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CENTRO DE LA COMUNIDAD UNIDA
UNITED COMMUNITY CENTER

Celebrating 49 Years



2018 - 2019 Annual Report

FUTURES
Un Futuro Brillante



“I want to obtain a PhD and help other families with their struggles. I know that with hard work and dedication, I can achieve my goals and make my family proud.”

- Daniela

Mission Statement

To provide programs to Hispanics and near south side residents, of all ages, in the areas of education, cultural arts, recreation, community development, and health and human services. UCC assists individuals to achieve their potential by focusing on cultural heritage as a means of strengthening personal development and by promoting high academic standards in all of its educational programming.

Building a Bright Future for all Children

A community is only as strong as its next generation. That means that we must equip the youngest among us with the tools to take on tomorrow's challenges. High quality, early education is critical for children from birth to three years old. In fact, youth who do not receive early education are more likely to drop out of school, less likely to attend college, and more likely to have long term academic challenges.

Thanks to our generous supporters over the past 49 years, at UCC we've built a cradle to career pipeline. It ensures that children who often face barriers from a young age stay on track academically, attend Milwaukee's best high schools, graduate from college, and secure jobs with family-supporting wages.

Unfortunately, many do not have access to the early education they need. By the age of 5, Hispanic children are often developmentally two years behind their white peers. In Wisconsin, 60% of Hispanic children never enroll in pre-k education. The divide is even greater in our community since 53215 is Wisconsin's most densely populated zip code with children under 14.

To address this, we have launched Futuros Brilliantes (Bright Futures) \$5 million capital campaign to build the UCC Early Learning Academy, located in the heart of 53215. Serving children six weeks to three years old, the Early Learning Academy will ensure children are kindergarten ready and able to succeed in Milwaukee for generations to come.

This year, the United Community Center is celebrating 49 years of service to the community. We wouldn't be here today without the broad range of supporters and partners we are fortunate to work with. We are excited for the year ahead as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2020 and greatly appreciate all of the organizations and individuals that have helped us reach this milestone. We know together we will create the brightest future for the youngest of our community.

Ricardo Diaz
Executive Director

José Olivieri
Chair of the
Board of Directors



Elderly Programs

Senior Center – a safe and culturally sensitive environment for older Latino adults to gather with friends and enjoy recreational, educational, and wellness activities as well as outings and other resources. This Milwaukee County Senior Meal Site provides nutritious meals seven days per week and also offers a monthly Food Box through the Hunger Task Force.

UCC – US Bank Village and Olga Village – apartment facilities on the UCC campus that offer area elderly affordable living and the convenient opportunity to participate in UCC activities. It's operated in partnership with Friends of Housing and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and Capri Communities.

My Choice Family Care (MCFC) – a Medicaid long-term care program for eligible adults with physical or developmental/intellectual disabilities and frail elders. MCFC provides care management services, coordination of care, assessment, and comprehensive member center planning to help individuals meet their long term care needs.

Transportation Services – weekday group transportation for elders to participate in UCC Senior Center, Meal Site, and Adult Day Center programs.

Latino Geriatric Center:

Adult Day Center – a home like environment which provides support and respite services for frail elders, and those with physical disabilities or dementia. The center offers meals, health care, personal care services, and culturally sensitive activities.

Memory Clinic – In collaboration with Froedtert/Medical College of Wisconsin and Alzheimer's Association, UCC offers the only memory disorders clinic in the state of Wisconsin specifically serving Latino adults with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.





Program Highlights:



Carroll University continues to provide physical therapy, physician assistants and occupational therapy students to provide specialized programs and services to clients.



Initiating a “mobile memory clinic” with a memory screening team that visits seniors at home to increase earlier detection and access to diagnostic and support services. This will also expand in-home dementia care education to family members, including youth, who are providing care.

485 clients served by UCC Family Care

115 attendees per day at the Senior Center

65 seniors daily at the Adult Day Center



Pre-College Programs

Pre-College Program - comprehensive services for high school students to assist with the pursuit of a higher education including the application and admissions process, test-taking skills, financial aid applications, and college visits.

Abriendo Puertas (“Opening Doors”) Program - supports undergraduate students from traditionally underserved backgrounds (low-income, minority, first-generation) to remain in, persist through, and graduate from college with case management, professional development training, workshops, and networking opportunities.





Program Highlights:



371 alumni in high school

- 75% at private high schools



232 alumni enrolled in college in Fall 2018

- 212 in WI
- 20 nationwide



Since Program inception:

- 500 alumni entered higher education and 148 graduates



- College entrance has risen from 8% to 90% in the last 10 years among BGCS alumni



- BGCS alumni received \$8.5 million in scholarships for higher education



- The Pre-College Department paired high school alumni and college mentors with BGCS mentees to meet weekly focusing on building confidence, positive behavior, and conflict resolution

Abriendo Puertas Program:

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- Served 100 Milwaukee area college students from eleven different colleges and universities



- Since 2012 program has served 450 individual college students, aided 175 to graduate, and helped more than 135 to secure internships or job placements



Education Programs

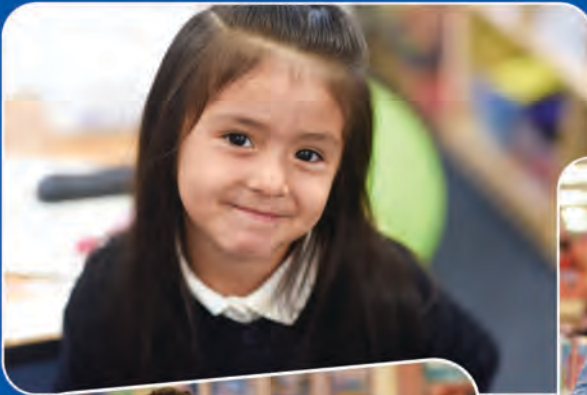
Bruce-Guadalupe Community School (BGCS) - a bicultural public charter school for children in K-3 through 8th grades offering a curriculum that fosters high expectations and emphasizes math, science, arts, and technology.

UCC Acosta Middle School (UCC AMS) - a technology and skilled-trades focused public charter school with an environment that fosters high expectations, hard work, and strong parental involvement to equip students with the skills to be competitive in dynamic future job markets.

UCC Early Learning Academy (ELA) - a comprehensive learning and nurturing early childhood education center, serving children six weeks to four years of age in an educationally rich bilingual atmosphere. The UCC ELA is focused on fostering development of social, emotional, and intellectual skills, to ensure children are confident to experience, explore, and engage in the world around them.

Summer School Program - a 20 day summer school course designed to enhance academic performance in the morning while providing recreational and enrichment activities in the afternoon.

Community Learning Center - a unique environment that provides learning and enrichment activities with a focus on after-school supplementary educational services including tutoring, reading, science, arts, financial and technological education, and career exploration.





Program Highlights:



1368 students attended BGCS



New UCC AMS building opened in Fall 2018 with 168 students



103 graduates in BGCS class of 2018



BGCS earned an "Exceeds Expectations" rating on the Wisconsin State Report Card



UCC AMS earned a "Meets Expectations" rating on the Wisconsin State Report Card after only two years of operation



New activities were offered at school including a UCC AMS Comic Book Club and a new middle school Community Service Club



Successfully Implemented IQWST (Investigating and Questioning the World through Science and Technology) curriculum in the both middle schools



The well-known arts education program, the Latino Arts Strings Program, continues to excel in high quality musical education with students earning 134 gold medals in the WI district music competition



High School Exploration Fair:

- 20 High Schools in attendance
- 89% 6-8th grade students attended

Human Services Programs

UCC Human Services department offers treatment and recovery services to men and women who have a substance use disorder. We serve individuals with co-occurring disorders, Spanish-speaking clients, and participants in the Drug Treatment Court programs. The continuum of care includes residential, day treatment, and outpatient services which are trauma informed, and gender and culturally appropriate. All treatment programs are certified by the State of Wisconsin. The Human Services department recognizes that our clients often have one or more accompanying medical issues. Our health initiative includes connecting every residential client with a primary care physician and providing health education as a component of our program.

Residential Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Treatment - 24 hour care residential treatment facilities offer comprehensive services to men and women, including pregnant and post-partum women and their children. Services include case management, individual and group counseling, urinalysis testing, educational and vocational skill development, parenting education, therapeutic counseling, relapse prevention, art therapy, and fitness membership.

Outpatient and Day Treatment - services include counseling, education, health and life skills, parenting classes, mental health, and relapse prevention.



"Today, I am truly blessed with people that have also gone on the journey of recovery. Thank you to UCC for the help that you provide to people like me."
- Daniel

Program Highlights:

- 885** clients served
- 333** in residential treatment
- 105** children and family members of clients received support services



In collaboration with outside providers, clients in residential and day treatment programs continue to receive education on HIV/Hepatitis prevention and Naloxone, a life-saving opioid antagonist used to reverse an overdose



With our continued focus on serving pregnant and post-partum women aimed at helping women recover and strengthen families, UCC began offering nursery care services while women attend treatment and last year 59 children were served in the nursery



New space has allowed program staff to develop other activities for clients including recreation such as basketball and yoga, as well as classroom activities from crafts to resume writing

Fitness and Health Programs

Athletics - a full range of activities for youth including aerobics, weight lifting, boxing, soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, golf, cross country running, mountain biking, triathlon club, and FIT KIDS.

Health Clinic - on-site health care provided by Carroll University faculty and nursing students, and preventative services for UCC's students and seniors.

César Pabón Fitness Center - a community fitness center offering cardiovascular and strength-building equipment, aerobics, and on-demand fitness classes with WellBeats.

Prevention Programs - educational programs and alternative activities for youth designed to curtail detrimental behavior, including smoking, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, and gang participation.

Health Research - UCC is collaborating with several area research universities (such as Medical College of Wisconsin, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, Marquette University, Carroll University) in a variety of health-related and research projects to address health disparities and increase better health outcomes in the Latino community of Milwaukee, through community engaged research and program development initiatives.



Program Highlights:



Approximately 950 (about 300 in more than 1 sport) student athletes participate in 24 athletic activities



BGCS Running Club provides 3rd through 5th graders running opportunities throughout the fall, running at least two 5K races while also involving their family members



The FIT4YES Program currently has 54 5th and 6th grade students and their families enrolled, and encompasses all aspects of family health including exercise and physical activity, nutrition education and cooking, mindfulness, goal setting, emotional development, relationship building, and parenting techniques



Badges for Baseball program brings police officers to UCC to provide youth an understanding of the importance of police officers all while developing relationships through sports activities



Over the last four years, UCC Triathlon Team has grown from five athletes to currently 35 athletes across both middle schools



7th/8th grade-A girls basketball team was undefeated in league play

Walker Square Neighborhood Development Initiative

Walker Square Neighborhood Development Initiative is designed to increase neighborhood stability in the area surrounding UCC by increasing home ownership, rehabilitating houses, and assisting residents through credit and home-buying counseling along with home repair workshops.



Helped 136 families buy a home



Secured \$15.9 million in home purchases



Educated more than 662 clients in 46 homebuyer seminars, along with one-on-one counseling.



Since 2003, helped close 1,288 homes, an investment in this community of more than \$133,000,000, helping families achieve the American Dream while stabilizing the community.

Café el Sol



Restaurant serving Puerto Rican and Mexican cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Monday through Friday in a cozy atmosphere reminiscent of a Latin American village, featuring a Friday evening fish dinner buffet with live Latin entertainment.

Facts at a Glance

Who do we serve?

60% are under the age of 18

More than **75%** of our 900 families are low-income

65% of all participants reside in 53204 or 53215 zip codes

90% reside in City of Milwaukee

99% reside in Milwaukee County

Who helps us with our mission?



More than 310 full-time staff and 15 part-time staff manage, guide, and lead our programs and services



More than 1,000 volunteers each year including students, and at least 48 corporate groups come for one day or on a weekly basis to help serve our clients



419 individual donors as well as 61 corporations and foundations provide over \$2.6 million in needed financial support



Hundreds of partners and collaborators join with us to develop and deliver creative, quality programs

How well do we serve?



Ranked in the top 25 of 'Hispanic serving' nonprofits in the country.



Largest Milwaukee County Department of Aging Meal Site and Family Care provider

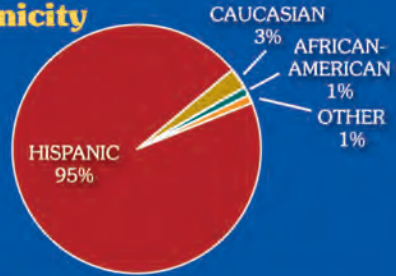


A top provider of Family Care services based on quality and efficiency measures

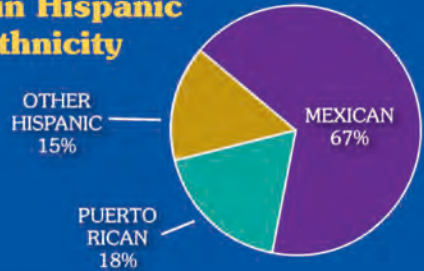


One Milwaukee's top funded United Way agencies

Ethnicity



Within Hispanic Ethnicity



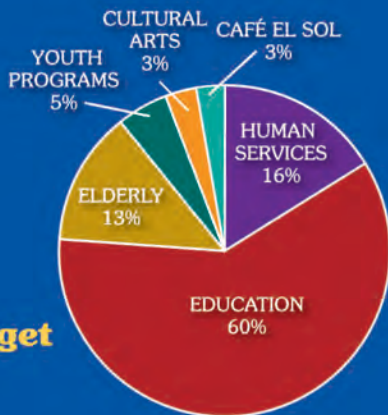
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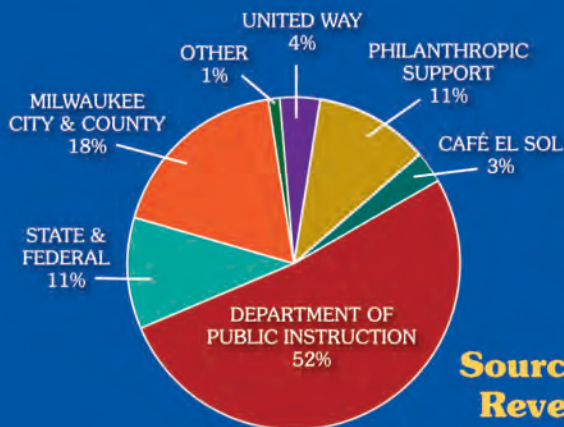
Assets



Program Costs



2019 Budget



Sources of Revenue





"I am grateful for the opportunities for me to grow as a student and see what my future holds. It has not been an easy road to get where I am, but because of the obstacles I have already overcome, I know I can achieve my goals."

- Alan

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