



# Mothers' Club

Family Learning Center



2010 Annual Report

# Creating Connections

*From the Executive Director & the President*



2010 was a year for Mothers' Club to demonstrate its ability to create connections not only among our children, parents and staff, but among other organizations in our community. It was a time for agencies with similar goals to come together, share resources and create connections to better serve those in need.

Building partnerships with other organizations is not always easy. Each agency has its own culture, practices and personalities. But when

both parties stay focused on the goal - to provide high-quality services to marginalized children and parents - the paperwork can be completed, schedules can be created, staff can be hired, and the families will come.

When we designed our new learning center in 2006, we had a vision that it would house expanded programs and serve as a hub for partnerships that would extend our reach to serve more families. As a result of the collaborations we developed in 2010, we are now connecting with more than 125 children and 110 parents each year - double the number of families we served prior to our move three years ago.

In these challenging times we all depend on strong connections to sustain us. We are pleased that Mothers' Club can play such a vital role, with others, to strengthen families in our community, and grateful to all of you to whom we are connected.

Susan Kujawa, *Executive Director*  
and  
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# Connecting Missions

## Center for Community and Family Services (CCFS)

To fill the gap in high quality interventions that ensure vulnerable infants get the best possible beginning in life, Mothers' Club partnered with CCFS to expand Early Head Start services in Northwest Pasadena. The partnership enabled us to serve more infants/toddlers and their parents by expanding our afternoon programs.



## Pasadena City College Community Education Center (PCC)

As an official PCC satellite site, two levels of English as a Second Language classes are now offered four mornings each week to parents in our program, as well as adult English language learners from the community. As a result of PCC's professional teachers, adult learners demonstrated significant gains in English with 98% exceeding state benchmarks.

## Learning Works!

Our Teen Parenting Program emerged out of a partnership with Learning Works!, a Pasadena Charter School that was established to fill the gap in mainstream education for disenfranchised youth in Pasadena. Of the nearly 300 students enrolled at Learning Works!, almost 25% are pregnant or have a baby. Mothers' Club is now providing critical parenting skills and emotional support to some 30 teen parents each year.

## The Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program

Mothers' Club receives financial reimbursement for each meal served to low-income children. We now have a nutrition aide and are able to provide heartier, healthier meals to the children we serve, many of whom depend on us for regular meals throughout the week.

# *Connecting for a Successful Future*

## ***Mother to Mother***

Mothers' Club cultivates friendship among isolated, lonely mothers - the foundation of social connectedness.



## ***Parent to Child***

We build strong parent/child relationships - the foundation of stable families.

The MISSION of Mothers' Club is to prepare families living in isolation and poverty to succeed in school and in life.

### *Teacher to Student*

We establish trust and confidence in learning - the foundation of academic success.



### *Child to Child*

We promote healthy social and emotional development in the youngest of children - the foundation of learning.

# Connecting Programs to Family Outcomes



Mothers' Club fulfills our mission by providing FREE programs to disadvantaged families with children ages 0-5. Mothers and children are enrolled in their own classes, gaining the knowledge and skills they need to break out of poverty.

## First Connections

This program served a total of 24 parents with 27 infants and toddlers in 2010, and was offered from Monday-Friday from 1:00-4:30pm throughout the year. Focused on the youngest of children, the program develops parenting skills and community among mothers, strengthens the early bonds between mothers and their babies, and helps mothers shore up their education and skill sets to support their family and their own development.



## Teen Parenting Program

The newest program at Mothers' Club is our Teen Parenting Program, which is offered on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-3pm and is designed to serve 10 teen parents each trimester (3 trimesters during the year). The goals of the Teen Parenting Program are to prepare young teen parents to meet the challenges of parenting by introducing child development theory, providing hands-on experiences, establishing mutual support for one another, and developing an understanding of their individual responsibilities as parents.

## Family Literacy

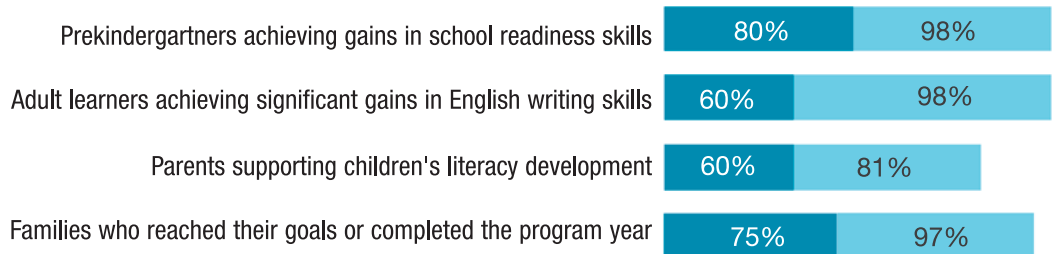
Our Family Literacy Program served 73 parents with 90 children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. The program was offered Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 12pm for 11 months. While children benefited from top-ranked early childhood education, mothers learned effective parenting strategies, developed leadership skills, increased their literacy skills, established friendships, and received an array of family support services.



## 2010 Outcomes

Across our programs, children and parents met or exceeded their learning benchmarks, demonstrating child readiness for school and parent readiness to support their child's education, as well as their own personal development. Examples include:

■ State Benchmark    ■ Mothers' Club Outcome



# *Connecting Resources to Families*

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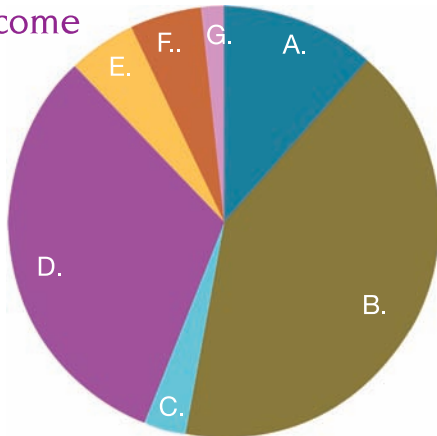




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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

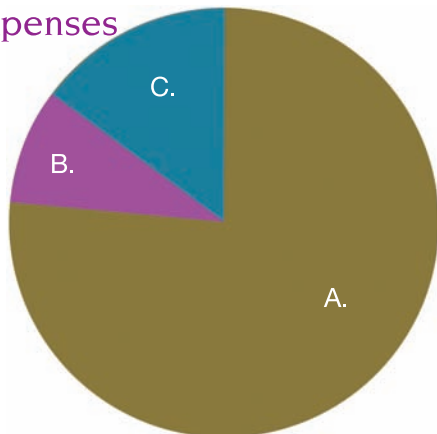
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- A. Individuals - \$177,171 (12%)
- B. Foundations - \$633,082 (41%)
- C. Corporate/Other - \$47,715 (3%)
- D. Government - \$487,941 (32%)
- E. Special Events - \$78,552 (5%)
- F. In-Kind Services - \$82,346 (5%)
- G. Investments/Other - \$25,312 (2%)

**Total - \$1,532,119**

## Expenses



- A. Program Services - \$984,365 (76%)
- B. Management & General - \$111,728 (9%)
- C. Fundraising - \$189,470 (15%)

**Total: \$1,285,563**

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