Project Access services helped them form stronger relationships with their neighbors.
- 60 residents received a referral to an off-site service; 114 different referrals were made in total.



**16** people volunteered  
a total of 331 hours in EDEN  
Housing communities  
contributing  
**\$6,434**  
of added value.

**92%**  
of residents indicated that  
Project Access services have  
helped them to improve a  
current life situation.

\* 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: Carmen O'Campo

### EMPOWERING YOUTH TOWARDS GREATER SOCIAL MOBILITY

Carmen O'Campo is a resident at Arroyo Vista Apartments who lives with her parents and four younger sisters. She is the Eldest child and a senior in High School. The O'Campo family has very limited income and resources as her parents are Spanish speaking only and don't have a higher education.

For Carmen, going to college was never something she looked to achieve, but after taking a college tour with Project Access at UCI that all changed. Now, Carmen is interested in attending college and is receiving support from the Project Access Resource Center to do so. The Resource Center was able to have a councilor from Saddleback Community College come and present and even worked with Carmen one-on-one to enroll in summer courses. A partner from Wells Fargo also came to present on how to pay for college tuition which led to Carmen applying for a scholarship through Eden Housing. Carmen is currently taking online classes at Saddleback College using the Resource Center computer lab and is on the road to start her first full semester as a college student.



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