



Grail Family Services Empowering San Jose Families

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Dear GFS Friends:

Although we have a lot to be thankful for this year, I can't help but note that these continue to be challenging times for the families we serve, for our community and for our nation. Our families continue to feel the impact of the economic divide, and the pressure of living in an environment, under the current administration, that instills fear and reinforces racial inequity. We believe that creating equity through education is the best way to narrow the divide that jeopardizes the healthy development of low-income children and perpetuates disparities in education, employment and housing. We are committed to promoting that equity.

Next year we will celebrate our 20th Anniversary of serving families and young children in East San Jose. We are so grateful to the funders, partners, volunteers, friends and families whose support has helped us reach this important milestone. I hope you will save the date-May 15, 2020 -and celebrate with us!

We are thankful for the many opportunities we've had this year to share our work, build new relationships and continue to make an impact for families with young children in East San Jose and beyond. See highlights of our year on the following page.

As we implement our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, we will play a central role in local government initiatives to improve universal access to high quality early child care and education. Through this work we hope to get closer to our vision of a community where all children and families have equitable, quality opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

I hope you will join us in achieving this vision by making a year-end contribution for our work.

On behalf of the GFS Board, staff and the families we serve, we wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

So grateful for your support,

Veronica Goei
Executive Director



Exciting News for 2020 - Join Us as We...

Launch Our BBP App



Open Our New Preschool



Celebrate Our 20th Anniversary





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May 15, 2020

20th Anniversary Event

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Highlights of Our Impact - 2019

This has been another very busy year for GFS. Here are some highlights:

- **We significantly expanded our Family Engagement Framework** across Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. So far we have trained nearly 450 teachers, family child care providers, service provider staff and Santa Clara County employees. Our Family Engagement Framework has been adopted by the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Head Start program and many service providers.
- **We completed the redesign of our Building Blocks of Parenting™ (BBP) Family Engagement App** and have secured partnerships with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and Head Start-SCCOE to support the BBP App launch throughout the County early next year.
- **We expanded our work and connections in Family Math.** Our family math program with our preschool families achieved positive results both in student progress and parent involvement. Also, we were invited to join the Family Math Practice Network, which connects leading practitioners and experts from across the US to improve family math practices and approaches in partnership with communities.
- **GFS and our Si Se Puede Collective (SSPC) partners**—Amigos de Guadalupe, School of Arts & Culture and Somos Mayfair **received the Exemplary Leadership Award** from the American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley. We also welcomed Veggelution to the Collective.
- **We received the generous donation of a new facility**, and we are in the process of completing renovations to open a new State-funded Preschool that will serve an additional 48 preschool children.
- **We completed our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan** and are looking forward to the exciting growth and opportunities ahead as we continue to deliver innovative, high-quality solutions that promote the success and well-being of families and children.

GFS-Our Year in Pictures

