



# Impact Report 2022-2023

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## Escuela de Guadalupe

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School of  
Excellence Since  
1999.



# Letter from The President

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the 2022-2023 school year at Escuela de Guadalupe, it fills me with immense gratitude for the continued support of our incredible community members like you. Your unwavering commitment to our students, teachers, and mission has once again propelled us forward, ensuring that quality education remains accessible to all families, regardless of financial barriers.

This year has brought remarkable achievements and milestones. Our Salud fundraiser that took place in October raised over \$530,000 for student scholarships, demonstrating the strength of our community's collective generosity. This year also signified a remarkable achievement within the Escuela community as we celebrated our inaugural 8th-grade class, graduating from high school and going on to college, many of them as first-generation college students. We saw our alumni break barriers by heading off to a multitude of places including the University of Colorado, University of Michigan, and Santa Clara University.

Your generosity has been the driving force behind our ability to provide over \$1.4 million in need-based financial assistance to 84% of Escuela families. This Annual Report offers a glimpse into the profound impact your investment has on our students, their families, and generations to come. We look forward to working together to create positive change, break down financial barricades, and foster a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Michelle Galuszka  
President



# School Highlights 2022 -2023



This year our pioneering group of 8th-grade graduates went off to college, embarking on a new chapter in their academic journey!



This year we hosted another successful Salud event filled with fun and inspiration. This event raised over \$530,000 for student scholarships.



We were honored to host Jesuit Provincial, Father Thomas Greene, SJ. Our 1st & 2nd Grade classrooms had the opportunity to say hello and show him what they had been learning in their math class!



EDG alum, Jocelyn Carbajal, was elected as one of the 2023 Daniels Scholars and received a full scholarship to Regis University.



We joyfully celebrated the retirement of Fr. Ed Poehlmann, a great long-time partner of EDG through Presentation of Our Lady. Although we will miss his cherished presence at Escuela we wish him the best in his next chapter in life.



Escuela de Guadalupe was highlighted on 9News segment Colorado & Co. with host Claudia Garofalo. President Michelle Galuszka and Principal Mariella Robledo were able to speak about the uniqueness of Escuela and our important mission.

# Alumni Spotlight

**“I loved Escuela because, from the first day I walked through those doors, I had a sense of community and belonging. Escuela de Guadalupe was more than just a school, it was a safe place where I could learn and be a part of a big family.”**

“My family loves Escuela! My parents wanted my siblings to attend the school because even though I had left Escuela, Escuela had never left us, members of the community would still reach out to us extending their generosity and care.”

When Jennifer graduated from Escuela de Guadalupe, she continued to St. Mary’s Academy as a Challenge Foundation Scholar. In 2013 she graduated and quickly landed a full-ride scholarship to the University of San Francisco where she double majored in International Relations and Economics and minored in Latin American Studies.

“When I look back at my childhood I remember a moment when I said I hated math, my teacher at Escuela sat down next to me and took the time to explain it to me. It clicked and Math became one of my favorite subjects.

I continued to major in Economics, and currently work at PwC where I started in accounting. **You can say that it all goes back to that day and that Escuela teacher.”**

“I’m excited to serve on the Board of Trustees at Escuela de Guadalupe enabling me to give back to the community and the school that got me to where I am today. It warms my heart knowing that the school and the supportive community surrounding it, are still loyal to its mission. I can’t wait to see where the future young minds that Escuela is shaping go and am glad to take an active role in that.”



Jennifer Godoy  
Board of Trustees Member  
& EDG Alum



# Thanks to Your Partnership

With your support, **Escuela de Guadalupe allocated over \$1.4M in student scholarships, benefiting 177 students** spanning from Pre-K to 8th grade during the 2022-2023 academic year. **In the Barnum neighborhood where Escuela is located, over 28% of the families grapple with poverty, and the median household income is \$42,719.** Your investment in Escuela is instrumental in guaranteeing that the school's excellent program stays within financial reach for families in the local community.



In the academic year 2022-2023, Escuela catered to a diverse community of **209 students** hailing from **14 countries** and residing in **38 distinct zip codes** throughout the Denver metro.

The student body comprised of **81% of individuals who identified as Hispanic.**



**Fifty percent of students** at Escuela for the academic year 2022 - 2023 were eligible for the National School Lunch Program, signifying that their families faced challenges in consistently meeting essential needs such as food, transportation, housing, and healthcare.

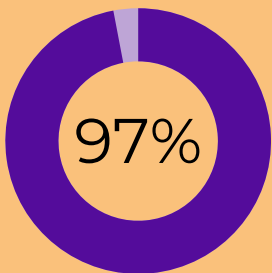


**“As soon as I walked into Escuela I fell in love with it.”**

-Hector, EDG Alum

Scan the QR code to watch a short video about the unique community of Escuela de Guadalupe.

## Escuela by the Numbers



- **97 %** of EDG alumni go on to graduate high school
- **Level 5** rated Pre-K Program, only

**2%**

of programs in the state have achieved this.



- **90%** of our inaugural 8th-grade class successfully enrolled as college freshmen.

\*This number could be as high as 100% but administration was unable to reach two alumni

# Our Team

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“My favorite subject is science because I like to learn about chemicals and different formulas. **When I grow up I want to be a robotics engineer** because I love to design things!”

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- Luis, 8th Grade

# Our Financials

## Support and Revenue:

\$3,688,623

Foundations: \$1,033,322  
 Corporate and Organizations: \$1,763  
 Contributions from Individuals: \$1,150,551  
 Special Events (Net): \$373,527  
 ACE Scholarships: \$111,000  
 In-Kind Contributions: \$30,000

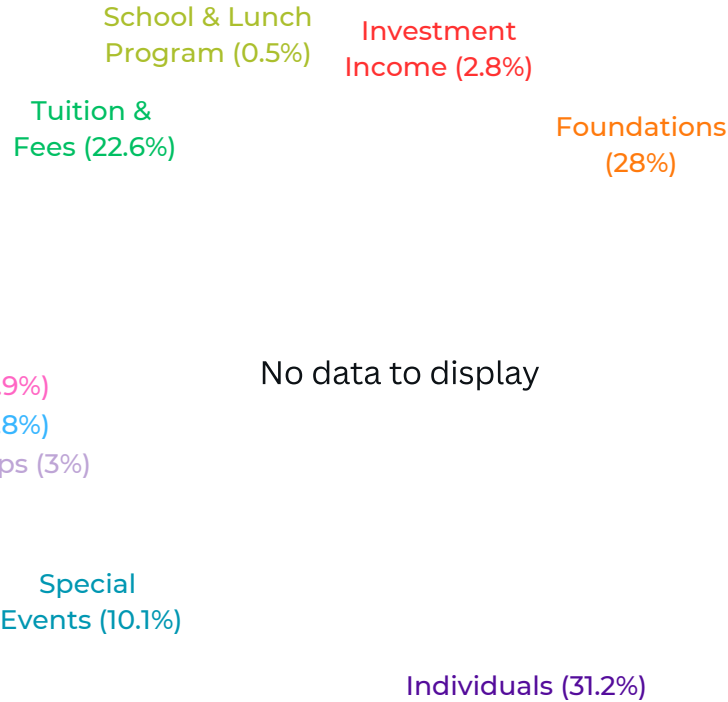
Tuition and Fees: \$832,471  
 School and Lunch Program: \$20,139  
 Other Income: \$33,251  
 Investment Income: \$102,599

## Expenses:

\$3,033,368

Classroom and Education: \$1,900,143  
 Management and General: \$728,180  
 Development and Fundraising: \$405,045

## Support and Revenue:



## Expenses

13%

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**63%**

Classroom and Education

Management

Development



-Gigi, 3rd Grade

**“When I grow up I want to be a teacher because I love my teachers and everything about school!”**



# Our Supporters

## Gifts included here were received between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

If you made a gift during this period and are not listed or are listed inaccurately, please contact Director of Philanthropy Caroline Orr at (303) 964-0816 ext. 225.

† Guadalupe Society Member

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"Escuela offers opportunities to students and families that are not always available to everyone."

- Sandra Garcia (Director of Admissions & Financial Aid)

"I love the Escuela community for always respecting our families, teachers, and staff's traditions, culture, and languages no matter where they are from."

- Mariella Robledo (Principal)

# Our Supporters

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“This year I contributed to the Escuela community by helping my peers when they were struggling with questions in class.”

-Leilani, 7th Grade

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"I love Escuela because it emphasizes discipline and academic excellence while still fostering a supportive community."

- Ruby, 7th Grade

"My favorite part about working with our middle school students is how fulfilling it is to help them as they begin to think deeply about the world around them and who they are as a person."

- Mister Sean, Middle School Social Studies & Religion Teacher



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