

50 years  
MOTHERS' CLUB  
Family Learning Center



## Standing the Test of Time

2011  
Annual Report



# From the Executive Director & The President of the Board

As we look back on our 50th year of serving families in Pasadena, we are reminded of the universal nature of our mission in this community – to prepare families living in isolation and poverty to succeed in school and in life. There will always be mothers, children and families in need of skills and education; in need of hope for a better future; and in need of friendship and support. Mothers' Club is ***Standing the Test of Time*** because of our dedication to these universal needs.



*Hector LaFarga & Norah Morley join toddlers for outdoor art time.*

As we look towards the future, we see a Mothers' Club that will continue to bring knowledge, skills and hope to families through our proven two-generation learning model. But, we do not do this alone! The support that Mothers' Club receives from the community at-large continues to grow, not only in dollars, but also in time and energy that our incredible volunteers give to our families. Some highlights from 2011 include;

- Almost 500 volunteers dedicated close to 3,300 service hours at our center
- 280 individuals gave for the very first time to Mothers' Club
- 123 Children, 98 Parents, and 25 adult learners from the community benefitted from our services
- Mothers' Club was named **Non-Profit of the Year** by the Pasadena Star News/Rose Magazine

These accomplishments were possible because we are anchored in our core values: **Two-Generation Learning, Empowerment, Respect, Welcoming Environment, and Quality Improvement.** And, with our talented and dedicated staff, board leadership, community support and our state of the art facility, we are positioned to be more innovative in our program design and outreach to the community with the purpose of having greater impact on families in need.

We thank you for a successful 2011 - we hope you will stand by us for another 50 years!

Hector La Farga, Jr.  
Executive Director

Norah Morley  
President of the Board

# 2011 Program Accomplishments...

The **MISSION** of Mothers' Club Family Learning Center is to prepare 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 programs, mothers and children are enrolled in their own programming, gaining the knowledge and skills they will need to break out of poverty.

All of our programs uphold our **TWO-GENERATION LEARNING APPROACH** and consist of the following core elements:

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



Our **Family Literacy** program served 62 parents with 76 children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. The program was offered Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 12pm for 11 months.



**First Connections** served a total of 23 parents with 32 infants and toddlers in 2011, and was offered Monday-Friday from 1:00- 4:30pm throughout the year.

Our **Teen Parenting** program served 13 teen moms and 15 children last year. This class was offered weekly for 90 minutes.



# ...and Outcomes

## Volunteer Programs

Three years ago, Mothers' Club set out to formalize our volunteer program and create new opportunities for the community to engage in our work. In 2011, close to 500 student and adult volunteers logged more than 3,300 hours of service at our center.

### Volunteer activities included:

Early Readers Book Club, Parent Literacy Pen Pal Program, Corporate Team Building Projects, Activity Engineers, and Teacher Assistants

## 2010 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. Examples include:



*Junior League and National Charity League Members volunteer at our Saturday Early Readers Book Club*



■ state benchmark

■ Mothers' Club outcome

pre-kindergartners demonstrating school readiness skills



adults achieving gains in English writing skills



parents supporting their children's literacy development



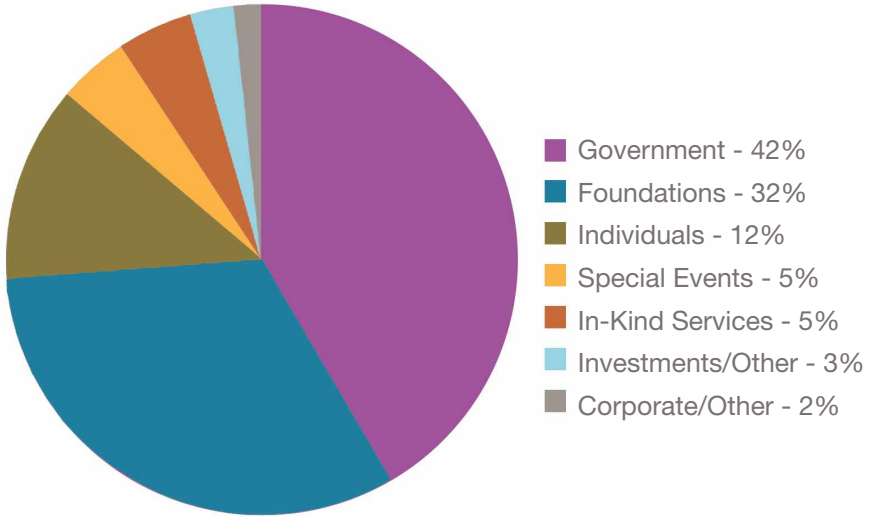
families who reached their goals or completed program year



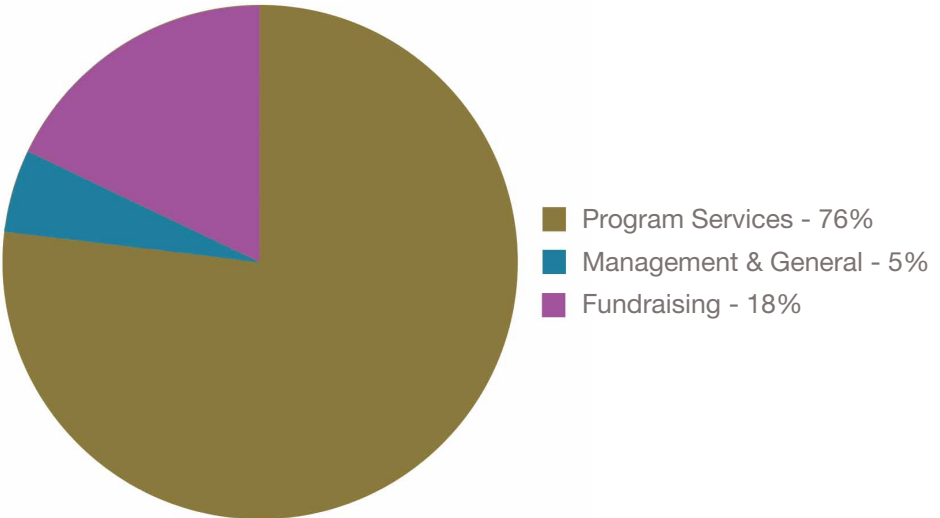
# Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

**REVENUE: \$1,636,021**



**EXPENSES: \$1,564,337**



# Statement of Financial Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2011</b>
Cash	328,780
Investments, at fair value	1,164,980
Grants receivable	261,576
Prepaid expenses	35,208
Unconditional promises to give	58,898
Other current assets	1,000
Property and equipment, net	5,960,342
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,810,784</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	92,755
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	7,016,679
Temporarily restricted	437,850
Temporarily restricted - capital maintenance reserve	100,000
Temporarily restricted - Kujawa Staff Development Fund	40,000
Permanently restricted	123,500
Total net assets	7,718,029
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,810,784</b>

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# A Mother's Story

My name is Ana and I have two small children; Angel who is 2 years old and Fernando who is 11 months old. I came to the United States when I was just 23 years old, looking for independence and a different life. What I found was fears, tears, compassion and then happiness. And through the program at Mothers' Club, I have now found hope.

I finished high school in Mexico and was working for as a secretary in a school. I felt a lot of pressure from my family. As a single woman, any problem with the family - financial, medical, or emotional - was my problem since I had "no other responsibilities". My family was depending on me for so much, but they were not respecting me. I could not bear disappointing them, so I decided to come to the United States and join my sister. It was the only way to say "stop" without hurting everyone.

I left my family, my job, my city and everything that was secure. I knew coming to a new life would be difficult but I never imagined how difficult it would be emotionally. When you come as an immigrant you begin to change and the changes are not because of new things, they are from fear. A fear that I did not even know was there.

In Mexico, I was an independent person, but now walking outside of the apartment was overwhelming. There was a fear of people, if they talked to me. What if I took a wrong turn on the street, how could I get back? Who would I ask for help and could I trust them? Was I going to be hurt, was someone going to rob me?

These fears affect your mind, body and soul. You feel insecure because now you can't rely on your own abilities and have to be taken care of by someone else. You feel stupid because all the skills you have do not help you anymore. And you feel alone because hope slowly starts



*Ana with her son Fernando*

going away; hope for the future and for yourself.

I was never a person that felt sorry for myself, so after a couple of months of feeling depressed and lonely I decided to try. I forced myself to look for a job. After a long time I finally got a job with a cleaning crew. When you don't know the language you choose things you can do with your hands. The manager would pick us up in El Monte and drop us off at a building in the evening to clean. Sometimes, they would leave us there all night without notice. One time, I remember being left for 12 hours. We were so hungry; we started to look through the trash for food. I never imagined that I would ever be in this situation. This experience added to my depression and my loneliness. I knew I was going down fast so I wanted to change.

I noticed the people that worked in the buildings we cleaned - some of the bank tellers or secretaries. They could speak some English, but still had heavy accents. They were treated much

better than me. I told myself I could be like them. So I decided to learn English to get a better job. In the next few years I did get better jobs but I was still struggling to learn English and felt discriminated in the jobs I was able to get.

During this time, I met my wonderful husband and we had two beautiful children. I had to stop working and my husband had a hard time finding work. With two young children and not a good income, we were feeling very stressed. I did not know what to do with the children to keep them busy and help them learn. We all needed to improve our skills, and my family needed a focus.

In the neighborhood I heard about a program that helped families. After waiting for one year I was able to enter Mothers' Club. At Mothers' Club I have found a focus for my family - a routine. Even on weekends we talk about getting ready to come to school. The kids take baths, we go to sleep early and we wake up looking forward to school. I am thrilled to be studying English three days a week. And

my children are very happy. I know that they will have a better future because of the education they are getting at Mothers' Club.

Even my husband is learning. He comes to school every day and spends ½ hour in the classroom with Angel. He watches and listens to the teachers. He used to treat our boys like a sergeant, yelling orders but now he is different. He learned from the teachers, that kids need patience and encouragement. Now, if I'm frustrated with the boys he sends me to time out in my room and he handles the boys himself. I feel that he is more like a partner now and I know this is because of Mothers' Club.

My whole family is learning. We see a bright future for our children, and for us. I have friends, a safe place to learn and I feel happy. That fear that made me lonely, stupid and scared is almost gone. I have faith that we will move forward. I thank the donors like you, for helping to keep Mothers' Club around for families like mine.

- Ana

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## Leave a Legacy to Future Generations - Remember Mothers' Club in Your Will

All gifts to Mothers' Club provide you with the personal satisfaction of providing critical services to our community's most vulnerable children and families. Planned gifts can give you even more in return.

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Thank you for partnering with us to meet the needs of future children and parents.



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