TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

Our mission is simple—to build a better future for California. We are convinced that together, we can do this. Together we can invest in what matters. This is how.
Several years ago the Latino Community Foundation set out on a mission to build a better future for California, by investing in Latino children, youth and families. We knew that our mission was bold and that it relied on you, our community, to fuel the ambition. Today, we are proud of LCFs accomplishments and continue to push the boundaries. The millions of stories of resilience, the dreams of our youth require nothing less.

We have learned from experience that when we come together to invest in Latino families, amazing things happen—children do better in school, parents find viable work, and communities thrive. LCF knows how to seize opportunity and to adapt strategies, and here is just one example:

On June 15, 2012, President Obama issued Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to protect undocumented youth from deportation and provide them with temporary work visas. LCF, partnering with the LAM Network and Latino In Finance, quickly identified a plan and brought together more than 150 donors to assist DACA eligible youth with the legal process and application fee.

This year we saw the fruits of that labor. We met the Delgadillo family, whose children were set to benefit from DACA. Olivia and her husband have three children who all plan to attend college. Olivia works three jobs to provide for her family, one of those a catering business she started with the support of La Cocina. Through the Mission Asset Fund (MAF), an LCF grantee, her children have been able to join a DACA lending circle to save money that is matched by MAF to apply for Deferred Action.

It has worked. All of her children have now been granted Deferred Action and their dreams of attending college are becoming a reality. This was possible because of your investment.

We can do so much more. As you read this annual report we hope it inspires you to join us in building a better future for the millions of families like the Delgadillos. We have come a long way. We hope you will continue to be a part of this amazing movement to increase opportunities and set a new path forward for Latino families in California.

Gracias,

RAQUEL DONOSO, LCF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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The Delgadillo Family—one of the families to be approved for DACA. Olivia’s three children are at the top of their class and all college-bound.
Cody Rommel works as a Family Educator at Fathers and Families of San Joaquin (FFSJ), an LCF partner. FFSJ is a youth leadership development organization in Stockton that works to empower the community by building the local leadership of youth and families.
INVESTING IN LATINO COMMUNITIES

We know the Latino community is made up of individuals and families with tremendous assets, resiliency, and an unyielding hope for a better future. We are proud to have you join us in investing in Latino-based organizations that are innovative, trusted partners dedicated to achieving meaningful change in their communities.

Over the past six years, since 2008, LCF has invested $2 million in grants to empower adolescents and families, increase early learning opportunities, expand access to technology and the Internet, engage parents in student success, and support healthier neighborhoods. We have grown from investing in five counties in 2007 to 14 California counties in 2013.

In 2013, LCF provided nearly $400,000 to 31 Latino-based organizations that are deeply engaged in and together changing the lives of over 15,000 Latino families in California. These organizations harness their rich cultural and community expertise to educate and empower children, youth and their parents, leading them on a path to a brighter future.

Why does this matter? California is experiencing an enormous shift in opportunity. Demographics are changing, but where people are living has altered. Latino families have experienced the greatest increase in population as well as distribution; they are now reaching significant numbers in places like Sonoma/Napa, the San Joaquin Valley, and the Inland Valley.

This demographic shift requires greater innovation and support to ensure that Latino families do not fall through the cracks. LCF is engaged in the communities we work in and have our ear to the ground. We identify community-grounded solutions to the most pressing issues in the community around education, technology, health, and civic engagement. We invest in solutions that build a sense of self-efficacy and empowerment in order to have long-term impact.

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Our work reaches 14 counties in California
We believe in the power of our community to lead change. This year marked an exciting new venture for LCF with the launch of the California Latino Agenda (CLA). CLA is a platform to increase Latino engagement in policy-making decisions that will shape the future of California. Through the California Latino Agenda, LCF is creating and supporting a network of leaders, organizations, and donors that know the challenges of their communities and work together to voice solutions that will improve education, economic, and health opportunities for Californians.

In May 2013, LCF organized a summit with over 150 community leaders in Sacramento. Leaders discussed vital issues such as education funding reform, the roll-out of health care reform and policies that would provide greater protections and rights for immigrant families. Leaders were joined by over a dozen elected officials that included Senators Mark Leno and Alex Padilla, Assembly Members Tom Ammiano, Shirley Weber, Nancy Skinner, Mariko Yamada, Manuel Perez, Ellen Corbett, Rob Bonta, Roger Dickenson, Roger Hernandez, Phil Ting, and Katcho Achadjian.

We did not do this alone. You were there every step of the way. Our Latina Giving Circle members, 19 of them, granted $10,000 to Puente Pescadero and the Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Project. Over 150 donors gave to the DREAMER campaign, reaching almost 100 students with legal services, direct financial support for the application, and to build a fund to help DACA students further their academic and career goals.

Community is about each one of us making a commitment to come together to ensure greater prosperity for all. This is particularly evident and relevant in the Latino community. There is a tradition of giving that goes back centuries in Latin American and has been brought to this country. We often hear stories of communities that banded together to help neighbors after natural disasters or families that saved together to purchase homes when they immigrated to the U.S. This tradition is still strong in our communities.

We are now asking you to join the Latino Community Foundation as we build and strengthen a network of donors committed to providing opportunities for more families to achieve the American dream. It is possible, we have seen it first-hand. This is not something we can just imagine for the future. It is something that we can—and need—to make happen.

Together, we can do more, we can give more, and we can build a better future.
Lisa Villarreal and Lisa Antillon, two members of the Latina Giving Circle, which is a group of women that come together to discuss important issues in the community and invest their own contributions to make a positive impact.
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