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TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1992-2022



Message from the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends of Tejano Center for Community Concerns,

On behalf of my colleagues on the Tejano Center board of directors and myself, I present the 2021 Annual Report. It reflects effective and strong leadership, sound financial stewardship and stability, and a steadfast commitment to a thoughtful and ambitious strategic plan. It illustrates the good that can happen when we, as a board, and Tejano Center's administration are aligned in the pursuit of service to the community. The annual report celebrates Tejano Center's 30 year legacy—the impact of a focused enterprise, in partnership with individuals, businesses and community leaders who share a commitment to nurture lifelong learners, empower families and transform lives.

30 Years Of Making It Happen Together.

Sincerely,

David S. Corpus
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Message from the President & CEO

Dear Tejano Center Family,

I am delighted to present our 2021 Annual Report. It is more than a report about Tejano Center's programs and accomplishments throughout the past year, it is an invitation to enter our story; a story of awareness, innovation, compassion and commitment to our neighbors. It is a story of bold vision and action. A story in its 30th year.

The annual report reflects an exceptional year of growth and expansion among our family of programs and services, while strengthening our existing programs to provide timely services to those we serve. More than anything, however, the annual report is a celebration of a rich 30-year legacy. It reflects our success throughout the year that would not be possible but for the work of a dedicated team, strategic and fruitful partnerships, generous friends and supporters, and the hope that infuses our work today and into the future.

Thank you for sharing in our story:
30 Years Of Making It Happen Together.

Sincerely,

Adriana Tamez, Ed.D.
President & CEO



(Pictured from L to R: Gina De Leon, Board Chair David Corpus, CEO Dr. Adriana Tamez, Sonia Gonzales, Board Vice-Chair Anthony Magdaleno Jr, Marco Martinez, Maria P. Gonzalez, Genesis Loera, and Joaquin Martinez. Not pictured: Margaret Dunlap)

Tejano Center for Community Concerns is a family of programs and services dedicated to the underrepresented, underserved, and under resourced. Tejano Center's family of programs and services are woven together as an intergenerational model, with a commitment to nurture lifelong learners, empower families, and transform lives. Since 1992, Tejano Center has served as an agent for change, providing a comprehensive array of social, health, educational, economic, and housing services, and today fulfills its mission through thirteen programs.

At Tejano Center, we EDUCATE, EMPOWER, and TRANSFORM.

A Year of Opportunity & Growth

Summer 2021 ushered in a season of opportunity for Tejano Center. It introduced a period of unprecedented growth and expansion that accelerated initiatives included in Tejano Center's five-year strategic plan as well as one that arose, unexpectedly. During June, for example, planning for expansion of RYSS was accelerated when locations became available that were perfectly situated to open additional campuses. It was decided the locations would provide nicely for an early childhood academy and a middle school campus, and Leonel Castillo Early Childhood STEM Academy and North East STEM Academy (NESTEM) were founded. While planning to open two new campuses, we learned that after 34 years, one of the most admired college readiness programs in Greater Houston serving low-income students, ProjectGRAD, was preparing to sunset. Conversations took place and within short order, Tejano Center welcomed ProjectGRAD to its family of programs and services, under a new moniker, GRADcafé. While not included in prior planning, having GRADcafé join Tejano Center's family aligns well with its menu of programs and services. Since the first GRADcafé opened in August, three others have been established. October 10th, after more than seven years of hoping, dreaming, and discussing, the ground breaking ceremony was held for Sunrise Lofts, which is on track and on budget to open January 2023. During October, we also celebrated the 25th anniversary of RYSS, our award-winning, first-generation Texas open-enrollment public charter school system. And, when 2022 began, once again, all things aligned. March 9th, the ribbon ceremony cutting for *La Tiendita* took place and which is now fully operational. Each of these new or expanded initiatives, is a cause to celebrate how the Tejano Center legacy continues.

30 years of Making It Happen Together.







Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic

During the past twelve months, the teen health clinic has served 2,140 patients ages 13-24. These services are available not only to RYSS students, but any community member in this age group. It provided primary preventative care at no cost to the patient. Services included wellness exams, immunizations, sports physicals, prescriptions, birth control education, testing for STIs and pregnancy counseling. Through all of its services the teen health clinic is committed to nurturing and encouraging health and wellness among the patients it serves.

2,140
teen patients
served at BCM Teen Health Clinic

Child Placing Agency

Our Child Placing Agency continues to be highly sought after. The demand has only been met by available resources, which remained at maximum capacity during the past twelve months. There continues to be a need for compassionate, certified case workers. The program serves 63 children, through its foster care and kinship care services, and on September 7, 2021 received approval from the state to offer adoption services. The Child Placing Agency is involved with not only managing foster care but hosting events for the children, including a Winter Holiday Party with donated gifts for each child and Spring Celebration that included and Easter Egg Hunt and picnic.

63
children
served by Child Placing Agency

9.7.2021
granted license
to provide adoption services



Early Childhood Early Headstart

The Tejano Center is in its ninth year partnering with Gulf Coast Community Service Association (GCCSA). GCCSA partners with South East Early Childhood STEM Academy (SESTEM) to provide early childhood education for 80 three- and four-year old children. The program continues to provide education, health, nutrition and social development services and activities to a community that is 93.8% economically disadvantaged.



1,606
families
assisted during School Market food distribution

285
children
sponsored during Best Christmas Ever

136,000
pounds
of food distributed during School Market events

698
clients serviced
by GRADcafé

4
GRADcafé
locations

Family & Community Engagement

At Tejano Center for Community Concerns, through Family and Community Engagement (FACE), we are committed to the shared responsibility to develop and empower the next generation of community servants, workers, thinkers, creators, and family leaders. FACE enjoys a unique position among Tejano Center programs and services. While many of its initiatives directly benefit RYSS students and families, its outreach also impacts the greater community. Over the recent 12 months, FACE has coordinated numerous initiatives that included COVID-19 testing and vaccine, School Market drive-thru food distribution, Medicaid awareness and education, distributing 3,500 books from the Mayor's Office for Adult Literacy, RYSS recruitment and enrollment, senior programs, Best Christmas Ever, voter registration and engagement, and opening *La Tiendita*.





GRADCafé

Among the newest members of the Tejano Center family, GRADcafé offers free services to help individuals decide on a career, apply to college, and find the financial aid they need. Whether they want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, GRADcafé staff guide them through every step. Their services include: college guidance and virtual tours, college application assistance, career exploration and planning, workshops and one-on-one advising, financial aid guidance, resume building, and essay writing advising. Services are available virtually or in-person in English and Spanish. Since opening the first GRADcafé, August 2021, three additional locations have opened. Combined, GRADcafé has served 698 clients.

Homebuyer, Homeowner, and Home Development Services

219 *individuals* **attended homebuyer education classes**

110 *new homeowners* **created by Housing Services**

115 *homes* **rehabilitated**

Preparing to purchase a home can be a daunting experience. There are many components to purchasing a home and our homebuyer services are available to offer guidance every step of the way. One of the most sought after services, our Homebuyer Education Workshop, is offered twice a month, once in English and the second in Spanish. Through these workshops, we have served 171 families (219 individuals), and provided individual homebuyer counseling to 96 families. As a result of these services, 110 new homeowners were created.

At any given time, there are 100 homes in queue, for which owners have requested repair services. With homes damaged five years ago because of Harvey still in need of repair, as well as homes damaged during subsequent weather events, the need for disaster relief and recovery home repair is great. Last year, our homeowner services were able to repair 115 homes, with an average cost to repair a home at $15,000. The repairs are completed with donated funds and in partnership with several home repair providers and suppliers.

When Tejano Center was founded in 1992, one of its first initiatives was affordable housing. Tejano Center built single-family affordable homes that made homeownership possible for families with limited resources. Today, Tejano Center continues this legacy. Architects and engineers have been retained and plans are underway to begin building homes, with the goal of having at least two homes ready for sale in 2023.

NOVA Academy for Adult Education

After being suspended for two years because of the pandemic, NOVA Academy was revived last September. NOVA Academy currently offers ESL, an English as a Second Language (ESL) class; students are taught reading, listening, speaking and writing at three levels Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced. The Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) Test is offered to all community residents. Our program is designed for native and non-native speakers who want to improve their language skills and gain core academic skills needed to obtain a High School Equivalency (HSE). All subjects (Math, Social Studies, Language, Reading) pertaining to the TxCHSE Test are taught in one class. Integrated EL Civics Program educational services are offered that enable adults who are English Language Learners (ELLs) to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States; and Instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation.

Nueva Vida

From the day it opened its doors, Nueva Vida Senior Citizens Apartments has remained a sought-after housing option for those qualified 62 years and older. Currently, there are 74 residents that occupy the Nueva Vida's 66 units. Nueva Vida maintains a waiting list of interested potential residents but because of the high demand for affordable senior housing, the average wait time for an apartment is 1.5 to 2 years. Partnerships with agencies such as LISC Houston, allowed Tejano Center to coordinate different activities that included: Senior Walk-A-Thon, Ice Cream Outing, Senior Movie Showing, Sweet Readers, social gatherings, and Valentine Day celebration and meal delivery to select housing services' senior clients.

OST Lofts & Sunrise Lofts

OST Lofts remain in the planning and development phase. When complete, Tejano Center will operate the on-site early childhood center. Sunrise Lofts are in the final stages of construction, with opening slated for January 2023. Finally, youth aging out of foster care will have a place to live, thrive, and prepare to become contributing and valued members of our community.

66
apartments
at Nueva Vida



89
units
will be available at Sunrise Lofts







1,560
RYYS District
enrollment at 8 campuses/sites



2,002
counseling hours
provided to VOCA clients



#5
ranking
for Early College T-STEM Academy by Children At Risk among Houston area high schools*

Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success (RYSS)

Our award-winning first-generation Texas open-enrollment public charter school system celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021. Two particular events highlighted the special year: a Celebrando Unidad fest and Service Award Luncheon. The fest was held in Houston at our flagship campus, but a Service Award Luncheon was held in Houston for area honorees, and a second held in Brownsville for that areas' honorees. Smaller events to mark the milestone were held throughout the year.

With the addition of two new campuses and redesign of RYSS' early childhood programs, the district's enrollment increased to 1,560. The district is now comprised of 1-early college high school; 2-middle schools; 1-PreK-8th school; 1-1st-5th grade school; and 3-Pre-K 3&4 sites.

Federal and state data reveal that student performance was negatively affected because of the pandemic. The highly regarded nonprofit, Children At Risk, published its research findings, and a list of the top schools in Houston that they referred to as Pandemic Resilient Schools. This list honors schools that have maintained or improved academic performance between the 2018-19 and 2020-21 Academic years. Pandemic Resilient Schools are school campuses with 75% or more students classified as economically disadvantaged and also have a history of high performance (A or B C@R Rating in 2018-19). These schools experienced either an increase or no change in academic performance scores during the Pandemic. RYSS Early College T-STEM Academy was ranked #5 on the list!

Victims of Crime Acts Outreach and Support Program (VOCA)

In 2020-21, VOCA was able to respond to all requests and provided services to 1,746 clients. This included 2,002 hours of individual counseling to 2,232 survivors of abuse; facilitating 28 support sessions that included 326 survivors; obtaining 6 protective orders on behalf of victims of abuse; assisting 102 survivors through the legal process, which included accompanying 3 survivors to court; and providing shelter to 68 victims.

*Pandemic Resilient School

The many friends and partners who have shared in our story and work during 2021

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A & L Solutions
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Action Gypsum Supply
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Cassandra Velasquez
CenterPoint Energy
Charter School Growth Fund Grant
Cheniere Foundation
Children's Museum
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Food for Good PepsiCo
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Gallery Furniture
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Genesys Works
Georgianna Glatz
Gilbert Garcia
Gina DeLeon
Global Insurance
Gloria Luna Bounds
Go Texan Committee
Good360
Goosehead Insurance
GoTejano Rodeo Committee
Greater Houston Community Foundation
Guy Cordell Jr
H-E-B
H-E-B Tournament of Champions
Hardwood Products
Harris County Precint 2
Harris County Public Heath
Harris County Public Library
Harris County Sheriff
Hermida Services
Hewlett-Packard & KPMG
Hispanic Engineers Resource Group
Honesty Construction Group
Hope Disaster Recovery
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University of Houston-Downtown
Vertex Community Bank
Vicki Luna
VICO Mfg.
Walmart
Wells Fargo
Woodforest National Bank
Yolanda Davis
Yummy
Ziegler

Statement of Financial Position - August 2021

ASSETS	2021	2020
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,263,226	$ 9,595,779
Cash held in escrow – debt service (Note 6)	–	–
Grants receivable (Note 3)	2,476,547	1,452,885
Prepaid expenses	28,571	–
Total current assets	**11,768,344**	**11,048,664**
Land, property and equipment		
Land	6,655,039	886,606
Buildings and improvements	30,911,463	27,418,288
Furniture, vehicles, and equipment	4,381,765	4,381,765
Accumulated depreciation	(12,977,261)	(12,168,969)
Total land, property and equipment, net	**28,971,006**	**20,517,690**
Construction in progress – Sunrise Lofts	1,238,993	274,724
Construction in progress – Charter school program	–	1,911,382
Other receivables	167,513	153,868
Cash held in escrow – debt service reserves (Note 6)	–	–
Total assets	**$ 42,145,856**	**$ 33,906,328**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2021	2020
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 300,333	$ 400,165
Accrued liabilities	1,240,896	1,456,396
Line of credit (Note 4)	–	–
Notes payable, current portion (Note 5)	1,847,619	762,320
Federal loan, current portion (Note 6)	–	510,067
Bonds payable, current portion (Note 7)	–	–
Total current liabilities	**3,388,848**	**3,128,948**
Long-term liabilities		
Notes payable, net of current portion (Note 5)	26,849,321	23,291,908
Federal loan, current portion (Note 6)	–	1,238,738
Bonds payable, net of current portion, net of debt issuance cost (Note 6)	–	–
Total long-term liabilities	**26,849,321**	**24,530,646**
Total liabilities	**30,238,169**	**27,659,594**
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	10,597,898	2,631,056
With donor restrictions (Note 8)	1,309,789	3,615,678
Total net assets	**11,907,687**	**6,246,734**
Total liabilities and net assets	**$ 42,145,856**	**$ 33,906,328**

REVENUES	2021	2020
Federal grants	$ 8,078,712	$ 4,201,041
State grants	14,420,649	14,384,429
Local grants	2,578,511	1,295,704
Other grants	1,935,993	91,308
Net assets released form restrictions	–	–
Total revenues	**27,013,865**	**19,972,482**

EXPENSES	2021	2020
Program Services:		
Charter school	17,059,926	14,267,579
Affordable housing/homebuyer education	1,212,534	567,475
Child shelter/placing	754,565	671,268
Community services	372,739	380,031
Supporting services:		
Tejano commercial properties	1,787,885	2,797,285
Management and general	165,263	82,319
Total expenses	**21,352,912**	**18,765,957**
Change in net assets	**5,660,953**	**1,206,525**
Net assets, beginning of year	**6,246,734**	**5,040,209**
Net assets, end of year	**$ 11,907,687**	**$ 6,246,734**





OUR LEGACY CONTINUES

2019 PLAN	STATUS	OUTLOOK
Stand-alone TCCC Community Center to expand programs with a disaster recovery space	On hold due to COVID-19	Reactivate strategic planning to address need for additional program space for current and future, as programs grow
Expand Early Childhood Centers	• Opened new early childhood centers in Houston and Brownsville	Currently planning with Charter Growth Fund for future expansion of intergenerational early childhood model across Harris County
Increase enrollment at RYSS	• Enrollment increased from 1,330 to 1,560 Opened Castillo and NESTEM • TEA approved enrollment of 2,500	Continued planning with the Charter Growth Fund to expand across Harris County
Major facilities renovations, including shelters	VOCA shelters renovated (proceeds from 1st Annual State of Center luncheon)	• Planning for expanding shelters • Currently identifying potential locations
Senior living apartment complex with wrap-around services	Re-engaged in planning after COVID-19	Planning for new apartment complex; an intergenerational model
Build affordable single-family homes	• Architects and engineers engaged and planning underway • 40 lots ready to develop	Build two affordable homes during 2022 in the Magnolia Park area
"El Mercadito" store front in collaboration with Houston Food Bank and area grocery stores	• *La Tiendita* opened March 2022 • Working on grocery store partnerships • Search for case manager continues	Open at least additional *La Tiendita* in Independence Heights
Resale Shop	In discussion with a partner non-profit organization to open a community resale shop	Discussions with potential partner ongoing
Old Spanish Trail Lofts, multi-family affordable housing and early childhood center	In progress	In progress
Sunrise Lofts for homeless young adults and those aging out of foster carew	• October 2021 ground breaking took place and construction underway	• Expected completion date January 2023
	• GRADcafé • Four locations	Three additional locations by 2023
NOVA Adult Education Program	• NOVA Adult Education Program in collaboration with HCC reaactivated • Offer GED, Adult Basic Education, ESL, Workforce Courses, and Small Business Development Courses	• NOVA Adult Education Academy expanded across Harris County • Offer GED, Adult Basic Education, ESL, Workforce Courses, and Small Business Development Courses
TCCC Credit Union		TCCC Credit Union planning phase
US Citizenship and Naturalization program implementation	Resumed planning for program implementation	Planning for program implementation
		Expand School Market locations to all school sites
		Expand Senior Citizens Program in collaboration with Pct 2 and Pct2Together
Disaster Recovery and Relief Program	• 115 homes repaired. Over • 100 homes in queue for disaster relief and repair services	Continue relief and repair services

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