



Impact Report 2022-2023



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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Your support changes lives!

Supporting students through our three priority funds: education, emergency relief, and community investment, help us to serve students holistically. These funds ensure our students are supported and our community is strengthened.



Because of your support, in FY23 the Sunnyside Foundation served 22,050 children, families and educators on Tucson's southside.



1,266 families provided with emergency rent, food, clothing, cash or utility assistance through our Emergency Relief Fund



5,489 students and 30 educators served through our Excellence in Education fund, providing funding for classroom projects, supplies, field trips, scholarships and professional development opportunities



2,000 community members engaged in Community Reinvestment projects including: neighborhood clean ups, school bike clubs, new murals and financial literacy events

"The Foundation's support means our students can come to school prepared, focused on learning and set up to thrive."

- José Gastelum, Superintendent, Sunnyside Unified School District

OUR MISSION

Sunnyside Foundation advances an intergenerational culture of learning by investing in projects rooted in courage, community, equity and imagination in Tucson's southside.

OUR VISION

We envision a community where every southside family has the capacity to cultivate their own learning opportunities throughout their lifetime. We focus on enriching our community by making resources year round that can bring knowledge, opportunities, and insight to those who volunteer, donate, or receive any type of assistance.





Comunidad,

As we reflect on this past fiscal year, growth and impact are two words that immediately rise to the top. We have continued to deepen our impact serving students, teachers, and families in Tucson's southside. **In 2022-2023 we served over 22,000 students and families. Wow, we did that together!** We are immensely grateful for each of our fervent donors, volunteers, and partners. This work can only exist with each of you by our side.

Together we provided more educational support by providing scholarships to graduating seniors and dual enrollment scholarships for SUSD students to receive college credit. We expanded professional development through Sunnyside CommunityShare, and we continued our legacy mini-grant program for Sunnyside Unified School District educators.

Education and community are at the heart of our existence, and this past year we expanded learning opportunities to go beyond the classroom and out into the community. Thank you for helping us stand up the first ever Community Investment Fund for the southside of Tucson!

We worked with community partners to start new bike clubs in SUSD schools, mural art projects, cafecitos on financial literacy, and neighborhood clean ups. We proudly serve as fiscal sponsors for grassroots projects such as Families United Gaining Accessibility (FUGA), Pima County REACH, and the Gabe Gallegos Memorial Foundation. The work they set out to do in the community aligns and strengthens each of our missions to serve the community collectively.

Investing in Sunnyside Foundation means we create community-centered solutions and plant seeds for big dreams. Together we create a thriving place we call home each and every day.

A special thank you to Superintendent José Gastelum, SUSD leadership and staff, SF board members, and our awesome staff! A heartfelt thanks to the Sunnyside Alumni Association for entrusting us to continue their work of awarding scholarships to graduating seniors.

This next year, we will continue to strengthen educational pathways for students and work alongside partners and trusted grassroots networks to offer a safety net of support for those who live and learn in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for being on this incredible journey with us to serve our beloved community.

In community,

Mike Barton, Board President

Liz Soltero, CEO



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FUND



The Excellence in Education fund enhances the educational experiences and opportunities for SUSD students and educators by providing funding for classroom projects, dual-enrollment and college scholarships, and professional development.



5,489 total students served



\$66,000 in scholarship support for graduating seniors



\$14,000 in dual-enrollment student scholarships for UA Biotech program



\$18,600 in support for the Sunnyside CommunityShare Professional Development Program



\$11,200 invested in classroom mini-grants



22,000 books distributed to all SUSD students



"The students of Los Amigos are so deserving of this gift. Thank you, Sunnyside Foundation, for allowing our students to grow and learn in new and creative ways!"

- Natalie Riggs, educator, Los Amigos Elementary School Classroom mini-grant recipient

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Emergency Relief Fund ensures SUSD students and families in Tucson's southside who are struggling with economic challenges have easy access to emergency resources from the people they trust most.



887 families fed through food box distributions



229 southside families protected from eviction*



95 households provided with cash assistance



45 households provided with utility relief



10 students received winter coats and shoes

**Eviction prevention services funded by Pima County Community Action Agency, Arizona Department of Economic Security and the City of Tucson*



"Solo quiero agradecer al equipo de ustedes que me ayudaron y me apoyaron. Fueron a otro nivel de ir hasta con mi rentor a esperar el pago. Estoy muy agradecida con su bondad y paciencia. Gracias por ayudar a las personas como yo que regularmente no ayudan."

I just want to thank your team for helping and supporting me. They went to another level from going to my landlord to wait for payment. I am very grateful for your kindness and patience. Thanks for helping people like me who don't regularly receive help.

- Eviction relief program recipient

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND



The Community Investment Fund is a partnership between Sunnyside Foundation and local organizations to advance equity in Tucson's southside by investing in people and physical infrastructures.



Together we help build a stronger community by facilitating neighborhood clean-ups, art projects, cafecitos on generational wealth, establishing bike clubs in schools, and community bike rides with partner org Families United Gaining Accessibility (FUGA).



Sunnyside Foundation also serves as a fiscal sponsor to grassroots organizations which support youth and families in the areas of mobility, sports, and health.



2,000+ total participants in Community Reinvestment events



5 mural installations in southside neighborhoods



12 neighborhood cleanups



3 bike clubs started in SUSD schools



6 financial literacy cafecitos with southside families

"I would love to see more events like this, so our kids can see us and join us in taking pride in our community."

Neighborhood cleanup volunteer

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND: FISCAL SPONSORED PROJECTS

Familias Unidos Ganando Accesibilidad (F.U.G.A.)

Familias Unidas Ganando Accesibilidad (Families United Gaining Accessibility) is a grassroots coalition that sees the bicycle as an amazing tool to be in community with people and mobilize around important issues.

We organize bi-monthly community bike rides in the Southside and Westside and advocate for a more accessible Tucson.on.

www.fugatucson.org



Gabe Gallegos Memorial Foundation

Gabe Gallegos was well-loved as a coach, musician, athlete, son, brother, friend, and most of all, a father to his then 9-yr old son Gabriel.

The Gabe Gallegos Memorial Foundation was founded in 2021 to keep Gabe's spirit and legacy alive by providing Tucson's youth with resources to grow and develop their natural talents, specifically in sports.



Pima County Health Department REACH COVID Supplement Program

This program was co-created with community partners to establish two multi-media campaigns including Tardeada de Salud and Flu Awareness.

This important program focused on increasing access to vaccines and health resources through Community Advisory Boards and Community Groups in Tucson composed of schools, small business, nonprofits, and community collaboratives.



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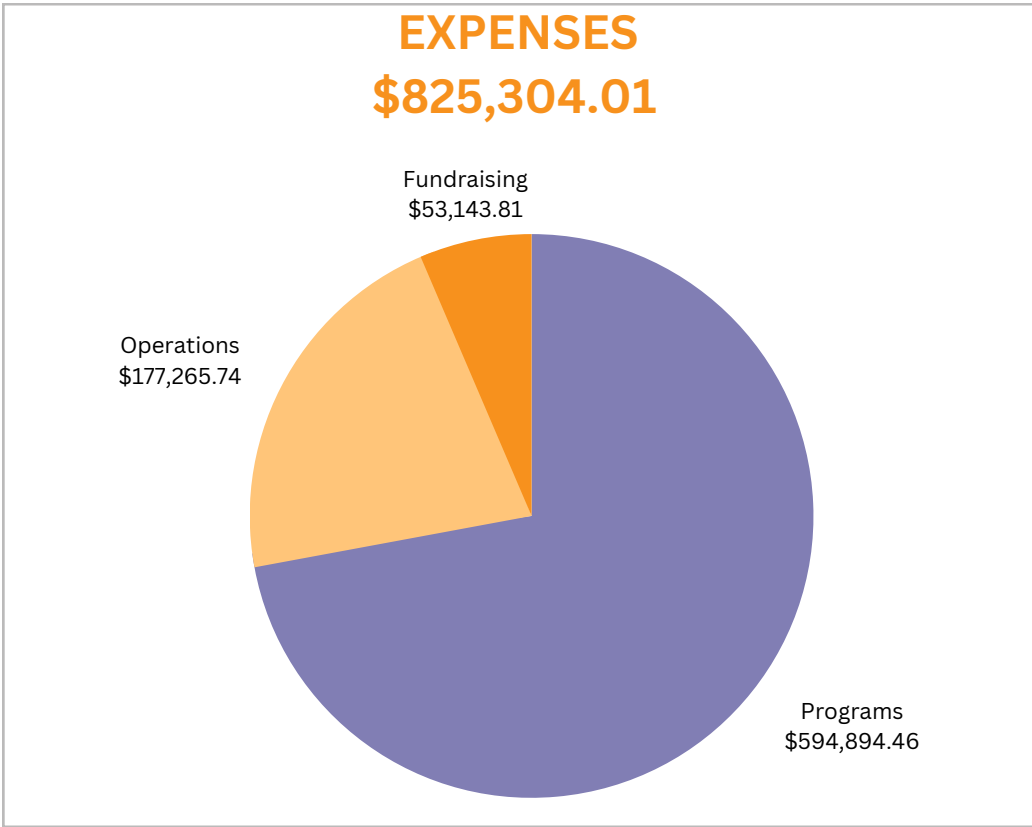
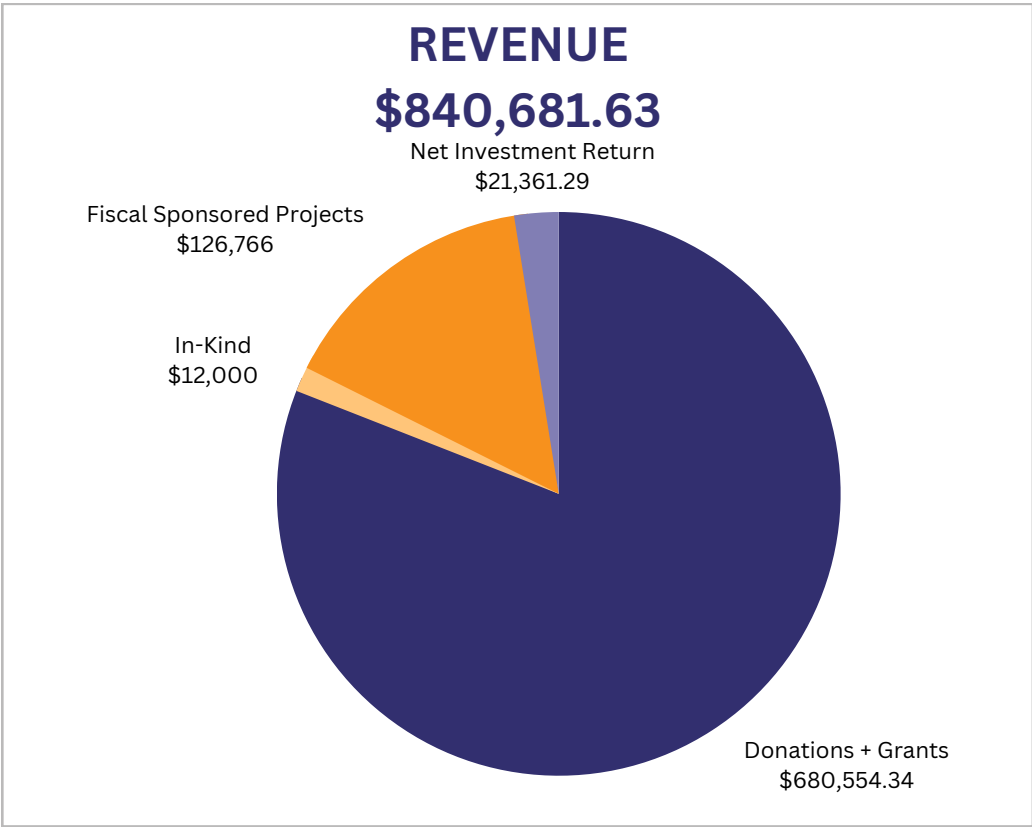
Administrative
Coordinator

2022 - 2023 PARTNERS

Thank you to all the community partners, organizations, businesses, and individuals who make our work possible.

- **AJ Jumps**
- **Alliance Bank**
- **American Eat Co.**
- **American Federation of Teachers Union (AFT)**
- **Arizona Athletics**
- **Arizona Community Foundation**
- **Banner Health**
- **Barrio Restoration**
- **Bustos Media**
 - **La Poderosa 105.3fm**
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- **Frontline Appliances**
- **Hellene Henrikson Fund**
- **Hughes Federal Credit Union**
- **Individual Contractors**
- **Individual Donors**
- **Kino Rotary Club**
- **LPKNC**
- **Leonard L. White Educational Fund**
- **Los Jarritos**
- **Mestizo's Studio**
- **Pima Community College Adult Education**
- **Pima County**
 - **Pima County Public Library**
 - **Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, District 5**
 - **Health REACH**
 - **Schools Superintendent's Office**
- **Pima Federal Credit Union**
- **Primavera Foundation**
- **Raytheon**
- **REA Media Group**
- **Southwest Gas, Corp.**
- **Stacy Benson Insurance Co.**
- **Stanley M Reinhaus Family Foundation**
- **Stocker Foundation**
- **Sunnyside Alumni Association**
- **Sunnyside Unified School District**
- **The American Public Works Association**
- **Tidy Up Yard**
- **Tucson Airport Authority**
- **Tucson Appliance**
- **Tucson Clean and Beautiful**
- **Tucson Electric Power**
- **Tucson Federal Credit Union**
- **Tucson Hispanic Chambers of Commerce**
- **Tucson Metro Chamber**
- **Tucson Unified School District**
- **United Healthcare**
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 - **Adalberto & Ana Guerrero Student Center**
 - **College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture**
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- **Victoria Teresa Arias Foundation**
- **Why I Love Where I Live**
- **William E. Hall Foundation**
- **YWCA**

FY23 FINANCIALS



2022 GIVES WEEK



Each year during Sunnyside Gives Week we come together to raise funds to invest in the work of the Sunnyside Foundation with a series of events which bring community together.

Together with community, we hosted our most successful Gives Week yet in September 2022 raising **\$107,577** to support our work.



Los Jarritos Mexican Food



Join us for
Gives Week
2023!



Scan here!



Sunnysidefoundation.org/Gives-Week