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Providence Supports El Proyecto del Barrio Inc.'s Mission



Dr. Bernie Klein greets Corinne Sánchez, El Proyecto CEO and Dr. Karmen Tatulian, El Proyecto Medical Director. Dr. Klein is the Chief Executive at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and a Board-Certified internal medicine physician.



Dr. Klein and Anthony Ortiz visit the Arleta Dental Clinic and meet Dr. Stanislav Spasov, Dental Director.



Dr. Bernie Klein and Anthony Ortiz-Luis, Providence's Director, Community Health, present a \$125,000 check to El Proyecto.



Providence executives Maria Townsend, Dr. Bernie Klein and Doug Ziegeler attend EPDB National Health Center event at El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc.

The Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center has proudly served the San Fernando Valley since 1973, providing excellent, compassionate care to community members.

El Proyecto has a longstanding partnership with Providence Medical Centers and shares their mission and vision to bring high quality medical services to underserved communities.

Providence Cedars Sinai Tarzana Medical Center 50th Anniversary sponsorship donations total \$375,000. El Proyecto Development & Marketing Chairperson, Maria Townsend commented that Providence keeps El Proyecto on its radar for sponsorship opportunities because the mission and vision of the organizations are very much aligned.

"I very much want to acknowledge how grateful we are to have you as a community partner," said James Tehan, Regional Director, Providence Southern California. "I expect that we will continue to have ongoing dialogue about how we can continue to work together in the future."

*Celebrating
50 years of Hope & Heroes*



El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc.

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Senator Hertzberg Donates \$250,000 for Technology



Left: Senator Robert Hertzberg with El Proyecto President/CEO Corinne Sánchez. Above & Below: Magdalena Duran, El Proyecto WorkSource Director and Robert Winn, El Proyecto Board Chair; accept check from Senator Hertzberg. Below: Winn and Hertzberg.



Thanks to Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Senator Robert Hertzberg for a generous grant to support technology improvements at El Proyecto Family Health Centers. Sometimes patients must spend time in our clinic waiting rooms. El Proyecto is finding ways to turn passive waiting time into an enhanced patient experience. Large screen wall-mounted monitors in our waiting rooms can share valuable information about clinic services, vaccines, immunizations and much more. The funds from Senator Hertzberg will allow us to upgrade current monitors and place units in additional clinic locations to benefit our patients.

El Proyecto Outreach at Parks Chapel AME Episcopal Church



Parks Chapel AME Episcopal Church is one of the oldest African American churches in the San Fernando Valley. Rev. Kirkpatrick Tyler, the Senior Pastor, was greeted by El Proyecto's Outreach Director Marlene Rowlett (center). El Proyecto was invited to participate in the church's "Back to School Backpack Giveaway" event, and also provided blood pressure and glucose health screenings and COVID-19 information.

El Proyecto Scores Rare 100 Percent on HRSA Audit



El Proyecto CEO, Corinne Sánchez and executive staff made a presentation to the HRSA audit team and answered questions.

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provides oversight for Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC). HRSA conducts comprehensive audits for all FQHCs. El Proyecto is in compliance with all rules and regulations and maintains all required documentation.

Because of COVID-19 regulations, HRSA conducted a virtual audit in July 2021. After an extensive review of all records and documentation, El Proyecto Chief Medical Officer Dr. Karmen Tatulian and management conducted a comprehensive virtual walk-through of the Arleta clinic. The result of the HRSA audit was a very rare 100 percent score.

Congressman Cárdenas Provides \$300,000 Grant for Training



Funding Will Support Job Training Programs at El Proyecto del Barrio WorkSource Center

Congressman Tony Cárdenas provided \$300,000 in Community Project Funding for job training programs at El Proyecto del Barrio WorkSource Center. The funding will create an intensive training program that will serve under-skilled job seekers.

"Every single person in our community should have the security of a good-paying job," said Congressman Cárdenas. "Today, I was proud to announce \$300,000 to El Proyecto del Barrio for a new program that not only provides job training but pays people while they learn."

Saluting El Proyecto Board Member Rachel Hernandez

Rachel Hernandez has served as a Board Member for El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc., for over 30 years. She serves on the Finance Committee, Investment Committee, and Foundation. Rachel was born in Santa Monica California and raised in the San Fernando Valley. After graduating from high school, she had attended Pierce College and Pacoima Skills Center to gain knowledge in Business Management.



Rachel Hernandez

After this period, her first job was working for Corinne Sánchez, which started a long-standing relationship. In 1975, Rachel's goal was to get into business management in the banking industry. She began working for Cabrillo State Bank in San Fernando. Over the years, she was promoted from Teller to an Assistant Vice President/Branch Operations Manager at Pacific Western Bank.

Rachel prides herself in helping and providing the best banking services to her customers. Rachel was a Chamber of Commerce member for the City of San Fernando in the 1980's & 1990's and served on the City's Special Events Committee.

"I have seen El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. grow and expand over the years. This organization provides important services to the community. I am so honored to be part of the Board of Directors at El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc." – Rachel Hernandez

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Corinne Sánchez

As we close 2022, and hopefully the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to El Proyecto employees for their three years of dedication and commitment to helping and serving the communities most impacted. Employees rose to



the challenge, all vaccinated and remained on the frontlines maintaining and delivering needed services while combatting the nation's most deadly threat! I could not be prouder of our incredible Board of Directors, Management, and frontline staff.

Successfully, El Proyecto culminated its 50-year anniversary. We thank residents for allowing us to serve them, we thank our sponsors, colleagues, elected officials, and service partners with the posting on YouTube of El Proyecto's 50-year Anniversary Celebration at (<https://epdb.me/50th>).

New on the horizon for 2023, El Proyecto's Board of Directors, working with management, developed corporate strategic goals for the next three years. We continue to strive and expand our community outreach by providing health, and human services, i.e., primary health care clinics, preschools, behavioral health, training, and employment services.

We learned a great deal in the past 50 years and know that anything is possible. With our resilient and determined staff, we continue to advance our dreams for a healthy and sustainable community.

