

HISTORY STARTS NOW



What kind of world do you want?
Think anything
Let's start at the start
Build a masterpiece
Be careful what you wish for
History starts now...

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W E L C O M E



Alex Morales
President & CEO




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Chairman

Everyday at Children's Bureau we strive to create a world where all children grow up with endless possibilities and potential. Only recently, and only in particular countries and cultures, has the abuse of children come to be seen as a major social problem and a main cause of suffering and personal problems for so many families. The solution to realizing the potential of these struggling families begins at Magnolia Place Family Center. In January 2008, we proudly opened our doors to this stunning new facility where our revolutionary

approach to ending abuse focuses on the child, the family and community in a holistic, empowering way. By bringing together all of the resources in a community, including what we know at Children's Bureau along with what other nonprofits and local government agencies are doing, we will now be able to help large numbers of children and parents build resiliency. According to research from the Center for Social Policy, when you build resiliency in a community, you then have fewer children and families who ultimately need direct services. This in turn helps community agencies and government services to not be so overwhelmed by the cost or provision of services to help high-risk families. This comprehensive approach will, no doubt, serve as a national model for prevention.

The ***Stories of Promise*** campaign ended in March with an historic victory. In this report, you'll learn more about Magnolia Place as we take a look at our first community partner, St. John's Well Child & Family Center. You'll also meet Juan Guzman, a parent leader in a financial literary class called Powerful Families that's already had great impact.

While our direct services helped thousands of children and parents this year, it's our training and technical assistance work that allows us to reach even more families. One example is Strategies, a program that focuses on helping family resource centers and family support networks. For 11 years, Children's Bureau has been the lead agency of Strategies' Southern California region. Another is NuParent, a unique parent education program developed by Children's Bureau, that trains partner organizations such as churches, community centers and clinics to conduct infant and toddler curriculums. More than 2,500 families took the NuParent class this year at 67 sites throughout California and in Puerto Rico.

At 104 years old, Children's Bureau remains an efficiently run organization with a priority to keep overhead and fundraising costs low. We are pleased to share with you that 81 percent of our fiscal year 2008 budget went directly to our prevention and treatment programs. We could not have done this without the dedication of our more than 300 professional staff as well as the more than 200 volunteer leaders and auxiliary group members who raise vital funds for us. Our thanks and appreciation to all of you who support Children's Bureau. This is an exciting time to be a part of this dynamic nonprofit as we make great strides in the child welfare arena. For us, history starts now with Magnolia Place and the promise it brings to ending child abuse in this community and beyond. 

MISSION

Children's Bureau is committed to providing vulnerable children — especially in the early years — the foundation necessary to become caring and productive adults by:

Preventing child abuse and neglect;



Protecting, nurturing and treating abused children;



Enhancing the potential of families and communities to meet the needs of their children;



Advancing the welfare of children and families through superior programs in foster care, adoptions, child development, parent education, mental health, research and advocacy.

VISION

Our vision is to significantly change the lives of at-risk children by providing state-of-the-art child abuse prevention and treatment services. While increasing the scope, depth and volume of services, we will engage in continuous discovery through research to determine and implement what works and be a passionate advocate on behalf of children and families.

94% of clients agree or strongly agree that Children's Bureau staff and Children's Bureau programs helped their family.





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WHAT WE DO

Children's Bureau was founded in 1904 by Mrs. E.K. Foster, a Los Angeles community leader, who was so moved by the plight of vulnerable children that she formed a volunteer group which successfully advocated for legislation to protect children. Today, the need to help at-risk children remains as urgent as it was more than 100 years ago. Sadly, **91 percent** of the families we serve live at or below the poverty level where the familiar stressors that lead to child abuse — isolation, illiteracy, substance abuse and history of abuse — are abundant.

Our key strategy to stopping child abuse is prevention. We helped more than **14,000 children** and parents this year with an array of programs, counseling, support and resources designed to nurture the child, strengthen the family and build a caring community. Our prevention work represented an impressive **37 percent** of the agency's operating budget for the fiscal year. We finalized **120 adoptions** and placed more than **400 children** in loving foster homes. Our mental health program provided more than **45,000 hours** of mental health therapy and counseling to children and parents in need. Our home visiting program in Orange County served **535 families** while the Partnership for Families program in Antelope Valley served **444 family members**. Furthermore, Children's Bureau remained committed to conducting research and evaluation to ensure that the programs we offered to families held to our high standards of quality and excellence. We know that prevention works. We see it everyday in the eyes of a proud parent and in the smile of a thriving child. 

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Bridges for Newborns

- 👉 In-home parent education for mothers with newborns

Neighborhood Family Resource Centers

- 👉 Parent and child development
- 👉 Family support
- 👉 Parent education and support
- 👉 Infant/Toddler and Family Enrichment Centers

NuParent

- 👉 Individual and group sessions for parents of newborns, infants, toddlers and preschoolers

Parent Cooperative Child Development Centers

- 👉 Integrated child and parent preschool program
 - Family literacy & support

Mental Health Services

- 👉 Child and family treatment
 - Community outreach services

Kindergarten Readiness Program

- 👉 Prepares preschool-aged children and their parents for kindergarten

CREATING CARING COMMUNITIES

- 👉 Promote community volunteerism
- 👉 Promote and engage in community involvement and capacity building
- 👉 Develop parent leadership
- 👉 Build community collaboratives
- 👉 Appointed by State of California to provide family resource center training to hundreds of agencies throughout the state

PROTECTING CHILDREN


Family Reunification and Permanency

- 👉 Foster family care
- 👉 Adoption services
- 👉 Adoption Promotion & Support Services

ENGAGE IN DISCOVERY THROUGH RESEARCH

- 👉 Engage in discovery of best practices
- 👉 Promote child abuse prevention
- 👉 Public education campaigns
- 👉 Support responsible public policy reform

Preschool children who participated in our prevention programs, school readiness and family literacy programs made substantial progress in personal, social, cognitive, language and physical development that prepared them to enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

A close-up photograph of a young child with a joyful expression, wearing a red jacket. The child's face is the central focus, with their eyes looking slightly to the right and a gentle smile on their lips. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is natural and bright, highlighting the child's features.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,
a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest
compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which
have the potential to turn a life around.

—Leo Buscaglia

A PROMISE MADE




Michael J. Fourticq, Sr.
Co-Chairman



Keith W. Renken
Co-Chairman

In March 2008, Children's Bureau's *Stories of Promise* campaign completed its final and most impressive chapter, raising an unprecedented \$22.5 million for Magnolia Place Family Center, surpassing our original goal by \$2.5 million! More than 500 individuals, corporations and foundations joined together in our hope to lift a community and create a national model for strengthening families and the communities in which they live. Along the way, we reached out to old friends for support and were introduced to many

new ones who were taken with our mission. Our fundraising team — led by Campaign Co-Chairs Michael J. Fourticq, Sr. and Keith W. Renken, the campaign cabinet, board of directors and board of trustees, the Angelic Auxiliary and The League for Children — remained dedicated, passionate and persistent in leading us to this historic victory. Throughout the campaign, they truly believed that now was the perfect time for Children's Bureau to make this bold vision a reality. Our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who contributed to the *Stories of Promise* campaign. It's an accomplishment that will have enormous impact for generations. 

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Patience and perseverance
have a magical effect before
which difficulties disappear
and obstacles vanish.

—John Quincy Adams



SILVER PROMISE (cont.)

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 Patrick J. Yeomans*

LAURIE & JOHN HARTIGAN




The *Stories of Promise* campaign provided a unique opportunity to introduce Children’s Bureau to caring individuals who were not yet aware of the agency and its important role in helping transform vulnerable families and communities. That’s how Laurie and John Hartigan were introduced to Children’s Bureau thanks to Carmine Salvucci, Children’s Bureau’s chief development officer. They also learned that some of their longtime friends were involved with Children’s Bureau including board members Mark Gibello, Rex Licklider and Salvador Villar.

“We could see that Children’s Bureau was a special place and wanted to honor Laurie’s parents’ memories with a gift that would benefit children’s lives. Laurie’s mother worked with children and families in her


capacity as a social worker with a school system. She was a strong advocate of working with families to improve the lives of children. A gift to the campaign seemed a fitting and worthwhile tribute,” said John.

The Hartigans have long supported a number of academic institutions and organizations benefiting hospitals and the arts. They say that their gift to Children’s Bureau, however, seems more personal and they like the agency’s focus on reaching children at an early age, preventing child abuse and strengthening families and communities. They attended the grand opening celebration and really enjoyed seeing Magnolia Place humming with families taking advantage of the many opportunities.

“The design and layout of Magnolia Place is very welcoming and user-friendly. I really enjoyed seeing the families’ interactive art projects. They were so creative and made me want to join in,” said Laurie.

Both Laurie and John agree that it is important for a community to have a convenient and welcoming gathering spot — like Magnolia Place — that provides assistance and services to support families who live nearby. They also said that it is gratifying to observe not only the enthusiasm of those who support Children’s Bureau but also their genuine belief in and commitment to the work that is being done. Our sincere gratitude and thanks go to Laurie and John for their generous gift to the *Stories of Promise* campaign and for their confidence in our work and the potential of our families. 



A photograph of three young girls of diverse backgrounds smiling and hugging each other in a grassy field. The girl on the left has long blonde hair and braces. The girl on the right has long dark hair. The girl in the foreground has dark curly hair and is wearing an orange shirt. The background is a soft-focus green field.

A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

—Roseabeth Moss Kanter

MAGNOLIA PLACE FAMILY CENTER




This was an extraordinary year for Children’s Bureau as we opened our doors to Magnolia Place Family Center. We successfully transformed a concrete warehouse on three acres into a spectacular, world-class facility that will help more than 6,000 children and parents annually. Magnolia Place is located in the West Adams district of Los Angeles where the community needs are enormous. With a medically underserved population, low-functioning schools, almost all of the families living in poverty and a high rate of child abuse, we knew that this was the best place to call home.

Our vision for Magnolia Place Family Center is bold and forward thinking. This broad-reaching approach aims to prevent child abuse from ever occurring. The programs and services offered help strengthen families with young children (zero through age five) by focusing on four interlocking goals: nurturing parenting, school readiness, good health and economic stability. Experts agree that these four areas are the most impactful in raising children to become responsible, successful adults.

While Children’s Bureau has expertise in the areas of parenting and school readiness, we recognized the need to reach out to other community organizations and government services to partner with us in this comprehensive approach. These community partners will provide such services as quality medical and dental care, child care, family literacy, legal aid and economic development. Several of these partners are co-located with us at Magnolia Place including St. John’s Well Child & Family Center, County of Los Angeles/LA County Helps, Public Counsel, Eviction Defense Network and PACE. Magnolia Place Family Center is also at the heart of a broader initiative we created known as the Magnolia Place Community Initiative which unites more than 20 other nonprofit community organizations in an effort to create sustainable change for families, build neighborhood resiliency and become a national model for other vulnerable communities. Through this partnership, the Magnolia Place Community Initiative will serve families well beyond the walls of the Center by transforming the community.



Several services were started this fiscal year including Family, Friends & Neighbors caregiver training classes, family art classes, English as a second language, health fairs, foster care and adoption information meetings and more. The conference center also began taking reservations from other organizations, groups and community members for their special events and meetings. By taking the best of what we do at Children’s Bureau and complementing it with what others are doing in the community, both private organizations and public services, Magnolia Place is poised to become a national model. 

POWERFUL FAMILIES & FINANCIAL LITERACY

Recognizing that poverty is one of the root causes of family instability, Children's Bureau has a program called Powerful Families that trains parents and caregivers to manage their personal finances. Powerful Families is a collaboration among several local and national organizations that has partnered with Magnolia Place to offer this fun, free workshop for families in the area. The nine-session course covers personal financial literacy, differences between banks and credit unions, types of loans, credit reports, budgets, spending and growing your money, credit scams and more. The workshop also helps its participants to become more effective leaders by giving them the opportunity to co-run sessions with the facilitator.




Juan Guzman signed up for the financial literacy course with his wife and says that what he learned has changed his life. He found the lesson about credit and credit repair interesting and signed up for a credit report. Juan also learned important budgeting skills. For example, he walks more instead of driving to save money on gas and his family eats out less. Juan says that small changes like these have saved his family money while also helping them to stay healthier.

“I have encouraged many of my friends to join this program and others offered at Magnolia Place. I have also shared with my co-workers about their right to have three free credit checks each year and how to avoid credit scams,” said Juan.

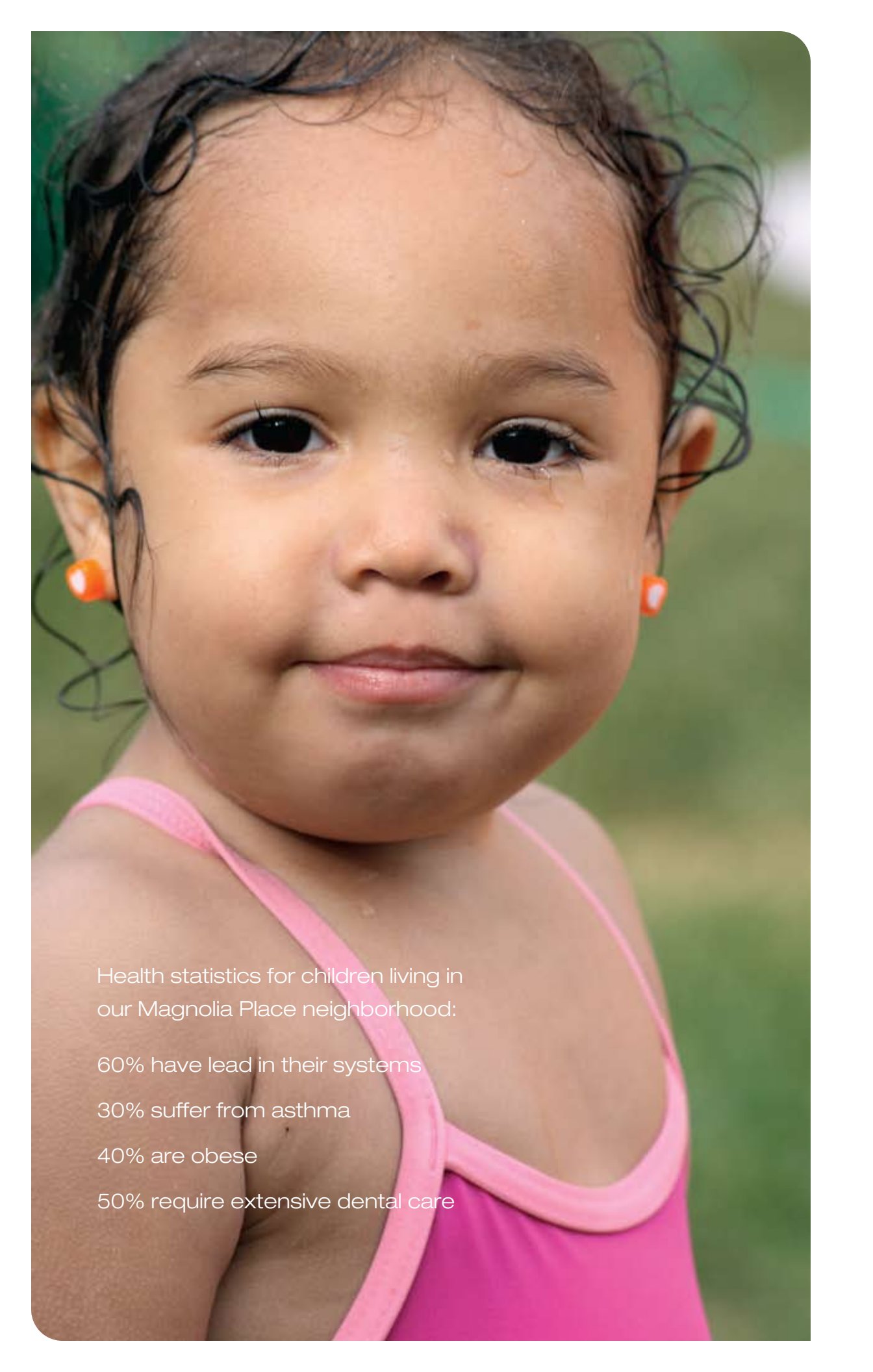
Juan was also chosen by his workshop facilitator to become a parent leader because of his regular attendance and genuine interest in the class. As a parent leader, he helped distribute materials, call parents to remind them about the next class and interpret course material for other participants.

“The financial literacy workshop really helped me and my family. Other families could benefit from this class and really enrich their lives and our community. I plan to take another class but it's hard to decide as they are all very interesting. More people need to know about all of these great programs and services that are available to them at Magnolia Place,” said Juan.

Juan's story is a wonderful illustration of how Magnolia Place brings together expert partners, such as Powerful Families, with families who desire to better themselves but didn't know where to go until now. The financial literacy workshop gave Juan a wealth of knowledge that not only continues to benefit his family in positive ways but others as well. He's also become a great recruiter for us as he encourages parents to take advantage of what Magnolia Place has to offer. 

In our family resource centers and family development network, a substantial number of clients report improvement in their ability to meet their basic and economic needs and in their network of social supports as a result of our services.





Health statistics for children living in
our Magnolia Place neighborhood:

60% have lead in their systems

30% suffer from asthma

40% are obese

50% require extensive dental care

ST. JOHN'S WELL CHILD & FAMILY CENTER

The first community partner to move into Magnolia Place was St. John's Well Child & Family Center in June 2008. The clinic had outgrown its previous site in downtown Los Angeles creating satellite offices for different services. They were eager to bring all of these services together again under one roof. At the Magnolia Place site, the clinic will offer 31,000 medical, mental health and dental visits per year. These services are greatly needed in this community, especially for young children.


Informing the community of the clinic's new location and services has been a primary focus of the promotoras at St. John's and Children's Bureau. Promotora is a Spanish term that means a community outreach worker who is responsible for raising awareness of health and educational



issues. Promotoras play a key role in gaining access and building trust with families who might not otherwise come to the clinic. As liaisons to the community, promotoras often are seen as advocates, educators, mentors, role models, translators and more.

"Promotoras link individuals and families to available health care services by networking with schools, community organizations and social services programs. They also speak directly with neighborhood residents at their homes, bus stops and local businesses. This proven approach guarantees that residents in need are fully informed about the availability of health services and that the clinical programs are meeting the needs of the community. These activities have successfully increased community awareness about the clinic's services and have resulted in significant new users," said Cecilia Vazquez, a consultant for St. John's promotion and outreach program.

At St. John's, the promotoras see an average of 85 to 95 patients each day. In addition to their outreach work in the community, they take advantage of the waiting room in the clinic to introduce themselves to patients waiting for medical or dental care. Promotoras also conduct classes once a week at the clinic including yoga demonstrations, diabetes information and prenatal care. They are in the process of adding more health presentations and classes in chronic disease management, healthy cooking classes for diabetics and exercise sessions aimed at helping parents understand the benefits of a regular aerobic routine to their everyday health.

Both St. John's and Children's Bureau have promotoras who collaborate in programs and share the services that each organization has to offer. They also meet once a month to keep each other informed as to what's going on at Magnolia Place Family Center and St. John's clinic. Like Children's Bureau, St. John's believes that there will be a greater increase in patients using all of the services being offered at Magnolia Place because of the convenience of co-location. The promotoras continue to make huge strides in telling the community about the clinic and educating families about their medical and dental health. We are proud to partner with St. John's and know that together, we will change the lives of thousands of children, their families and the West Adams community. 


TRAINING OTHERS

While Children's Bureau provides hundreds of direct services each year to at-risk children and families, we are able to have an even greater impact in the child welfare field by offering training and technical support to other organizations statewide and beyond. NuParent and Strategies are two such programs, each with its own unique approach in helping to strengthen families and build caring communities.



Successful parenting is a real challenge. Many parents feel overwhelmed by the demands they face and lose the confidence they need to act decisively on behalf of their children. It is in these critical moments when child abuse can occur. Recognizing that all new parents need guidance and support in raising their children—especially in the early years—Children's Bureau developed NuParent in 1996, a fun and informative parent and child development program. At the time, Children's Bureau staff were trained on the curriculum (which focused on parents with children birth through age three) and offered the class, both in English and Spanish, at Children's Bureau sites. Today, NuParent is recognized as a premier parent education course. And while we continue to offer the course at Children's Bureau sites, we now recruit and train partners (such as clinics, churches, community centers, other agencies and organizations, etc.) across California and in Puerto Rico to conduct the program at their own sites. In addition to the infant curriculum, NuParent website (nuparent.org) and newsletter, there is now a NuParent for Pregnancy and Newborns Handbook and a preschooler curriculum and accompanying guidebook. More than 2,500 families participated in NuParent classes this year. We also worked with 49 partners at 67 sites and we trained 64 new NuParent facilitators. Furthermore, Dr. Nereido Rodriguez, program director for NuParent, continues to be called upon as a parent education expert to lead workshops and conferences across the United States and abroad. A highlight for the year came when he was asked to be the keynote speaker at a congressional conference about children in Colombia. Child welfare experts in Columbia now want NuParent in their country.



Strategies also aims to help children, families and communities but does so by providing high-quality training and technical assistance to family resource centers and family support networks across California. Since 1997, Children's Bureau has been the lead agency for the Southern California region of Strategies which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The program offers an array of trainings, workshops, forums, conferences, individual consulting, resources and technical assistance designed for the volunteers, staff and boards of family resource centers and family support networks. Strategies also has a website (familyresourcecenters.net), newsletter and other materials to help family resource centers operate efficiently. This year, Children's Bureau staff conducted 48 trainings, either on site or via teleconference, that helped more than 1,000 people with topics such as peer review, sustainability, case management, strategic planning, home visits and more. Children's Bureau also facilitated the convening of the San Diego County Family Support Network. This is a unique effort in that all support organizations in the county have joined together to enhance their service ability. By sharing our expertise with others, Children's Bureau is able to reach beyond our service sites and make an enormous impact on thousands more children, parents and communities. 

95% of clients agree or strongly agree that Children's Bureau provides information and skills that will help them as a parent or caregiver.

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is about growing others.

—Jack Welch






ESTELLA CASTILLO

Estella Castillo was introduced to NuParent through the child care program at Volunteers of America in North Hollywood. After learning about the curriculum and the flexibility that it offered new moms, Estella enrolled in the program with her youngest of four children. She loved the variety of the class and thought it gave practical advice, especially the information about a child's temperament, needs and personality.

"I had a beautiful NuParent experience along with the other parents in my class. NuParent is very important because it teaches parents how to understand their child's needs," said Estella.

Estella later joined Volunteers of America's Early Head Start program as an employee and knew immediately that she wanted to be trained as a NuParent facilitator. She did so successfully and has been teaching NuParent for five years. She finds the curriculum to be different than others because it has a clear vision of what a new parent will face in life with their newborns and through the toddler years. She likes that the lessons are concise and that they expose parents to the reality of caring for young children. She also knows what it's like to take the class and has built upon that knowledge she gained in raising her own children.

"Being a NuParent facilitator is very rewarding. I love seeing the smiles and happiness that each parent exhibits during class. I also enjoy providing them with support, answering their questions and acting as a role model. I would recommend this program to all new parents and really love being a part of this program," said Estella.

Estella currently facilitates 16 NuParent classes per month at the Volunteers of America in North Hollywood site and continues to be one of the program's best ambassadors. In fact, she will soon be teaching the class to her own daughter who is expecting a child soon! Estella says that NuParent is now a new family tradition that will be carried on with each generation of her family! 



CHILDREN'S BUREAU FOUNDATION



Mark Gibello
Foundation Chairman




Carmine Salvucci
Chief Development Officer

Fiscal year 2008 was a successful year for the Children's Bureau Foundation, raising more than \$8,000,000 in support of the agency and the families we serve – with 81 cents of every dollar going directly to service.

This was also a year of transition for the Foundation. Under the very able leadership of our Stories of Promise capital campaign chairs and cabinet, we successfully closed the campaign to build our

Magnolia Place Family Center. With little time to stop and celebrate, we immediately shifted our attention to the new challenges facing Children's Bureau as we grow our prevention programs at Magnolia Place and in various other communities we serve.

The need for private funding for our prevention programs has never been greater for Children's Bureau. Leadership of both the Foundation and the Board of Directors has agreed that a renewed commitment to growing unrestricted support, particularly from individuals, is the direction the Foundation needs to take in order to help the Agency continue to reach its fundraising goals.

With pride in what Children's Bureau continues to accomplish, the Foundation looks forward to partnering with the agency in what promises to be a very challenging fundraising year ahead. 

2007/2008 EVENTS



Los Angeles

The Angelic Auxiliary's Carnival at the Pier
Benefit Co-Chairs Karen Enzer and Gretchen Theodore



Executive Golf Committee's President's Invitational Golf Tournament
Co-Chairmen Scott Honour and Damon Fisher



The League for Children's Polo in the Park
Event Chair Elise Pasetta



Vice Chairmen's Annual Meeting
Chairman Jim Ford

Orange County



The Creans' Super Bowl Party
Event Chair Janice Sindoni




The Creans' Clambake & Rockin' Lobster Bash
Event Co-Chairs Sarah Corrigan, Yolanda De La Paz, Holly Kerslake and Irene Tomkinson



The Mighty Rubber Ducky Derby & Just Ducky Car Show
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A close-up profile of a young girl wearing a striped beanie and a blue jacket, looking down at a yellow dandelion flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green field.

When you take a flower
in your hand and really
look at it, it's your world
for a moment. I want
to give that world to
someone else.

—Georgia O-Keefe



Open your heart — open it wide;
someone is standing outside.

—Mary Engelbreit

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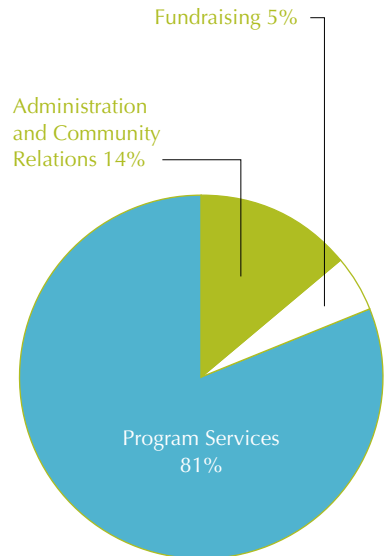


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SOURCES OF REVENUE

Children's Bureau Foundation		
Private Charitable Support	\$	7,961,842
Contributions In-Kind*		1,047,036
Government Grants		12,128,506
Total Children's Bureau Foundation Support		\$ 21,137,384
United Way	\$	108,692
Government Fees & Contracts	\$	8,121,541
Other Revenue		
Gain on Investments	\$	-18,902
Rental Income		18,780
Investment Income		241,128
Miscellaneous		162,683
Total Other Revenue		\$ 403,689
Total Revenue and Support		\$ 29,771,306

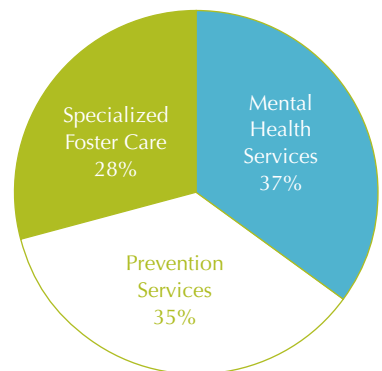
*Donated outdoor advertising campaign and legal services



AGENCY EXPENSES

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES


Programs and Services		
Specialized Foster Care	\$	6,039,494
Mental Health		7,986,767
Prevention		7,636,009
Total Programs and Services Expenses		\$ 21,662,270
Support Services		
Administration and Community Relations	\$	3,591,952
Fundraising		1,164,952
Total Supporting Services Expenses		\$ 4,756,904
Total Expenses		\$ 26,419,174
Change in Net Assets	\$	3,352,132



PROGRAM COSTS

Audited financial statements available upon request by calling (213) 342-0145.

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Children's Bureau's volunteer leaders are an extraordinary group of business executives, philanthropists and civic leaders who work tirelessly throughout the year to help at-risk children and their parents find hope in their lives. They provide generous financial support through giving programs such as Century Circle for Children, planned giving and special events. They serve on committees where their thoughtful guidance is cherished. They offer pro-bono services that provide us with opportunities we could never afford on our own. To all of our volunteer leaders, we applaud you and thank you for your kindness and dedication. 

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is contagious, and
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Children's Bureau continues to grow to meet the ever-increasing needs of abused and neglected children. We are grateful to our special friends who are helping to assure our future stability and effectiveness through planned gifts. Your planned gift is a significant investment in changing the course of children's lives for generations to come. There are several simple ways for your kindness and generosity to endure. We suggest you consider:

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS Children's Bureau offers information and assistance on the establishment of charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and charitable lead trusts. Donors can provide a substantial future charitable gift to Children's Bureau while usually increasing their lifetime income and reducing their income taxes. Appreciated assets may be contributed to the CRT and then sold with no capital gains tax paid. The total proceeds of sale are then reinvested for the benefit of the donor.

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MORE INFORMATION Regardless of the size of the assets you might choose to donate, Children's Bureau can help you make a planned gift that will touch the lives of thousands of vulnerable children for generations to come. For more information and personal assistance, please call Carmine Salvucci, chief development officer, at 213.342.0141 or carminesalvucci@all4kids.org. 

ANA LOURDES & SALVADOR VILLAR




Ana Lourdes and Salvador Villar are an incredibly kind and generous couple who have supported Children's Bureau for many years both personally and through Citibank (Banamex USA) where Salvador serves as chairman. Salvador was first introduced to Children's Bureau in 1993 through his dear friend, Don Willfong, who hosted a lunch meeting with Judy Nelson (Children's Bureau's former executive director) and Bob Kirby. They explained the agency's mission and work which at the time primarily focused on group homes and foster care. Salvador became interested in the cause and was invited to join the board of directors soon after. Over the years, Salvador has served as treasurer for both the board

of directors and board of trustees and is a trusted volunteer leader whose guidance and expertise is valued. Furthermore, Salvador has been our champion with Citibank (Banamex) to advocate for nearly \$300,000 in support to Children's Bureau for a variety of needs including prevention programs, special events, advertising campaigns, marketing videos and the capital campaign.

"Ana and I support Children's Bureau because there is a great need in our community for vigorous efforts to prevent the neglect and abuse of children. Child abuse happens too frequently, especially among economically disadvantaged populations. Children's Bureau has become a leader in shifting the emphasis from treatment to prevention therefore impacting a larger community. The organization is extremely well run and it shows," said Salvador.

In April 2001, Salvador and Ana decided to include Children's Bureau in their estate plans thus becoming members of the Robert G. Kirby Society. They did so because they want to help struggling children and their families have a happy and successful life long after they are gone. They also have a deep understanding of the ongoing financial support that Children's Bureau will need to continue its ambitious mission.

"Planning a gift for Children's Bureau is an easy thing to do and we recommend it to anyone, regardless of the size of their estate. Children's Bureau is an exemplary organization to support and we are very proud of our participation. We have seen the organization evolve, grow and improve year after year, providing an invaluable service to the community. This is a first rate group that matches innovation with kindness and a singular human touch," said Salvador.

Salvador and Ana hope that their contribution through the Robert G. Kirby Society will help in making sure that crucial services continue to be delivered to those who need them after they are gone. We applaud their deep commitment to Children's Bureau and their gracious philanthropic spirit. 




A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions,
and the roots spring up and make new trees.
The greatest work that kindness does to others
is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Lawrence G. Lovasik

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CUMULATIVE GIVING

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Through the generosity of those on this year's Honor Roll, Children's Bureau was able to change the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and their families. These gifts represent a belief in our mission and the promise that together, we can make a difference. Your support and confidence in what we do are greatly appreciated. 

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