

# From our Executive Director



IN JANUARY, our board and staff adopted a strategic plan to guide our work for the next few years. We articulated our values and fleshed out a theory of change. Little did we know how important our strategic plan would prove to be

On March 13, 2020, we closed our direct child serving programs and immediately increased the direct family support we provide. Food distribution increased by more than 400%. Families were in crisis and they were turning to us. With so much need and uncertainty we turned to our strategic plan for guidance and inspiration.

As we transitioned to virtual learning in both our Children's Center and School-Aged Enrichment

programs, we needed to address the digital divide—in our families and in our staff. We partnered with Equalitech to provide devices and training to our staff members who needed scaffolding to be able to support students. Our Family Resource Center not only quadrupled the number of people receiving direct support, but our Family Advocates learned new skills in order to support families' parenting and mental health needs.

Our values and our vision guide us every step of the way.

I'm proud of how effective we have been in pursuing our mission and our values in the face of unprecedented challenges. As we continue to grow our impact, I invite you to join us.

Lori Lander Goodman, MSW Executive Director

# Isla Vista Youth Projects Guiding Principle

By building a resilient and connected community, IVYP seeks to mitigate the effects of poverty, racism, and trauma so that all children and families can prosper and thrive.

# **IVYP Core Values**

Collaboration

"You are never strong enough that you don't need help."

CESAR CHAVEZ, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

THICH NHAT HANH, BUDDHIST MONK

"I don't pre-judge."

SONIA SOTOMAYOR, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Curiosity

"[We cultivate] a mental attitude about critical thinking and curiosity... by looking at the world in a playful and curious and creative way."

ADAM SAVAGE, ACTOR AND EDUCATOR

"Action is the antidote to despair."

JOAN BAEZ, FOLK SINGER

"The time is always right for doing what is right."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

# From our Staff



**PART OF WHAT MAKES** IVYP unique and effective is that our employees are also members of our community we serve. If we want to meet the needs of our families, our team needs to know that we believe in them and we are committed to their growth. In the last year IVYP has invested in our employees by improving healthcare benefits, paying a living wage, and our tuition assistance program. At the end of this year we are seeing the impact of this investment through the words of our staff.

## **Maricruz**

### IVYP Children's Center teacher

"I've been working for IVYP for almost ten years. ...I feel that when I talk, someone is actually listening and doing something about our needs. You let us know that you truly do believe in us and in IVYP. You want us to grow as people and professionals and push us to do our best so we can in turn be better teachers. Thank you for believing in us."



## **LUPE**

## IVYP Children's Center asst. teacher

"I am very grateful for the support you give us. I have worked for IVYP for almost seven years. ... I feel valued in my work. I am really proud of my work and everything I do for the IVYP and the families!"

# Shaylie

## **IVYP Family Resource Center**

"Today and every day I am proud to be a team member of a caring organization that is not afraid to stand up for what is right and say what is true without backing away from harsh words and statements that may be difficult to hear and difficult to express."



# Family Resource Center

IVYP's **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER** mitigates the effects of poverty, racism, and trauma by strengthening families. Our FRC proactively responds to community members' needs through classes, education, resource, and referral.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, IVYP's Family Resource Center met an unanticipated challenge by providing virtual and in person support to families experiencing crisis.



"(Povque la clase pava padves)
He apvendido que jugav y gastav
tiempo de calidad con mi
Familia es saludable."

"(Because of the parenting class) I have learned that playing and spending quality time with my family is healthy."

- PARENTING CLASS GRADUATE

# Prior to March 16, 2020:



children attended health fair

1,587
families received food







# In response to COVID-19:



Pivoted immigration forums to online webinars



Distributed more than **5,600** bags of food



Distributed **127** masks to adults and children

# Children's Center

IVYP's **CHILDREN'S CENTER** curriculum is designed to facilitate cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and creative growth for children between the ages of 3 months and 6 years in a language-rich environment that supports the ethnic and cultural diversity of the children.

# This year, loving and trauma informed teachers...







provided 70,485 hugs



changed 45,140 diapers



created **1,850** art projects with their students

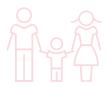
"My son really benefited from virtual circle time. It was something to look forward to everyday. He stayed engaged and the activities were always carefully planned by the teachers. It was fun and educational."

- PARENT



# To support children through COVID-19, IVYP teachers:





supported our families through weekly check in calls



prepared **15** children for Kindergarten during our Pre-K Camp



distributed **500** meals to families in need



provided virtual circle time to **100** students

# School Aged Enrichment

**AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER ENRICHMENT** provides K-6 children with enrichment activities, homework assistance, and a safe environment to learn and grow.

In March, our school age staff sprang to action to research, test, and launch a Kid's Corner page to provide virtual educational and recreational resources for children and caregivers.

In 2019-2020 after the final school bell rang..



295
children continued to learn



**900** minutes of mindfulness practice



"The INP Zoom Summer Program has been a game changer! This is what I am hoping to see online learning progress and develop into."

- BRITTANY DESALES, IVYP PARENT

# **Because of COVID-19:**



Moved Summer Program online to support parents and students



Launched Kid's Corner resource webpage







Thank you to everyone who supported Isla Vista Youth Projects through another successful year.

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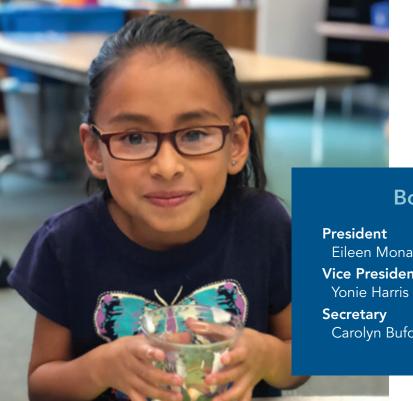
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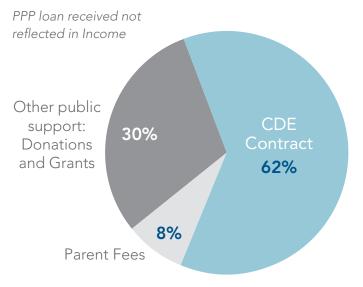
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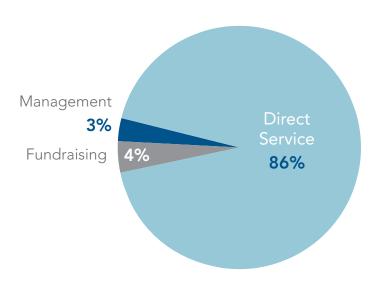
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Fiscal Year 2019-2020

## **Total Income = \$3,119,599**



## **Total Expenses = \$3,209,257**



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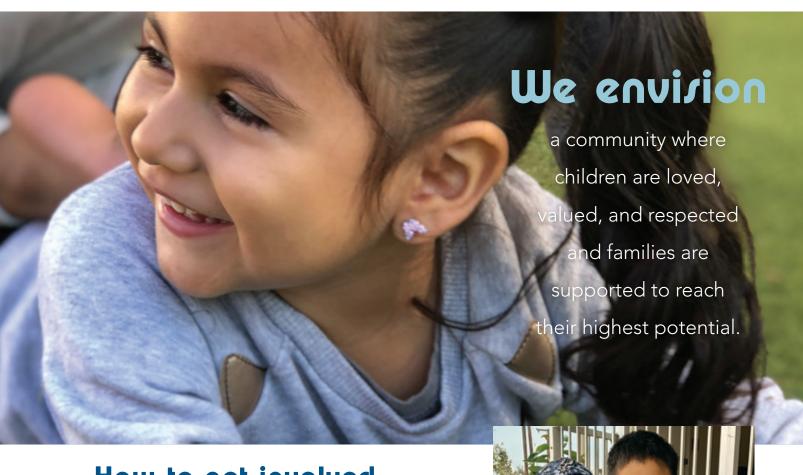


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