



LA AMISTAD
ANNUAL REPORT
July 2020-June 2021



STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2021

Assets

Cash & cash equivalents	\$1,195,220
Grants receivable, net	\$20,000
Prepaid expenses	\$26,717
Equipment, net of depreciation	\$66,671
Total assets	\$1,308,608

Liabilities & net assets

Liabilities:

Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$96,580
Deferred revenue	\$43,550
Payroll Protection Program loan	\$0
Total liabilities	\$140,130

Net assets:

Unrestricted net assets	\$741,272
Temporarily restricted net assets:	
Afterschool (LaAmistad's Primary Program)	\$153,171
All other	\$274,035
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$427,206
Total net assets	\$1,168,478
Total liabilities & net assets	\$1,308,608

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

FYE June 30, 2021

Revenue, gains & support

Donations (including in-kind)	\$594,142
Grants & awards	\$580,554
Special event revenue (net of expenses)	\$71,767
Program fees & other revenue	\$147,043
Total revenue	\$1,525,964

Expenses

Program	\$1,157,514
General & administrative	\$176,062
Fundraising	\$83,968
Total expenses	\$1,417,554

Change in net assets	\$108,420
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COVID RELIEF TO LAAMISTAD FAMILIES

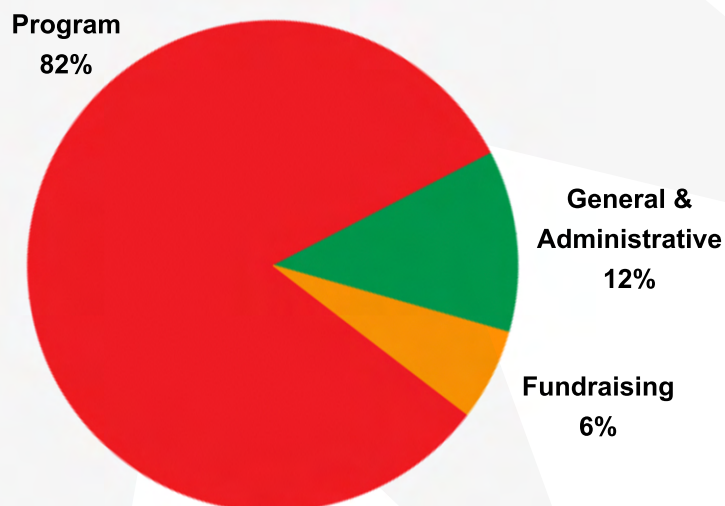
Number of meals	40,000
Gift cards for students & families	\$34,000
Emergency relief provided to families	\$38,000
Social Worker Hours	8,200

Thanks to our generous community, LaAmistad was able to help our families beyond our mission by distributing food, services, and necessities. Although many were negatively impacted by COVID, LaAmistad stepped up and reduced the harm for our students and their families.

FOOD SPONSORS

Urban Recipe, Second Helpings, Compassion Kitchen, Hello Fresh, United Way, Peachtree Church, Solidarity Sandy Springs, DeKalb County through a partnership with Georgia Farmers, Proof of the Pudding, Mercedes Benz Stadium, Delta Air Lines

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



OUR MISSION

is to prepare Latino students and families for success through academic and life enrichment programs.



OUR VISION

is that Latino students and families achieve life-long self-sufficiency.



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Dear LaAmistad Family,

In a year that has seen unprecedented challenges across industries, we could not be more grateful for all of our incredible community members that have stepped up and given. When the pandemic cut short our in-person programming last year, your generosity of time and effort helped sustain the life-changing support that LaAmistad provides its students and families. Together, our community forged onward thanks to the dedication and selflessness of supporters like you. Through a collaborative effort by our educational partners, local faith organizations, corporate allies, individual donors, and our incredible team of volunteers, LaAmistad's mission continues as strong as ever.

Our core principles, strengthened by the obstacles of the moment, mirror those established by our founder Bill Maness two decades ago. First, we remain dedicated to our holistic approach to education, which considers a wide range of factors impacting school-age and adult students. Our decision-making is data-driven, utilizing the most current research and practices to inform the services we provide. Lastly, we continue to take great pride in our faithful stewardship of resources. Careful use of these resources to produce positive outcomes for our students and our community at large has been central to LaAmistad's efforts since its inception.

The achievements of the students and families LaAmistad so proudly serves are featured in this report. These triumphs are possible because of your continued support during the past 20 years. We look forward to continuing to create opportunities for a brighter future for our students and families for many decades to come.

Yours in service,

Cat McAfee
Executive Director



380
VOLUNTEERS
GAVE
13,600
HOURS

2



Total
Individuals
Served

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2021

1,307

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LAAMISTAD AFTERSCHOOL

During the 2020-2021 school year, LaAmistad Afterschool transformed into a 100% online learning experience featuring one-on-one tutoring for the entire semester. All students were supplied with laptops and had subsidized internet access thanks to LaAmistad. These crucial relationships with students were imperative to their emotional and academic growth. Even during a pandemic, the awareness that someone is there for you no matter what was fundamentally important to our students' development. LaAmistad's dedicated staff and volunteers accepted no barriers to fulfilling our mission of enriching the lives of our students.

LaAmistad Afterschool has always focused on a comprehensive educational approach. Every session, students met with their teacher as a group to review the vocabulary word of the week, learn a new study skill, and discuss a character-building virtue. Afterward, students would break off with their dedicated Afterschool volunteer tutor. They completed their homework, practiced math and reading, and enjoyed educational online games. Even though LaAmistad was faced with unprecedented challenges, we adapted to serve our students and families by establishing a new online model. By successfully adapting to the learning challenges created by the pandemic, LaAmistad Afterschool is prepared to address any gaps that may emerge in the future and remains committed to evolving with the changing needs of our students.



VANESSA CANDELAS

Vanessa Candela's story with LaAmistad began two decades ago when her parents received a recommendation from another family to enroll her in LaAmistad Afterschool. Her enrollment was the beginning of lifelong friendships, academic successes, and stellar rollerblading skills. From 1st through 12th grade, Vanessa never missed a year with LaAmistad Afterschool.

"If it wasn't for LaAmistad Afterschool, things could have been different for me. But now, I am on course to graduate from Georgia State University with a degree in Human Learning and Development."

LaAmistad is dedicated to empowering entire families. Not only has LaAmistad made an impact on Vanessa's life, but both of her siblings are participants in LaAmistad Afterschool at Peachtree Church, and her mother has taken LaAmistad ESL classes.



LAAMISTAD AFTERSCHOOL



Reading fluency scores improved by an average of

45%



Math fluency scores improved by an average of

25%



Unique Students

228



Afterschool Locations

12

LAAMISTAD ESL

Our volunteer-led instructional English for Successful Living (ESL) program continued to offer Georgians the opportunity to take English classes online with an instructor in a virtual classroom setting. Each session enriched students for 10 weeks with volunteers trained by certified ESL professionals. The curriculum focused on English for everyday situations and meets students at their unique skill level. Upon completion of the 3-year program, LaAmistad ESL graduates have the skills to meet their personal, academic, and employment goals.



MARIA BAEZ

When Maria moved to Atlanta from Venezuela, she barely knew any English. As a bright and driven student, she had the goal of going to college, but she would face many difficulties realizing her dream without being able to speak English. Maria first heard about LaAmistad ESL through a recommendation from a past student.

Soon after enrolling in LaAmistad ESL, she excelled rapidly. For Maria, having a small class where she could learn English alongside her peers and work one-on-one with her instructor made the difference. She credits much of her success to her instructor's passion for helping students succeed.

Thanks to her participation in ESL, Maria saw a considerable improvement in her SAT score —enough to earn her a full-ride scholarship to Northwest Missouri University. Today, Maria is working on a degree in Business Administration, a goal which she believes she could not have achieved without participating in LaAmistad ESL.



“LaAmistad ESL classes give a safe space to learn together!”

LAAMISTAD ESL



Final exam grade average

87%

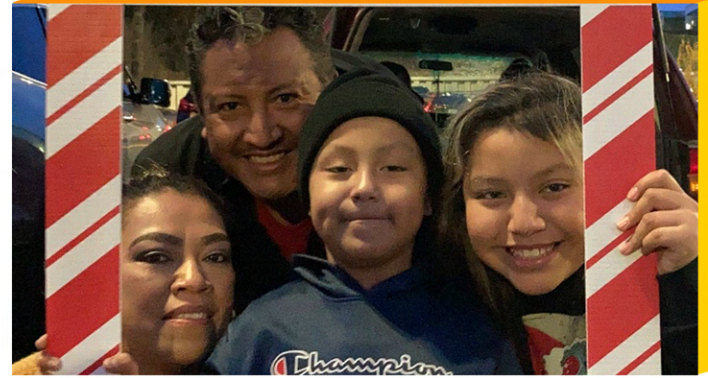


Unique Students

285

PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

LaAmistad strives to educate and empower families with students participating in LaAmistad Afterschool through monthly educational workshops in their native language. The ultimate goal of these workshops is to strengthen, revitalize, and equip families to thrive while building and maintaining healthy family relationships. During 2020-2021, LaAmistad pivoted to provide monthly online workshops to over 100 parents ranging in topics including first-time homebuyer workshops to the utilization of resources at your local library.



ALWAYS THERE FOR THOSE WE SERVE

When one of our family's 5-year-old sons was diagnosed with Leukemia, LaAmistad sprang into action to provide them with additional assistance. Our Parent Liaison worked with the family to determine what type of support they needed. When their doctor emphasized the importance of a clean environment to the healing process, we made arrangements to have their home professionally cleaned and sanitized. At the same time, their refrigerator stopped working, so we replaced it and provided gift cards to get it stocked with nutritious food. Our Director of Counseling led a team of social work interns to offer the family emotional support, ensuring that their hardship would not interfere with their children's academic progress.



ANIMATE SUMMER ACADEMY

Closing the gap on learning loss over the summer is important for students. To deal with this issue, LaAmistad offers Animate Summer Academy which welcomed 90 students across two locations this fiscal year.

At Animate, students spend most of the day immersed in academic subject areas such as language arts, reading, and math. Throughout activities, COVID protocols were in place to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and their families. The curriculum for Animate was a balanced mix of technology, projects, and classroom instruction to provide dynamic learning. Beyond academic exercises, students also participated in traditional summer camp activities like sports and art. At the end of Animate Summer Academy, students were ready for the school year with their academic skills pushed to the next level, great memories, and new friendships.

Although Animate students may come from a different socioeconomic background than their school peers, they still enjoyed access to high-quality summer camp activities through LaAmistad Animate Summer Academy.



LAUREN DAVIS

When Lauren Davis isn't studying for AP Language and Composition or AP Calculus, she loves playing soccer and hanging out with her friends. Combining education and a good time is exactly what LaAmistad is all about. This was why volunteering with LaAmistad Animate Summer Academy was a perfect fit for Lauren. Not only did volunteering with LaAmistad combine her favorite activities, but it also opened doors to new friendships and opportunities.

"Getting to spend time with the students, teaching them soccer, and getting to know them was a blast. I was nervous on my first day, but that quickly went away!"

Lauren's older sibling Garrett volunteered two years prior, and her oldest sibling, Kate, started the tradition four years ago. After growing up and hearing about how fun it was to volunteer with LaAmistad Animate Summer Academy, Lauren had to give it a shot.



SUZANNE W. SCHIRBER LAAMISTAD SCHOLARSHIP

Established in loving memory of Suzanne W. Schirber, a former and dedicated LaAmistad volunteer, the Suzanne W. Schirber scholarship supports rising LaAmistad college students in their pursuit of higher education.

"Suzanne spent a lot of time with LaAmistad students and formed an emotional bond with many of them", says Greg Schirber, widower of Suzanne W. Schirber. "Her wish was to see LaAmistad students' prosper and her hope was that this gift could help these students pursue higher education".



MIGUEL ANGEL ROJAS

Miguel Rojas attended LaAmistad Afterschool from 2013 to 2017. Ambitious and determined, Miguel holds a deep appreciation for the community that raised him. "One thing I love about the LaAmistad community is how we have each other's backs. We are always striving to create a society in which we are all at peace, and no one is discriminated against for their gender, race, skin color, physical or mental abilities." Miguel continues to pursue a degree in architecture from Kennesaw State University as a full-time student and is slated to graduate with the class of 2024.



GABRIELA OLIVEROS

For the second consecutive year, longtime LaAmistad Afterschool student Gabriela Oliveros was selected as a recipient of the 2021 Suzanne W. Schirber LaAmistad Scholarship. Entering her second year of study at George Washington University, Gaby returned home this summer to intern with LaAmistad's administrative team. Through this experience, Gabriela gained valuable experience and deepened her strong ties to the community.

KATHERINE GOODING LAAMISTAD SCHOLARSHIP



YESENIA GAMA-NUÑEZ

Yesenia Gama Nunez has attended LaAmistad since she was in the 5th grade. Nine years later, Yesenia graduated high school and is enrolled at Georgia State University. "I wanted to pursue something that helps people, especially after the effort others put into helping me." Yesenia is pursuing a degree in nursing where her main interest is in labor & delivery. Some of Yesenia's favorite moments with LaAmistad were spending time with volunteers working on homework and attending LaAmistad Animate Summer Academy.



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