

Good Samaritan Family Resource Center Report 2013

In a nation built by immigrants striving to create a brighter future, Good Samaritan believes struggling newcomer families and their children deserve the opportunity to succeed in their new home and to strengthen our shared democracy. Every day we help young children, youth, and their families to obtain the skills, support, and resources they need to overcome the challenges of poverty and displacement and to improve the world we share.

Good Samaritan served nearly 3,000 individuals and families during the past year. Details include:

- Over 300 immigrant parents participated in our family education, strengthening and leadership activities, building better futures for their children
- Over 1,500 youth and adults enrolled in Good Samaritan's classes and programs, from English as a Second Language to adult Spanish literacy instruction and family planning and medical services
- Over 300 young people's lives improved through Good Samaritan's after-school enrichment, school success services, sports and summer camps.

A Two-Generation Strategy

Focusing on the needs and well-being of the entire family, Good Samaritan employs a two-generation strategy to stabilize new immigrants and to position their children to succeed in their new home.

Our early childhood development programs focus on early literacy, school readiness, and cultural adjustment through an award-winning bilingual preschool and our innovative Kids' Club (for children ages 1 to 3 ½ years) and affiliated programs that prepare young children for educational success.

Middle and high school students participate in after-school support, educational, and cultural activities for immigrant youth, including the Latino Student Union, arts classes, and leadership development. A year-round soccer program and a summer camp provide healthy, positive activities throughout the year.

Adults benefit from Good Samaritan's English as a Second Language classes, peer support and project groups designed to meet the needs of new immigrants. Parenting classes for parents of children and youth focus on the well-being of the entire family. Our programs emphasize the importance of literacy, and the importance of strong parent-child bonds, as primary strategies for a lifetime of educational and career success.

Co-located with a health clinic operated by Planned Parenthood of Shasta Pacific, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center supports new immigrants of all ages as they strive, like many before them, to build a future in their new country.

Good Samaritan celebrates 120 years of service to the San Francisco community in 2014.