

A PLACE TO LEARN, BELONG, & THRIVE



**Guadalupe**  
CENTER



**2024-2025 Annual Report**

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

What an unforgettable year this has been! I'm thrilled to share Guadalupe Center's 2024–2025 Annual Report with you. This report reflects a year marked by deep uncertainty for the community we serve, yet one that saw impact, continued growth, and powerful stories of transformation, all made possible by supporters like you.

Despite this difficult time, this report isn't just a snapshot of our work; it's a celebration of what we've achieved together. You'll find the numbers: financials that reflect our commitment to transparency, demographic data that showcases the rich diversity of our community, and program outcomes that demonstrate real, lasting impact. But behind each statistic is a story, the first sentence spoken in English by a young student, a parent taking bold steps toward new opportunities, and a family building stability and hope for the future.

We're also proud to share some extraordinary recognitions from this past year. Our Adult Education program was honored by the Utah State Board of Education with the prestigious GOAT Award (Greatest of All Time.) This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our instructors and the perseverance of our adult learners. Our Early Learning Center was named one of the best in the state, a powerful validation of the nurturing, high-quality foundation we provide our youngest students.

And then there's you—our extraordinary supporters. Every contribution you've made, whether through monetary gifts, volunteer time, donated resources, or advocacy, has helped bring our vision closer to reality. A vision where education opens doors, where opportunity lifts families, and where every individual can thrive. Your support doesn't just sustain us—it propels us.

We know that the road ahead will continue to hold challenges. With recent freezes on federal funding and changes under the new administration, organizations like Guadalupe Center that serve under-resourced communities are facing real uncertainty. But we've weathered storms before, and we will again—with resilience, innovation, and an unwavering belief in the power of education. Our team is more committed than ever to finding creative solutions, expanding partnerships, and stewarding every dollar with care.

As we look ahead, I hope you feel the pride and hope that we do. Thank you for being such a vital part of the Guadalupe community. With your continued partnership, the future is brighter than ever.

*Richard Pater, Executive Director*

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS: Voices of Our Students



*“Guadalupe Center has been the greatest thing for me since coming to this country. It feels like home and makes me excited to learn English. The teachers are kind, professional, and patient, and I’m grateful to the Adult Education program for helping me build a better future.”*



*“My favorite things about Guadalupe are the kids, the teachers, and learning new things. I love art, playing outside, and basketball during recess. This year I’ve improved in math and enjoyed learning about oceans and land. Next, I want to learn cursive! At Guadalupe, people are kind and there’s no bullying.”*



*“The teachers at Guadalupe Center are kind and caring, and they go above and beyond to help students succeed. It’s a friendly place to learn English, share ideas, and grow. Studying here has opened new opportunities for my career and personal development.”*

# FINANCIALS

## Revenues

Government Grants	\$1,608,211
Government Contracts	\$5,213,924
Foundations	\$1,001,549
Corporations	\$320,619
Individuals	\$349,715
Special Events	\$126,784
Other - Interest & Investments	\$257,584

**Total Revenues** **\$8,878,386**

## Expenses

Adult Education	\$810,772
Charter School	\$4,991,716
Out of School Time	\$569,454
PreSchool	\$1,205,561
Toddler Transitions	\$347,142
In-Home Family Support	\$441,333
Administration/Development	\$165,634

**Total Expenses** **\$8,531,612**

# WHO WE SERVE



988  
STUDENTS  
AND  
FAMILIES  
SERVED

56%

ARE CHILDREN

44%

ARE ADULTS

66%

STUDENTS TAKING BUS

94%

LIVE AT OR BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE

\$33,693

AVERAGE INCOME FOR FAMILY OF 5



# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## IN THE COMMUNITY

At Guadalupe, community is at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the 2024–2025 school year, we partnered with local organizations, volunteers, and supporters to host events and provide services that support and engage our families. From food distributions and free health screenings to community events like Trunk or Treat, Boo to the Flu, and Gifts for Guadalupe, each experience reflected our belief that when families have access to needed resources, and connection, our entire community grows stronger. Whether receiving a warm coat, a stack of new books, or a first-time hockey experience with the Utah Mammoth, our families came together in a shared spirit of belonging, reminding us that the heart of Guadalupe extends far beyond the classroom walls.

## APPLE CRUNCH DAY

Last October, Guadalupe Center celebrated Apple Crunch Day as part of National Farm to School Month. Students crunched into Utah-grown apples, and made apple juice by hand. More than just a tasty treat, the day taught healthy eating, supported local farmers, and gave students a hands-on experience with fresh produce. Thanks to Utah Farm to Fork and The Green Urban Lunch Box, Apple Crunch Day was a fun, educational, and memorable celebration of food, learning, and community.



## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Guadalupe students and families kicked off the 2024 holiday season at the Festival of Trees. All items on display were auctioned off with proceeds benefiting Primary Children's Hospital. Last year, our students proudly showcased their snowman-themed Christmas tree, decorating every ornament with creativity and care. They explored festive displays, visited the Kids' Corner, and enjoyed holiday treats.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Last year, Guadalupe Center's Trunk or Treat brought the greater Rose Park community together for an evening full of Halloween magic. Families in costumes explored a parking lot transformed with creatively decorated trunks, enjoyed delicious bites from food trucks, and captured memories with family photos. This event continues to be one of the highlights of our year.



## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Guadalupe Center began a partnership with the Utah Food Bank to bring families a Mobile Food Pantry full of fresh, healthy options and pantry staples. Each month during the school year, families receive a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and refrigerated items, helping ensure everyone has the food resources they need to thrive. On average, 270 Guadalupe students from all programs received food each month totaling approximately 4,050 pounds of food distributed.



## GIFTS FOR GUADALUPE

Gifts for Guadalupe is our annual holiday gift drive made possible by countless generous community donors. Last year, we provided over 400 students with a gift and a new book, ensuring each child had something special for their holiday. Similarly, we were able to provide all of our Adult Ed students with a \$100 gift card to help ease holiday hardships. This program shows our students they are valued, and brings families and neighbors together in the spirit of giving and connection.



## SHOE AND COAT DRIVES

Guadalupe Center hosted our annual shoe and coat drive, ensuring that students had a pair of new shoes and a warm coat in preparation for winter. This drive was made possible by the generosity of many donors such as Rocky Mountain Power, who donated 327 new winter coats, Canyon View Credit Union, who donated 327 pairs of new shoes for students, and Worker's Compensation Fund Insurance, who provided over 100 coats and pairs of shoes for all Pre-k students. We are grateful for our corporate partners who help support our Guadalupe students.



## BOOK FAIRS

Twice a year, the Guadalupe Center library transforms into a vibrant world of stories and imagination during our book fairs. Thanks to Fox 13, with generous support from the Scripps Howard Fund and Scholastic, every student gets to choose up to five books to take home—free of charge. More than just a giveaway, these fairs spark curiosity, celebrate a love of learning, and put the joy of reading directly into the hands of our students.



## HEALTH SCREENINGS

At Guadalupe Center, student health is a top priority, and last year, Nurse Gabby led the way in making it possible. She spearheaded free dental, vision, and hearing screenings at school, coordinated dental checkups through Big Smiles, vision screenings with Friends of Sight, and conducted hearing assessments herself using equipment generously donated by the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind. Thanks to her dedication, students received the care they needed to stay healthy, focused, and ready to learn, while families gained peace of mind and access to vital resources.



## HEALTH & WELLNESS STATS

4174

CLINIC VISITS

79%

STUDENTS RETURNED TO CLASS

837

STUDENTS SENT HOME

3334

STUDENTS STAYED IN CLASS

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Guadalupe Center's Early Learning Center is a year-round child development center serving families and children from prenatal to age 5. Through high-quality early learning experiences and family support, parents and caregivers are prepared to participate actively in their children's education, and children are prepared for long-term educational success. The Center offers three, high-quality programs: In-Home Family Support, Toddler Transitions, and 3 and 4-year old Preschool.

## STUDENTS & FAMILIES SERVED

33

IN-HOME FAMILIES

32

ADULTS

38

CHILDREN

118

PRESCHOOL

1,370

HOME VISITS & CONTACTS

85

TODDLERS & CHILDCARE

77% 3-year-olds at year-end benchmark in ELA

78% 4-year-olds at year-end benchmark in ELA

\*English Language Acquisition



# K-6 ELEMENTARY

Guadalupe Center's K-6 Elementary School provides multi-language learners and recent immigrant children with a comprehensive educational experience, including reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art, and a variety of enrichment activities. Small classrooms, dedicated teachers, and a team of English language learner (ELL) interventionists support individualized learning and a strong foundation in literacy.

In addition to academic instruction, we offer busing to and from school, as well as free breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks each day.

*"My favorite things about Guadalupe are doing art projects, trying science experiments, and playing with my best friend. I like coming to school because it makes me feel happy and I get to learn new things every day."*  
-Adan, Kindergarten



**308**

**STUDENTS  
SERVED**

**90%**

**SCHOOL-YEAR  
ATTENDANCE**

**151**

**ELL  
STUDENTS**

- **Classes Capped At 25 Students**
- **6 Para-Professionals | 1 Per Grade**
- **4 Interventionists**
- **1 ELL Teacher | 1 ELL Interventionist**

## NUTRITION FACTS

**32,398**

**BREAKFAST  
SERVED**

**54,835**

**FRESH FRUIT AND  
VEGGIE SNACKS**

**15,000**

**LUNCHES  
SERVED**

**60,000**

**AFTER SCHOOL  
SUPER SNACKS**

# OUT OF SCHOOL TIME



Our Out of School Time programs, including Afterschool and Summer School, provide a safe, engaging environment where children can learn, play, and explore beyond the classroom. Students enjoy a wide range of enrichment activities, from dance and violin to computer coding and hands-on STEAM projects, all designed to spark creativity and curiosity. The programs also offer individualized academic support to help each student thrive. Exciting, educational field trips to places like the Tracy Aviary, This Is The Place Heritage Museum, the Children's Museum, and more give students memorable, hands-on experiences that inspire a lifelong love of learning.



436

STUDENTS  
SERVED

166

AFTER  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

270

SUMMER  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

15

SUMMER SCHOOL  
FIELD TRIPS

50

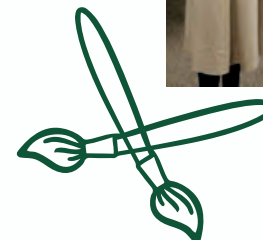
Violin  
Students

16

Dance  
Students

79

General Music  
Students



7,740 ADDITIONAL MINUTES: STEAM ACTIVITIES

3,870 MINUTES: SPENT READING AND DOING MATH



### Adult Education Program

Guadalupe Center’s Adult Education program, awarded the GOAT award by USBE, provides year-round, free classes that empower adult immigrants to achieve literacy, develop career skills, and prepare for U.S. citizenship. Through comprehensive English language instruction, citizenship preparation courses, and career development training, students gain essential skills to thrive at work, at home, and in their communities. With flexible class schedules, free childcare, and skilled instructors, the program offers a welcoming and supportive environment where adult learners can grow, build confidence, and achieve long-term success.



# ADULT EDUCATION

407

**STUDENTS SERVED**

135

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS**

5898

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS**

100%

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP PASS RATE**

#1

**IN THE STATE FOR STUDENT LEVEL GAINS**

**USBE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**



# STRONG CONNECTIONS

Guadalupe Center's Social Work Team helps families access essential resources including financial assistance, mental and emotional support for new students and families, mental health screenings with the University of Utah Psychology team, and guidance with Medicaid, immigration, utilities, housing and more.

**Adriana López, Family Advocate:** Supports families in the school setting through translation, guidance on special education, navigating the education system, and connecting parents to resources.

**Paula Oregón, CSW - Agency Social Worker:** Provides agency-wide social work support, including translation, resource connection, social and emotional curricula for classes and groups, individual support for students, and resource event organization.

*"My favorite things about Guadalupe are that everyone is kind, teachers are kind, we get free books to learn at home, everyone helps me learn, and my whole family gets help with things like free food, books, shoes, coats, and clothes donated. I also really like Ms. Paula, Ms. Lopez, and Ms. Orr."*

*-Emily, Sixth Grade*



**Adriana López**  
**Family Advocate**



**Paula Oregón**  
**Agency Social Worker**

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is a vital part of our school community, bringing parents and staff together to create a warm, supportive environment for all. Led by our Social Work team, the PIC provides invaluable assistance to teachers and staff during the school day and at schoolwide events.

Throughout the year, the committee plays a key role in organizing and supporting events such as Trunk or Treat, Staff Appreciation Week, Contract Week, and Graduation setup. Their dedication helps make every celebration and activity at Guadalupe a success.

We are deeply grateful to our PIC members for their time, creativity, and commitment in fostering strong family and community connections.



# CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORTERS

## BECAUSE OF YOU BRUNCH

On October 4, 2024, we gathered with our closest friends and supporters for the Because of You Brunch, a heartfelt celebration of the generosity and commitment that make Guadalupe's mission possible. Guests heard powerful stories, celebrated milestones, and were reminded of the hope and opportunity education brings to our community.

We proudly honored Wes and Jean Keller with the Guadalupe Generous Heart Award, the R. Harold Burton Foundation with the Guadalupe Spirit of Philanthropy Award, and Shelby Harrod with the Suzanne Weiss Service Award. Their vision, generosity, and service embody the very spirit of Guadalupe Center and inspire us all to keep moving forward.

Because of you, our students and families continue to thrive. Thank you for standing with us and helping transform lives through education.



## FIESTA FOR THE FUTURE

Our 2025 Fiesta for the Future Gala on April 25 was a vibrant celebration of community, gratitude, and giving. Together, our incredible supporters raised \$227,000 to strengthen Guadalupe Center's educational and social service programs. The evening featured lively performances, inspiring stories from students and families, and a shared commitment to creating brighter futures.

We are deeply thankful to our presenting sponsors American Express, Regions Bank, First Utah Bank, the Larry H. and Gail Miller Foundation, and Monarch Coin, and to UBS Bank for their generous \$40,000 matching gift. Fiesta for the Future continues to shine as a joyful reminder of what our community can achieve when we come together in support of education, opportunity, and hope.



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Today, Guadalupe Center is a trusted anchor for many of the Salt Lake Valley's most vulnerable community members. It provides not only a safe haven for education and access to many community resources, but a way up for those who are marginalized because of their socio-economic status. Guadalupe Center provides valuable services for a population in great need at no cost to them. "Guadalupe Center is **Transforming Lives through Education.**"



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