

## El Proyecto Supports Azusa Food Giveaway



*It was a very smooth operation as cars drove-up, trunks were opened and volunteers deposited food that included non-perishable items and fresh fruits and vegetables. Approximately 2,000 families participated in the Azusa food giveaway!*



*Corinne Sánchez, President/CEO was asked to interview with Channel 7 Eyewitness News.*

El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc., staff members join Los Angeles County Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis at the Drive-Through Food Giveaway held on May 27th in Azusa. The Supervisor asked El Proyecto to support this event in a major way. Thanks to Ricky Garcia, Azusa Clinic Manager and Jackie Carpio, Baldwin Park Clinic Manager for their help. EPDB staff members from the San Fernando Valley joined our Azusa and Baldwin Park Clinics for the massive food distribution. The event took place at the LiUNA Laborers Training School facility.



*El Proyecto CEO, Corinne Sánchez, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Supervisor Hilda Solis.*

## Triage Screening at All El Proyecto Health Clinics

El Proyecto follows the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and requires temperature screening. The COVID-19 pandemic makes it necessary to take additional steps to help keep our patients, staff and the community safe. We check the temperature of everyone who enters any of our clinics, including social service programs and employment centers. Everyone who enters is required to wear a mask or face covering. Triage questions are asked regarding COVID-19 symptoms, fever, cough, shortage of breath or difficulty breathing and travel status.



# El Proyecto Serves Homeless Population at Bassett Park



*El Proyecto del Barrio Medical Director Karmen Tatulian, MD (third from left) leads a health care team at Bassett Park in La Puente*



*El Proyecto Staff members utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to provide medical services to the homeless population at the temporary shelter at Bassett Park in La Puente. Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis opened the 24-hour winter shelter. El Proyecto clinics in Azusa and Baldwin Park provided staffing and immediate medical services.*

## Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Supports El Proyecto del Barrio



*Corinne Sánchez, President/CEO, accepts a \$10,000 donation from LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis.*



*Representatives from Supervisor Hilda Solis visit our Azusa Clinic to present a check to El Proyecto to support the Azusa community food giveaway.*



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

“PPE” is an acronym that you have heard in the past few months. It stands for Personal Protective Equipment. PPE is one crucial way to both stop the spread of the coronavirus and keep medical providers and healthcare workers safe as they work on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. El Proyecto monitors its supplies of masks, gloves, gowns, protective glasses, and face shields to make certain that we have adequate supplies to distribute to our frontline personnel. El Proyecto is grateful for the generous private donations received from our supporters, including Direct Relief, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, CCALAC, LA Care, e-Commerce, Reddinet, Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, and Project Face Shield.



# El Proyecto Board Member Profile: Maria Townsend



Maria Townsend joined the El Proyecto Board of Directors in 2019. Maria serves on the Marketing and Development Committee.

Maria Townsend was born in Mexico and grew up in Pacoima. She attended CSUN and decided on a career in healthcare, serving the most vulnerable of our population in the San Fernando Valley. Since 1972, Maria has worked as an office administrator in a physician's office; and as a hospital marketing and physician recruitment director. In 2002, Maria was recruited by Providence Health & Services to represent Saint Joseph, Tarzana and Holy Cross Medical Centers. At Holy Cross Hospital she was successful in bringing additional beds for the hospital.

Maria says her greatest career accomplishment was securing an original painting, "Our Lady of Guadalupe," by renowned Sacred Art Artist Lalo Garcia, for the predominantly Latino community at the Holy Cross Hospital Chapel. This has brought great comfort and benefit for the community. Maria has received numerous awards including "Volunteer of the Year" from the American Red Cross and the prestigious "Breath of Life" award from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Joining the El Proyecto Board of Directors that is dedicated to improving the lives of so many gives me much pride." Maria said. "I look forward to our journey."

## WorkSource Center Assists Residents Across Job Seeking Spectrum

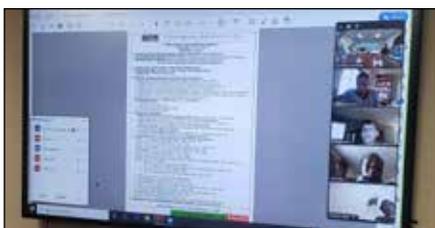


"El Proyecto WorkSource Team continues to assist San Fernando Valley residents with unemployment filing resources, COVID-19 Mayor initiatives, supportive services, job-readiness coaching, skill training and job placement," said Magdalena Duran, WorkSource Center Program Director. "If you need assistance getting ready to re-enter the job market or need to upgrade skills, we are open Monday-Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm.

We offer all services by appointment, phone and online. We follow CDC and LA County Public Health directives to keep the public and our staff safe." WorkSource Services are funded by the City of Los Angeles, Workforce Development Board—Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD). **For a WorkSource appointment, please call (818) 504-0334.**

## El Proyecto Board of Directors Meets Virtually

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, El Proyecto Board of Directors meetings are now held virtually using Zoom. Board members are equipped with iPads to join the meetings from the safety of their homes. Our corporate board room is equipped with an 80-inch screen that allows us to accommodate the on-screen presence of all of our members and staff.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Corinne Sánchez

### How El Proyecto Fights the Coronavirus

The global pandemic brought on by the novel Coronavirus has caused disastrous results in our country and around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the L.A. Department of Public Health have provided guidance for safety protocols to prevent the spread of the virus.



El Proyecto has taken important steps in the fight against the Coronavirus. We activated the ICS (Incident Command System), which is a temporary management system used to manage and coordinate clinic activities during an emergency. We adopted stringent new safety policies and procedures. We believe "Safety First" in the workplace is a must. We have specific guidelines for facemasks, temperature checks, cleaning and disinfecting, and social distancing.

We encourage our employees to continue these safe practices when they leave the workplace for their protection, their families, and the community. I am deeply appreciative of the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our employees. Their ability to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic is commendable. They truly are heroes!

El Proyecto will continue to provide essential medical and social services to the community. We will remain mission-focused and results-oriented. Our message is "Safety First" for our employees, patients and community.

## El Proyecto Goes to Market



Vallarta Supermarket is one of the largest food retailers in the United States. The chain focuses on the growing Latino population in Southern California. The El Proyecto digital display is at a Vallarta store location near our Arleta Family Clinic. This allows us to have a direct branding opportunity with hundreds of shoppers every day. The images featured are a doctor with a family. The digital message says that El Proyecto provides "Medical Services for your entire Family" in Spanish and then repeats the same message in English. Also includes a tagline that El Proyecto has served the community for almost 50 years. The digital message can be revised and updated as necessary.

## We Are Proud of our El Proyecto Heroes!

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**COVID-19  
A Hero's Story**

**Anissa Alfaro, MSN, FNP**  
Family Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified  
Arleta Clinic

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**Thank you for your Heroic work for our patients.**

Anissa Alfaro, FNP, has over 18 years of experience in the field. She held positions as director of housing at the American Cancer College and Arleta Pacific University. She completed the degree program, Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner, the University of Phoenix in 2002.

Anissa Alfaro is providing critical care to patients in the fight against the Coronavirus outbreak by assessing and triaging them, assessing symptoms, educating them about their symptoms, and offering guidance on symptom-related and more.

"I am passionate about patient care." - Anissa Alfaro

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El Proyecto del Barrio clinics and programs are open to provide essential medical and social services to the communities we serve.

We believe all of our team members are heroes who continue to work on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each week we feature several employees as we highlight their many contributions to our efforts to serve the community.

