

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

*EMBRACING
OUR
FUTURE*

**EL
HOGAR
DEL NIÑO**
The home of the child

Dear Friends of El Hogar,

Perhaps the best way to sum up our fiscal year 2016 is by calling it “transitional.” Emerging rather proudly last year from some tenuous times—part growing pains, part reacting to changing communities and economies—we needed some top-to-bottom changes so that this wonderful agency would stand prepared for our future.



The introspection that came with restoring financial order also inspired needed philosophical changes to the way we carry out our mission. Early in the 2016 fiscal year, we engaged a development team whose charge has been to solidify our grants and donor outreach, and to help us diversify El Hogar’s funding base. Without a strong history of private support, this meant taking a second look at our existing partnerships while working hard to forge new ones. Starting last year, we launched a number of initiatives to elevate the organization’s profile—you may have noticed that our efforts to meet and greet friends and neighbors have reached a marvelous momentum.

We are doubling down on supportive measures for the families we serve. Many have heard me repeat a key pillar to our thinking and programming here: healthy children come from healthy families. Last year’s internal self-assessments inspired El Hogar leadership’s commitment to programs that will incorporate nutrition, exercise, mental health, and community involvement—and you’ll see much more from us along these lines in the coming years through a family health program we are planning.

Fiscal year 2016 was exciting for us as we regrouped and at last were able to focus confidently on our future. Throughout the process, everyone here operated with one shared fundamental belief: as long as we are giving the children and families we serve the best possible chance for success, every year at El Hogar del Niño is a great year.

Thanks for your loyalty and support.

Mario Perez, Executive Director

Por más de cuatro décadas El Hogar del Niño ha servido a niños y familias de nuestra comunidad con programas bilingües y multiculturales diseñados especialmente con la intención de ayudar a nuestros estudiantes y a sus familias a alcanzar el éxito en la vida. Este año, estamos muy orgullosos y emocionados de agregar un logro más a nuestros ya altamente reconocidos programa para infantes niños y de educación preescolar El Hogar a sido galardonado con el “Premio a la Excelencia,” otorgado por ExceleRate Illinois! Este es un premio a nivel estatal y es considerado como el de más alto nivel en la categoría de programas de infantes y niños de 2 y 3 años. Adicionalmente todos nuestros programas ya han sido previamente acreditados por la Asociación Nacional para la Educación de Niños Pequeños (NAEYC) y esto es gracias a la alta calidad en servicios de Educación Temprana, que proveemos. El Premio a la Excelencia es un logro más del cual nos sentimos muy orgullosos.



For more than four decades, El Hogar del Niño has served the children and families of our community with quality bilingual, multicultural programming solely intended to help all participants succeed in life. This year, El Hogar is honored to have received the Award of Excellence for Infant Toddler Services by ExceleRate Illinois! The Award of Excellence is the highest level of our state’s quality rating and improvement system, recognizing research-based best practice in specific content areas. All of our programs are already accredited by the highest standard in early education, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and we have achieved the GOLD Level of ExceleRate for our preschool program.

“I’ve never worked anywhere else where there is such a commitment to quality—where the families are put first the way they are here. For the community we serve and the risk factors we witness, it’s all the more important that the children have a strong experience in the classroom.”

—**KATHY PESEK**

EL HOGAR DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS



“The level of professionalism and joy at **El Hogar del Niño** is aligned with the type of community QTS is looking to build here in Chicago. We had the opportunity to partner with El Hogar, and the committed staff and happy kids have made our partnership a great experience.”

—**BILL WINSININSKI**

DIRECTOR OF SALES, QTS DATA CENTERS

“When I first learned of El Hogar, I was inspired by its mission. I quickly realized that beyond its mission, El Hogar is a tremendous, essential organization. Their professional, dedicated staff work with committed parents to create a thriving community focused on preparing children for school and life. It’s an honor to be part of this wonderful community.”

—GREG GLENNIE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



“My favorite thing about school is making friends!”

—NIKITA

PRESCHOOL STUDENT

Programs at El Hogar

Toddlers and Twos: This program offers high quality early childhood care, education and support for toddlers and their families, with a focus on school readiness. Using Creative Curriculum® our teachers engage their students with fun activities that focus on key areas such as social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.

Center-based Preschool: Our preschool program combines Head Start and Child Care to offer full day, year long programming to at risk children three to five years old. With the Creative Curriculum for Preschool®, teachers develop their students' social/emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills through engaging activities and focused lesson plans. School readiness is another priority in our center-based Preschool program.

Family Child Care Homes: We currently coordinate three homes located around Chicago's southwest side that provide services to children ranging from six weeks to five years of age. The setting promotes small group sizes of five to eight children within the home and offers opportunities for siblings to be cared for together.

Center-based School Age: We offer a School-Age program that serves children between the ages of five and twelve years. Most of the 65 students currently enrolled are part of a year-round program that offers homework assistance and report card tracking in half-day after school services and full-day summer services filled with club activities and field trips.

Home Visiting: Using the Parents as Teachers model, home visitors assist parents in learning about their child's growth and creating educational curriculum to maximize that development. Participants commit to weekly home visits, monthly socialization events, and development screenings.

Statement of *Activities*

For the Year ended June 30, 2016

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Fees & Grants	3,770,436
Corporate, Foundation, and Individual	15,646
Total Public Support	3,786,082

REVENUE

Program Service Fees	125,231
Other Income	20,255
Total Revenue	145,486
Total Public Support and Revenue	3,931,568

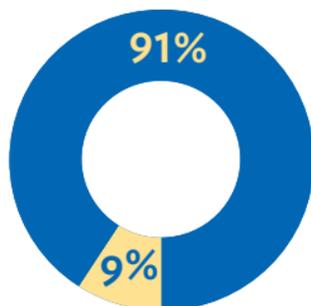
EXPENSES

Program Services	3,696,638
Management and General	272,251
Fundraising	69,671
Total Expenses	4,038,560

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Net Assets at the Beginning of Year	2,814,540
Net Assets at the End of Year	2,707,548

For full financials please refer to our website: elhogardelnino.org



USE OF FUNDS AT EL HOGAR:

Direct Services	\$ 3,696,638	91%
Management & Fundraising	\$ 341,922	9%
Total	\$4,038,560	100%