



# Impact Report 2021-2022

**Escuela de Guadalupe**

A Dual-language School of Excellence Since 1999

# School Highlights 2021-2022



**8th-grader Zoe earned a full scholarship to attend the Climate Reality Project Convention in Las Vegas.**

At the end of the two-and-a-half day training led by former Vice President Al Gore and a team of world-renowned scientists and activists, Zoe was interviewed and highlighted as the youngest person to receive a scholarship in 2022.



**Escuela de Guadalupe was formally accepted as a candidate for accreditation by the Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS).**

The accreditation process will advance Escuela's organizational model and provide a valuable network of resources that will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its programs.



**7th-grader Sylvia was selected as "Reporter of the Month" in February 2022 by former Colorado news anchor Rodolfo Cardenas.**

As Reporter of the Month, Sylvia had the opportunity to present news segments, including a one-on-one interview with Governor Jared Polis, on the KNRV 1150 AM radio show "Hablemos Hoy."



Escuela students and staff participated in the tenth annual Sister Susan Swain Service Day on April 22, 2022.

**Students and staff in grades Pre-k through 8 spent the day working with organizations around metro Denver, helping to beautify public spaces, providing companionship to the elderly, and feeding individuals experiencing homelessness.**



**In May 2022, 24 members of Escuela's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class celebrated their First Communion at Presentation of Our Lady Parish.**

In addition to receiving the sacraments, students participated in the bilingual service — led by Fr. Ed Poehlmann and attended by their teachers and families — as altar servers, choir members, and readers.



**Ninety-five percent of 8th-graders who graduated in the Spring of 2022 gained acceptance into their preferred college-preparatory high school program.**

Schools attended by members of Escuela's Class of 2022 include, but are not limited to, Regis Jesuit High School, Arrupe Jesuit High School, St. Mary's Academy, and Colorado Academy.

# Message from The President

Dear Friends,

**It is safe to say that the 2021-2022 school year was fantastic at Escuela de Guadalupe, due in no small part to you, our devoted community of supporters.**

Because of you, Escuela can continue to provide quality education to our families, regardless of their cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and we are proud to take this opportunity to tell you about a few highlights from the previous year.

At the beginning of the school year, we welcomed several new students searching for a dual-language, Catholic education. In September, we held our largest Salud event to date, raising over \$400,000 to fund scholarships for our deserving students. This year we were also accepted as an official candidate for accreditation through the Association of Colorado Independent Schools. Lastly, this year we received an extremely generous gift from two anonymous donors

who have committed to match new three-year pledges dollar-for-dollar up to \$650,000.

This was a monumental year of growth for Escuela, and we could not have done it without your continued support.

**Because of your generosity, we were also able to distribute over \$1.4 million in tuition assistance in 2021-2022.**

I hope this annual report provides a small glimpse into the impact of your investment on our students and their families. We hope you will continue to join us as we strive to create a more prosperous and just world for all young people for generations to come.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Galuszka*  
Michelle Galuszka  
President



## Community Quotes

**“My favorite people all call me Miss Cristina.**

I love teaching at Escuela because I get the unique opportunity to teach in my first language. It makes it feel like home.”

Miss Cristina (*Kindergarten Spanish Teacher*)

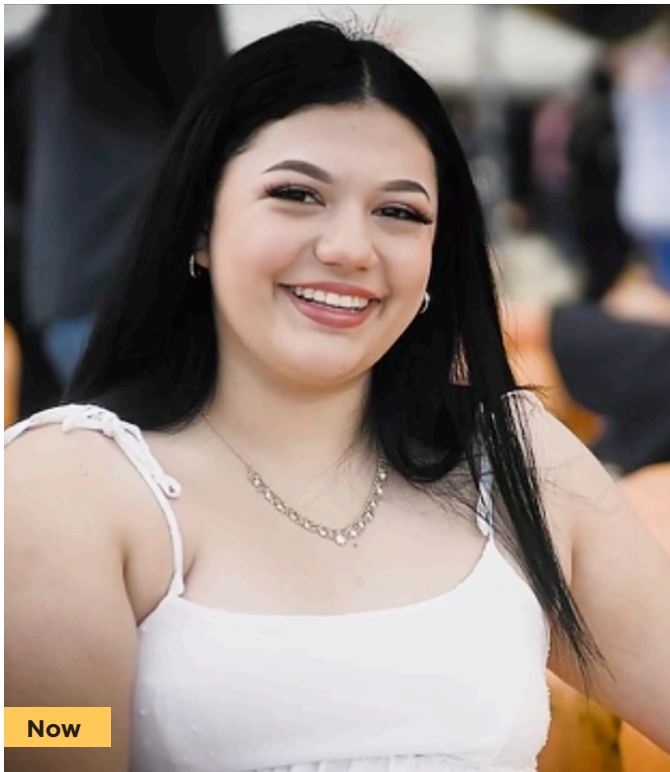
**“I choose to teach at Escuela because I feel like it’s a community where teachers, students, and families are all equally invested in the students’ futures.**

Miss Tegan (*Middle School Teacher*)

“Escuela promotes the core values of Leadership, Community, Respect, Justice, and Excellence. Pretty big mission to want to have students demonstrate these characteristics, but it happens every day...

**And the support I have personally received from faculty, staff, and fellow parents is beyond what you can imagine.** Our family has made lifelong connections and friendships at Escuela.” Ginny (*Escuela Parent*)

# Alumni Spotlight



**“One of the things that makes me who I am is that I know two languages and am completely fluent in both. Being bilingual has helped me to communicate with my family and friends, support my community, and even get a job.**

Experiencing the benefits of being bilingual made me realize what a special school Escuela is. But it’s not just that they provide education in English and Spanish; it’s also that they taught all of us from a young age to take pride in our heritage. One of my favorite events at Escuela was ‘Our Families, Our Traditions,’ where we had the opportunity to learn about the cultures and traditions of our classmates and their families. Events like these, which celebrated our differences, were my favorite part of attending Escuela.



It feels like it was just yesterday that I was a student at Escuela de Guadalupe playing four square on the playground with my friends. Now I am a Senior in high school. In five months, I will walk across the stage to get my diploma. I have worked so hard to be where I am today, and I could not have done it without the support and education I received at this school. After I graduate, I’ll attend college and pursue a career helping people as an Occupational Therapist.

Escuela de Guadalupe prepared me to be successful in high school and beyond, and I am excited about all the future has in store. Your support of Escuela changes lives. Gracias.”

Guadalupe Vargas (Class of 2019)

*Pictured: Guadalupe Vargas, Grade 12 and Kindergarten Graduation*

During the 2021-2022 year, 95 percent of graduating 8th-graders gained acceptance to a reputable Catholic high school in the area, and age-eligible alumni maintained an impressive **97 percent high school completion rate.**

# Thanks to Your Partnership...

With your support, Escuela de Guadalupe distributed **over \$1.4M in need-based student scholarships to 187 students** across grades Pre-k through 8 during the 2021-2022 school year.

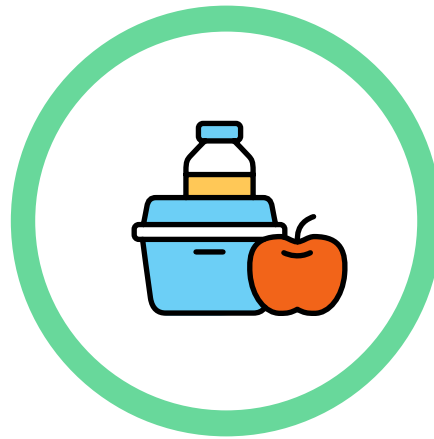
**In the Barnum neighborhood where Escuela is located, more than 28 percent of the families live in poverty, and approximately 72 percent of households report an annual income of less than \$60,000.** By investing in Escuela, you play an essential part in ensuring Escuela's high-quality program remains financially accessible to local families.

To learn more about the impact of your partnership, scan the QR code below or visit [www.bit.ly/edg-video-2022](http://www.bit.ly/edg-video-2022) to view a short film featuring the Collao and Hernandez students and their families.



During the 2021-2022 school year, Escuela served **212 students representing 13 countries and over 30 unique zipcodes** across metro Denver.

**Eighty-seven percent of enrolled students** identified as Hispanic.



**Fifty percent of students who attended Escuela during the 2021-2022 school year** qualified for the National School Lunch Program—meaning their families could not consistently afford basic needs, like food, transportation, housing, and healthcare.



“Escuela de Guadalupe is a unique community... where we learn and live our lives in two languages.”  
Mariella Robledo (*Principal*)

**Scan the QR code to watch a short video about Escuela's dual-language education.**

**Eighty-eight percent** of Escuela students relied on some level of tuition assistance to attend our program during the 2021-2022 school year.

# Our Team

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Art Teacher

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Middle School English  
Teacher & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social  
Studies Teacher

**Stefanie Esparza**

Kindergarten Teacher  
(English)

**Lauren Fitzgerald**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
(English)

**Maria Garcia**

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Middle School Math  
& Spanish Teacher

**Cristina Guerrero**

Kindergarten Teacher  
(Spanish)

**Rebecca Koenigberg**

Music Teacher

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4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
(English)

**Claudia Luna-Asturias**

School Counselor

**Linda Mallory**

Middle School Math  
& Science Teacher

**Miriam O'Connor**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
(Spanish)

**Ines Polanco**

Pre-K Director

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1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
(Spanish)

**Sandra Reese**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

**Marta Salayandia**

Pre-K Assistant Teacher

**Martha Tienda**

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Athletic Director

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3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy Tutor

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# Our Financials

## Support and Revenue:

\$2,986,574

Foundations: \$654,615

Contributions from Individuals: \$1,214,096

Corporate and Organizations: \$3,798

Special Events (Net): \$321,459

ACE Scholarships: \$77,000

In-Kind Contributions: \$68,804

Tuition and Fees: \$708,326

School Lunch Program: \$15,105

Other Income: \$34,230

Investment Income: (\$127,435)

## Expenses:

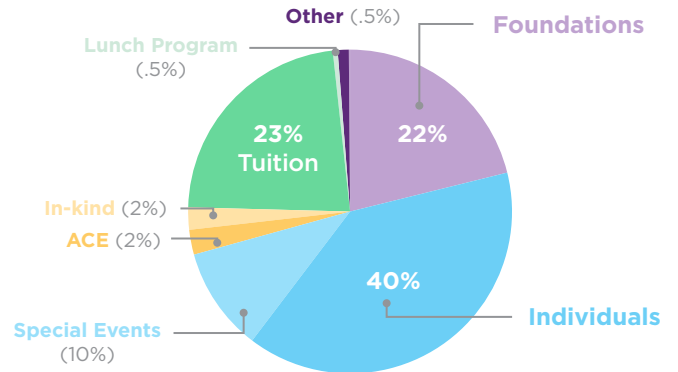
\$2,379,846

Classroom and Education: \$1,760,481

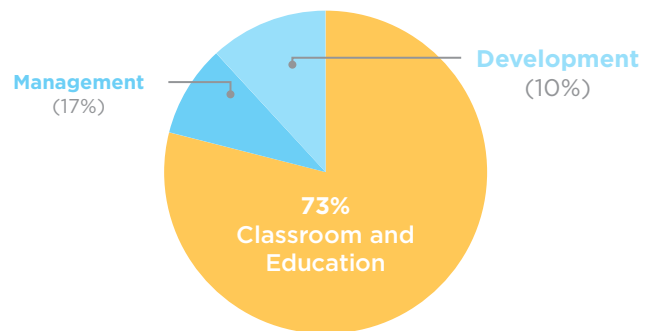
Management and General: \$434,420

Development and Fundraising: \$282,006

## Support and Revenue



## Expenses



## Did you know?

**Approximately half of the children who attend Escuela enter as Dual Language Learners (DLLs) — meaning they have at least one parent who speaks a language other than English in their home.**

According to the National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, over one-fourth of children who live in Colorado are DLLs, and 63 percent report speaking Spanish in the home.

Research is painting an increasingly clear picture of dual-language education as an experience that shapes the brain for a lifetime and provides *all* young learners with powerful advantages, including:

- greater executive function
- a highly developed sense of empathy
- increased school performance and engagement
- improved brain health

# Our Supporters

## Gifts included here were received between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

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

† Guadalupe Legacy Society Member

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**"My biggest dream is to have peace in the world."**  
Melissa (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)





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"My biggest dream is  
to be a police officer  
and save the town."  
Camila (Kindergarten)

**“My biggest dream is to have a good education and a nice house and to be able to set my future kids up well so that they have money to build for their futures.”**  
Noah (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)



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