“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

- Denis Waitley
Dear Valued Friends,

We are excited to show you how your donations are making a difference in our community. In our 2015 annual report, you will see a snapshot of each of La Causa’s divisions, and how we are opening the doors to a better future for the children and families we serve. This year nearly 10,000 men, women and children received services through one of the programs we offer in our Charter School, Crisis Nursery and Respite Center, Early Education and Care Center, Community Enrichment Center, and Social Services division.

For us, 2015 really came down to one word: commitment. We are committed to providing high quality programs. Programs which focus on the family, so they can be their best.

We are committed to our staff - as they dedicate their time and talents to early literacy and creating engaging learning environments, child abuse prevention, and being a resource to individuals and families struggling with substance abuse, behavior and mental healthy issues. Our team helps children and families strengthen the family dynamics and promote community stability.

We are committed to you, our partners. We are fiscally responsible with your donations, which helps you…and us provide service to a great number of people. It has been through your generous support, and our sound financial management, that we had our best financial position in 2015. We believe this solid financial foundation will serve as a competitive advantage as we look to expand our services in the future.

We’ve always been centered on people, and our commitment to serve. On behalf of everyone at La Causa, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your partner on this journey. We look forward to continued success in the years ahead.

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“A child can teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always to busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires.”

- Paulo Coelho
La Causa Charter School provides a solid, bilingual core curriculum enhanced by our strong Fine Arts, Science, & Technology program. We strive to develop well-rounded students who are ready for the next challenges of high school, college, and career.

**FINE ARTS, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY (FAST)**

The arts and sciences play an important part in our students’ education.

The Fine Arts are developed through visual arts, dance, vocal music, and instrumental music. La Causa Charter School provides a variety of options to increase student enrichment, including choir, orchestra, and several different guitar groups.

Science and Technology give students exposure to real-world work experiences, and include programs such as: engineering, robotics, and video production.

**PROJECT LEAD THE WAY**

Project Lead the Way, now available to K5 through 8th grade La Causa Charter School students, provides a hands-on approach to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It allows students an opportunity to combine their problem-solving and technology skills and lead their own learning. Students showcase their skills several times during the school year at community and school events.

La Causa Charter School was one of three Wisconsin schools selected to receive three 3D printers from New Matter, and students in the engineering and robotics classes will build and test models they design and create.

La Causa Charter School was only National Council of La Raza affiliate in Wisconsin to offer Padres Comprometidos, a parent engagement program that encourages a strong connection between schools and parents. In the 2015-2016 school year, 34 parents participated, and graduation ceremonies were held in November, March, and June.
Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, make this world a beautiful garden.

- Unknown
La Causa's Crisis Nursery & Respite Center is a licensed, 12-bed shelter that accepts children age birth to 12 years on a drop-in basis when families face homelessness or domestic violence, parents require health care or treatment, or other family emergencies arise. Each family undergoes a needs assessment and receives referrals for further assistance. Our Crisis Nursery staff remain connected to families throughout their journey.

2015 Highlights

The Crisis Nursery & Respite Center celebrated 25 years of helping children and families in need! The moment was commemorated at our Annual Fundraising Event, the Latin Carnival.

In the summer of 2015, the Crisis Nursery & Respite Center installed their new playground through a generous donation from the Wilke Family.
2015 Financials

2015 Revenue by Source
- Government: $13,026,332 (61.58%)
- Fees for Services: $7,188,347 (33.98%)
- Donations: $347,000 (1.64%)
- Private Pay: $233,827 (1.11%)
- Fundraising: $162,955 (.77%)
- United Way: $118,944 (.56%)
- Miscellaneous: $77,100 (.37%)
Total Revenue: $21,154,505

Assets
- Current Assets: $2,767,432
- Property, Plant & Equipment: $6,923,607
- Other: $327,220
Total Assets: $10,018,259

Liabilities
- Current Liabilities: $3,147,708
- Long-term Liabilities: $3,590,445
- Net Assets (Deficit): $3,280,106
Total Assets: $10,018,259
2015 Financial Partners

All partners listed have given $250 or more in 2015.

Foundations

- Four-Four Foundation, Inc.
- Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Youth Foundation
- Macy’s
- Palmer Family Foundation Inc.
- Racine Dominican Mission Fund
- The Benevity Community Impact Fund
- The Richard and Ethel Herzfeld Foundation, Inc.
- The ROS Foundation
- Waukesha County Community Foundation
- Wochinske Family Foundation Inc.

Businesses

- Associated Financial Group
- AT&T
- Aurora Health Care
- Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP
- Bank Mutual
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Diversified Insurance Solutions
- Heritage Credit Union
- Kapco Metal Stamping
- La Casa de Esperanza, Inc.
- Landmark Credit Union
- MSI General Corporation
- National Insurance Services
- Northwestern Mutual
- Paper Machinery Corporation
- PNC Bank/Mortgage
- Project Lead the Way, Inc.
- Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C.
- Rockwell Automation, Inc.
- Roundy’s Supermarkets, Inc.
- S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
- Seek Careers/Staffing
- Smirl Family Trust
- TCF National Bank
- The Boucher Auto Group
- Transfer Pizza Inc.
- Truist Inc.
- United Healthcare Services, Inc.
- United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.
- United Way in Waukesha County Inc.
- United Way of Dane County
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County
- United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
- UPS
- Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church
- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare
- Wochinske Family Foundation Inc.

Individuals

Anonymous
David G. & Linda L. Arend
Therese Ashley-Wesley & Robert Wesley
Maria T. Ayala-Smith
Donald F. & Patricia Boerner
Justin D. & Amy L. Bohler
David & Erin R. Burchett
Mark A. & Sharon M. Cameli
Patrick & Carol P. Corbett
Lisa M. & Steve G. Cribben
Margaret & William A. Crowley
Cesar Belmontes & Marissa Curley
Sandy Rodriguez & Andy Doyle
Patricia A. Ellis
David & Karen Fischer
Andy & Jan Fleckenstein
Barbara & Henry E. Fuldner
Dave & Marchelle Gonzales
Saul Mercado & Marisol Gonzales
Trudie Hughes-Sontoski & Lawrence Sontoski
Niksa & Kelly Ivancevic
Eduard R. Jimenez
Jeffrey A. Joerres
Kurt & Kathleen Kellogg
Charles Schroeder & Patricia Koehler
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Nancy C. & Frank G. Jelen
James A. Kalland & Julianna Kunstler
Douglas & Barb Lackey
Martha A. Lamelas
Julio & Samantha Maldonado
Mari Maldonado
Doug & Ginny Mills
In Loving Memory of Joe G. Morales
Delia & Gabriel Noblecilla
John & Anne O’Connor
David & Diana H. Parker
Diana Rivera
Quinn & Malena Robinson
Scott & Diane Roeker
Lucy & Jack Rosenberg
Scott Sanders
Ashley Scaife
Steven Sperka & Lisa Sperka
Zachary Taft & Mercedes Torres
John Teevan
George A. & Denise Torres
Susan & Lyman Tschanz
Brian J. & Rebecca G. Wickert
Marilyn & Ralph Wilke
Zapata Family
“Time spent playing with children is never wasted.”

- Dawn Lantero
At La Causa’s Early Education & Care Center, each child is welcomed as an individual with a unique personality. By tailoring each child’s care and education according to his or her development, children form bonds and thrive, giving parents the confidence to pursue their careers and build better lives for their families.

2015 Highlights

In June, we had a summer kickoff event, with over 30 families. Staff shared summer safety tips and goodie bags which included outdoor activities to use at home - such as bubbles, jump ropes, and more.

Through the Early Head Start - Child Care Partnerships, we established a partnership with Next Door, a local education and social service center, to provide qualifying families with extra services.

In October, we were again rewarded with a Five-Star rating through Youngstar, meeting the highest levels of quality standards.

In December, Rockwell employees donated, assembled, and distributed three dozen boxes of food to Early Education and Care Center families.
“Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.”

- Theodore Roosevelt
La Causa Social Services supports personal growth, self-sufficiency, and healthy living with strength-based, therapeutic treatment support services for children, adults, and families throughout Milwaukee County. Our highly trained, bilingual staff will assist with many different needs, ranging from mental health and co-occurring needs for adults, Treatment Foster Care, emergency crisis support, and programs to support the mental and emotional health of adults and youth.

2015 Highlights

Access Clinic - South started working with Milwaukee Healthcare Partnership, an organization seeking to strengthen collaborative efforts between Milwaukee County hospitals and community-based organizations by having emergency rooms directly scheduling with community resources, such as the Access Clinic - South.

La Causa Social Services remains one of the top performing Wraparound agencies based on the Wraparound Milwaukee's Agency Performance Report, and continues as the only agency servicing re-entry youth.

La Causa Social Services Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) expanded, making La Causa the largest care coordination team in Milwaukee County.
Locations

Administration
136 W. Greenfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 647-8750

Community Enrichment Center
804 W. Greenfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414-647-8750

Crisis Nursery & Respite Center
522 W. Walker Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414-647-5990

Early Education & Care Center
809 W. Greenfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414-647-5980

La Causa Charter School
1643 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414-902-1660

Social Services
1212 S. 70th St., Suite 115-A
West Allis, WI 53214
414-902-1500

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“You don’t have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step.”

- Martin Luther King
“Always believe that something good is about to happen.”
- Dr. Sukhraj Dhillon