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Empowering San Jose Families

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Dear GFS Friends:

It's hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of another year. I've been thinking recently about when I started working at GFS, nearly 20 years ago. On the day of my interview, I arrived early so I could drive around the neighborhood before going in. I wanted to get a feel for the community. What I saw – and felt – was a vibrant community with a rich culture, hardworking immigrant families determined to provide a better future for their children. That determination still exists today. But something has changed. Our families – and others like them – have been under attack for the past two years; caught up in an administration-led perception that immigrants take more than they give. Nothing could be farther from the truth. These families contribute to our society in so many ways – through their work, their culture and by raising the workforce of our future. Here's the story of one of those families.

Brenda, originally from Mexico, came to GFS about 16 years ago when her daughter, now a college student, was 3. They attended a family literacy program together. Soon after they joined us her daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. Brenda volunteered to work in our Child Enrichment program and then became a member of our staff. She achieved her early childhood certification so she could teach in our State-funded Preschool. This year she was one of 3 individuals in the state to be selected for the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) Parent Leadership Award, which she received in a ceremony at the State Capitol. Her hard work and determination is an example of the many families we serve. And thankfully, due to Brenda and her husband's active engagement with their daughter, she is in remission and healthy.

We are so grateful to our families for trusting us and for finding in GFS a place for them and for their children to learn. This year more than ever we need your support so that we can continue our work. On behalf of the GFS Board, staff and the families we serve, we wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season. Donations will be matched by the Sobrato Family Foundation, up to \$25,000.

So grateful for your support,

Veronica Goei
Executive Director

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GFS - 2018 in Pictures



November, 2018



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May 2, 2019

GFS Annual Luncheon

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Highlights of Our Impact - 2018

This has been a very busy and fulfilling year for GFS. We've expanded our reach to additional families and young children, shared our Family Engagement Framework with early childhood professionals from all over the US, redesigned our BBP Family Engagement App, and laid the groundwork for key launches next year: Our redesigned BBP App, our Early Math Initiative and our new Strategic Plan. In addition, we completed the Sí Se Puede Collective (SSPC) Strategic Plan. Thank you to our SSPC partners: Amigos de Guadalupe, School of Arts & Culture, and Somos Mayfair. Here are some highlights of our year:

Our Reach

5000 Families Impacted



14 quality programs delivered at

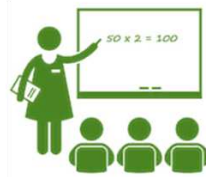


GFS State-funded Preschool



11 Elementary Schools

100 TK-3rd Teachers Trained



in 2 School Districts

Family Engagement Framework

National/State/Local Events



A Few of Our Results

Yes We Can...Read! Plus

83%

Kindergarten students who improved in all 3 Common Core math areas tested

Child Enrichment

93%

Parents of toddlers & infants who were actively engaged with their children

State-funded Preschool

100%

Preschool graduates who tested "Kindergarten-ready"

Veronica Goei Joins SVCN Board of Directors



GFS Executive Director, Veronica Goei, has joined the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) Board of Directors. "I'm so honored to have been invited to join the board of an organization that for so many years has ensured that local non-profits have a seat at the table in discussions around issues that impact our work and the families and communities we serve," said Veronica.