



# 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

*Celebrating 10 Years of Service*



**NEW HAVEN**  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER!



Colleagues and Partners,

The 2022-23 was an eventful time at the Union City Family Center, marking 10 years and many innovations including more centralized support for the students of New Haven Unified School District (NHUSD).

We kicked off 10th anniversary events with a Fall Resource Fair in October of 2022, with more than 700 community members and 25 partners in attendance. In the spring, we held a May 2023 partner event in which State Assemblymember Mia Bonta, 18th District of California, provided the keynote, with a host of other regional leaders. In June 2023 we presented our model and gave replication information to a standing room only audience of educational and community leaders, at the IES National Conference.

It's an honor to supervise UCFC and collaborate with our 40 partners to develop high impact systems of support. We invite you to learn more about this past year and our ten year history by reviewing our report.

Sincerely,

**Marcus Lam**

Director of Student & Family Services

Colleagues and Partners,

In March 2023, I received a letter from Diana, a parent, who attended our 2022 Resource Fair. She was new to the community and to the district. There she learned about services for her school-age and toddler child, and developed a connection to our family service assistant, who oriented her to more services, including local online job portals. Diana now has a job with parent-friendly hours and economic stability, as a paraprofessional at a New Haven school, and her youngest is in preschool. In my nearly ten years at UCFC, I have heard many stories like hers, and how 1:1 attention, information, and boosts can change the trajectory of a family's life. In 2022-23, we provided high impact services to 4000 community members, and supported nearly 1 in 3 New Haven students with expanded day and summer school, vision care, oral health care, behavioral health, and home nutrition. Thank you for your support. Together we're better.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Hawkins**

Union City Family Center Coordinator

# OUR STORY

In 2012-13, the Union City Family Center (UCFC) began as a neighborhood effort to improve educational and community outcomes through leveraged services. We grew from **10 partners and 500 clients**, to over **40 partners**, and **nearly 5000 annual clients, including over 3000 students per year.**

We expanded our programs to meet community and school needs. These include supports for the transition to school, with learning and play center, that promotes family engagement, and kindergarten readiness.

Our work has been recognized at the local, state, and national levels. We made measurable gains in school engagement, kindergarten preparation, and community health.

During our **10 year anniversary**, we honored the work of our staff, volunteers, and partners and reflected on how, working together, we can continue to build a better future.

“It’s an honor to see the fruits of your labor and such a grace to be able to be counted as contributing to a small part of what you have been able to accomplish.”

**State Assemblymember**

**Mia Bonta**

**18th District of California**

**May 2023 Anniversary Event,**

**Key Note Address**

“The success that we are celebrating was not achieved in a vacuum but through collaboration across many agencies.” **Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci of Union City, May 2023 Event**

“You have our office's full support to continue to collaborate and build on the success that you've had.”

**Elisa Márquez, Alameda County**

**Board of Supervisors, District 2,**

**May 2023 Event**



# SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For over a decade, we have provided vital services and programs to more than **25,000 children, youth, and adults.**

We have strengthened educational programs, engaged local communities, and expanded regional partnerships

**1685**

**Direct interventions for students, such as home visits to reduce absences**

**7000**

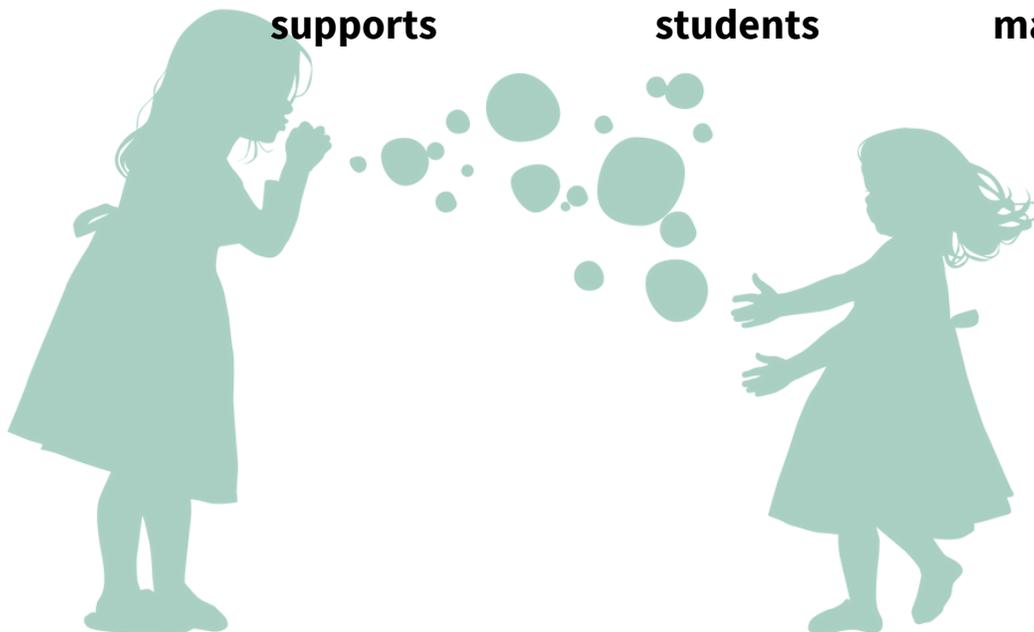
**Students engaged in afterschool and summer enrichment, tutoring, and academic supports**

**24,300**

**Health services including vaccinations, vision, and oral health care for K-12 students**

**55,200**

**Urgent living supports: food, clothing, hygiene, housing navigation and case management**



# SUMMARY OF 2022-23 TK-12 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## EXPANDED DAY PROGRAMS

**988 students** attended after school  
**1157 students** attended summer school

## HEALTH SERVICES

**1300 Students** received  
oral health and vision care access  
**120 Students** received MediCal and  
preventive health services  
**85 Students** received social and  
behavioral support referrals

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

**800 + Students** and families engaged in  
Community Events and Workshops

## TRANSPORTATION

**480 Students** received transportation  
passes to attend school

## URGENT LIVING SUPPORTS

**170 Students** without housing received  
clothing, hygiene, and other supports

## FOOD & NUTRITION ACCESS

**300 + NHUSD families** received groceries on  
a monthly basis, reducing food insecurity and  
malnutrition, for a total of 3200 distributions.

Count of services provided to “unduplicated” are based on  
school counts, household income when provided, migrant,  
homeless, foster, and English learner designations.

# What is an “unduplicated” student and how does UCFC support them?

*In 2022-23 we provided vital  
services to over 3000 high need  
unduplicated NHUSD students.*

Our high impact programs and services  
are designed to support **greater  
attendance** through removing  
transportation barriers and increased  
**family engagement** through early  
childhood to school day programs  
**academic success** through expanded  
day and summer programs and timely  
interventions, and improved **student  
health** through reducing food insecurity  
at home, and providing onsite vision and  
healthcare.

**High need students that are** from one  
or more categories below are described  
as “unduplicated” by the California  
Department of Education:

- Students identified as **Homeless,**  
**Migrant** or **Foster Youth**
- Students designated as **English  
learners**
- Students from **low income  
households**, based on forms  
submitted or prior applications for  
Free or Reduced Meal programs, or  
Calpads participation

# MILESTONES



## 2023 RECOGNITION & HONORS

**Presenter:** National Community Schools and Family Engagement Presenter, Institute for Educational Leadership, June 2023

**Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the Office of Congressman Eric Swalwell,** received May 2023

**Partners in Educational Excellence Award, \***  
Union City Family Center, Nominee 2023

**Student Services Administrator, \***  
Marcus Lam, Director of Student and Family Services, Nominee 2023

**Classified Leader of the Year, \***  
Lourdes Villegas, Community Specialist, Nominee 2023

*\*From the Association of California School Administrators*

Wrap-around services provided at a single geographical location, such as those provided at the Union City Family Center, offer tremendous value to homeless students and their families and are a critical component in assisting with the difficulties associated with homelessness.

Alameda County Civil Grand Jury  
Report 2022

2012-13

Program kicked off with local funding from Center for Healthy Schools and Communities (YFO), called Kids Zone and Family Services Assistants hired.

2014 -15

Collaborative partnership meetings begin. Community needs assessment conducted.

2015

Kids Zone grand opening at the Barnard-White Middle School Campus.

2016

Grad Nation design team begins with Stanford University faculty and NHUSD high school students. Partnership with Daily Bowl begins.

2017

Partnership with Alameda County Community Food Bank begins.

2018

Southern Alameda County needs assessment conducted. Kids Zone becomes the Union City Family Center to encompass the range of services provided.

2019

Little Hands Learn and Play classroom opened with funding through First 5 and Fremont Bank.

2020

Collaboration with partners for COVID 19 crisis response including health, hygiene, and direct assistance.

2021

UCFC redesign for integration with Student and Family Services. UCFC Corporation becomes nonprofit fundraising arm for the agency.

2022 -23

UCFC celebrates 10 years with events for community members and partners

# Partners & Collaborators

The Union City Family Center is a collective impact agency that unites the work of school and district personnel and local agencies. We leverage resources to provide high impact services. Our work would not be possible without dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers that include school district staff and community members. Listed below are some of the funders and partners that contributed to our success.

## LONG TERM FUNDING PARTNERS

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
East Bay Community Foundation  
First 5 Alameda County,  
Neighborhoods Ready For Schools  
Kaiser Permanente Foundation  
New Haven Unified School District  
Sobrato Family Foundation  
S\_ Donation  
Union City (Community Development Block Grant)

## RECENT STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

California Family Resources (2021-2023)  
Learning Communities for School Success (2022-2027)



## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Alameda Alliance for Health  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
Alameda County Community Food Bank  
Alameda County Health Care Services  
Agency Center for Healthy Schools  
and Communities  
Alameda County Office of Education  
American Heart Association  
Bay Area Community Health  
Big Smiles  
California Family Resource Center  
Centro de Servicios  
City of Union City  
Compassion Network  
Cypress-Mandela Training  
Daily Bowl

East Bay Agency for Children  
East Bay Community Foundation  
East Bay Regional Parks  
Eden I&R  
Faith in Action - East Bay  
Filipino Advocates for Justice  
First 5 Alameda County  
Fremont Bank  
Fremont Family Resource Center  
Help a Mother Out  
Help Me Grow  
Inspire Church  
Kaiser Community Foundation  
Kidango  
La Familia  
HAAC Family Education & Resource  
Center (FERC)

New Haven Adult School  
NHUSD Migrant Education Program  
New Haven Schools Foundation  
New Haven Unified School District  
Ohlone College  
Safe Alternatives to Violent  
Environments (SAVE)  
Safe Routes To School  
Sobrato Family Foundation  
SparkPoint (FFRC)  
Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center  
Tri-CED Recycling  
Union City Library  
United Way Bay Area  
Washington Hospital

We wish to acknowledge the work of Richard Valle, member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. He was a graduate of the New Haven Unified School District, a resident of Union City, and a dedicated advocate for our community.





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