

Congressman Sherman Supports Winnetka Clinic



Congressman Brad Sherman supports the work El Proyecto is doing in his district to stop the spread of COVID-19. He visited our Winnetka Clinic on a day when 1,000 vaccinations were administered. Corinne Sánchez, El Proyecto CEO, joined the Congressman to talk with community members.

El Proyecto has provided more than 40,000 COVID-19 vaccinations at its clinics, funded by HRSA and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. El Proyecto was chosen in the nation's first group of Federally Qualified Health Centers to provide federally funded vaccinations. El Proyecto is on the front line in the fight to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 90 percent of the patients served at El Proyecto are Latino, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, and Native American.



El Proyecto Provides Thousands of Life-saving COVID-19 Vaccinations

El COVID-19 vaccines are important tools to help stop the pandemic. COVID-19 vaccines currently available have been shown to be safe and effective. Experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine helps keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get the COVID-19 virus.



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In Her Own Words: El Proyecto Board Member Angelina Martinez



"My husband, our five children and I are proud patients of El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc."

"I found out about El Proyecto at my children's elementary school in North Hills. The staff referred me to El Proyecto, and they welcomed me with opened arms and gave me the help that I needed for myself and family. I started school to continue my education and looked for a job. I worked for 34 years for a well-known company. I have had the opportunity to have private insurances but the quality of the doctors that El Proyecto gives their patients is at a level of some of the most prestigious insurances.

"I am proud and enjoy so much being an El Proyecto Board member. I want to give to our community and help El Proyecto to invest in and serve the community. I volunteer at my local parish and most recently was named the coordinator of a wonderful group of Catechists that help teach children with special needs. Three of my children are diagnosed under the Autism spectrum.

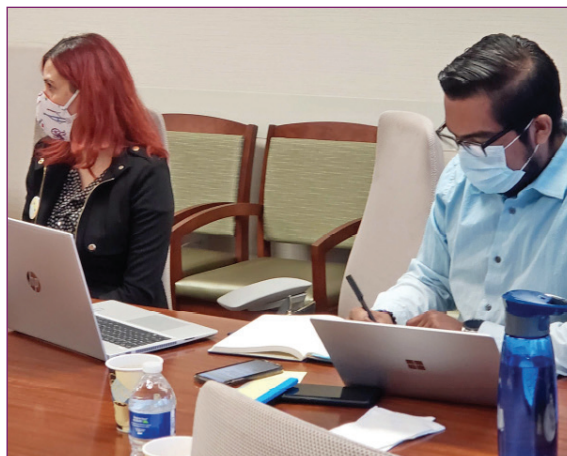
"When our communities were facing the closure of our Early Education Centers, a group of parents and I went to Sacramento and voiced our concern to our elected representatives on how crucial it was for these centers to remain open for our children. The voices of these children were heard through our advocating. Currently, I serve on the Board of Trustees for the North LA Regional Center and as an ARCA Delegate."

El Proyecto Health Clinics Receive Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) National Quality Certification



El Proyecto Medical Director Dr. Karmen Tatulian (left) congratulates Clinic Administrators on achieving Patient Centered Medical Home Certification. Pictured are Mayder Chacon, RN Winnetka Clinic, Silvia Sandhu, Arleta Clinic; Jackie Carpio, Baldwin Park Clinic; and Ricky Garcia, Azusa Clinic. Not pictured are Dinesa Ayala, NP, Northridge Clinic and Leo Cabral, Esperanza Clinic.

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a team-based health care delivery model designed to provide comprehensive and continuous medical care to patients with maximal health outcomes.



In Memoriam: A Tribute to Dr. Lelis Enrique Ushella



This is a tribute to commemorate a beloved pediatrician who dedicated his time and service at the El Proyecto Winnetka Clinic. Dr. Lelis Enrique Ushella, MD had a practice in the San Fernando Valley for over 40 years before joining El Proyecto in 2009. Tragically, Dr. Ushella passed away from COVID-19 complications. It was evident how much he cared for his patients and how much he enjoyed being a pediatrician. He was a kind man who thought of others before himself. Dr. Ushella's smile was warm and welcoming.

Dr. Ushella was a Pediatric Medical Specialist with over 56 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Ushella was a proud native of Peru. He graduated from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Munchen, Fachbereich Medizin Medical School in 1964. He completed his residency at Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Ushella's compassion was evident. He was respected by El Proyecto management, patients, medical staff, and general community. He touched the lives of so many in his long and distinguished career. He was highly admired by his peers and the medical community at large.

We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Ushella's entire family and his El Proyecto family on the loss of a truly great man.



A tribute to beloved Dr. Ushella is displayed on the El Proyecto Mobile Clinic.

Hilda L. Solis East L.A. Early Childhood Education Center is Special



The children at our Hilda L. Solis East Los Angeles Early Education Center were asked to draw a picture of a place where they felt loved and protected. There were lots of pictures showing "Grandma's House, and "My house." Aracely Robles, Site Supervisor, was excited to see that one student turned in a picture of the East Los Angeles Early Education Center!

Thank you, London Fuentes, for your excellent artwork! Her mother, Alma Fuentes, said, "El Proyecto is a special place in London's heart as it is in mine. Aracely, you and your staff made it possible. I'm blessed and eternally grateful to you all."



London Fuentes shows off her artwork that shows her flying above the Hilda L. Solis East LA. Early Education Center



London enjoyed a snack in her classroom while she was a student at El Proyecto del Barrio's Hilda L. Solis Early Education Center in East Los Angeles.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Corinne Sánchez

Join Us for "50 Years of Hope & Heroes!"

We are holding a virtual celebration on Thursday, October 28, 2021, to highlight our amazing past and present services that bring so much hope to our community, and to thank the El Proyecto staff who have served the community so heroically.

Fifty years ago, we began as a tiny nonprofit organization with a dream to help people in need in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. Today, we are the tenth-largest nonprofit in the San Fernando Valley and one of the 30 largest in the Los Angeles area.



El Proyecto today offers health care, behavioral health, adult and youth employment and child development services in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys and East Los Angeles.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have lengthened our stride as we have done many times during past crises. In the last 18 months, we have conducted more than 280,000 healthcare office visits, helped many adult and youth job seekers find new positions, and given hundreds of children a great start at our Child Development Centers.

Now we are asking you to join other community leaders in supporting our 50th Anniversary Celebration. For more info, please email mrowlett@elproyecto.us.

I thank you in advance for your support!

Don't Wait — Vaccinate!



El Proyecto Clinics are providing COVID-19 vaccinations weekdays and weekends! Drive through or walk-in.

After you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you may be able to start doing some things that you stopped doing because of the pandemic. None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, so a vaccine cannot transmit the virus! Use this link for more information: [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)

*Celebrating
50 years of Hope & Heroes*



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