

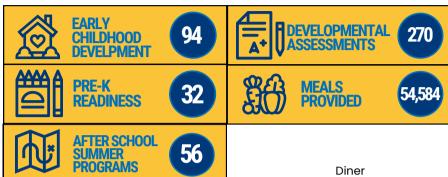
# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



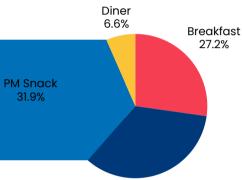
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# IMPACT ON CHILDREN BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Our programs for children focus on educational readiness, developmental growth, and holistic support, ensuring each child has the tools to thrive.



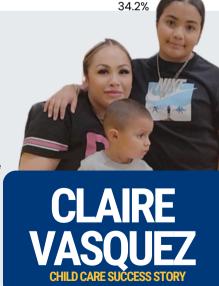
Feeding kids at the Madonna Center is about more than just providing meals—it's about fueling their potential. Proper nutrition gives children the energy to focus in school, stay active, and grow into healthy adults. For many, these meals fill a critical gap, ensuring they have the nourishment they need to thrive, dream, and succeed.



Claire Vasquez, a resilient single mother, faced immense challenges after the birth of her child. Soon after giving birth, she experienced postpartum depression, which was exacerbated by her lack of support. This period was dark and isolating, as Claire struggled with her mental health while also trying to care for her son, who was exhibiting aggression issues.

Her circumstances felt overwhelming, and she often doubted her ability to provide a stable life for both of them. Seeking Help and Finding the Madonna Center Determined to change her situation, Claire reached out to Ms. Alexus (family Service Worker) who provided support to individuals and mental health resources.

Through a dedicated center for mothers, she found not only therapeutic support for herself but also programs specifically designed to help children cope with emotional and behavioral challenges.



Lunch

#### EMPOWERING FAMILIES

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS: STRENGTHENING THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

The family is the foundation of a healthy and vibrant community, and the Madonna Center is proud to offer programs that address families' diverse needs. This year, 300 families—representing over 900 individuals—benefited from life-changing initiatives such as the Dual Generation Program, which simultaneously supports parents and children with resources like financial literacy workshops, parenting education, and job readiness training. By helping parents build stability and confidence while nurturing the potential of their children, these programs create lasting ripple effects that strengthen families and, in turn, the entire community.

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DUAL GENERATION INITIATIVE



PARENTS ENGAGED



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FAMILES CONNECTED TO RESOURCES **73** 

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PARENTS TRAINED FOR WORKFORCE





PARENTS COMPLETED FULL PROGRAM

**15** 







41 CHILDREN LOS NINOS BIEN EDUCADOS 29
PARENTS





REPORTED POSITIVE CHANGES



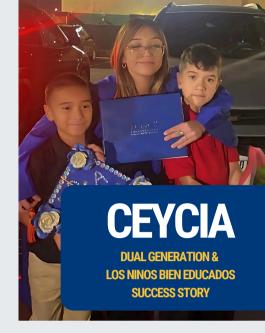
CLASSES OFFERED





FAMILES GRADUATED **22** 

Ceycia is a single mother of three young children who joined the Dual Generation Initiative to pursue her dental assistant certification. Throughout her enrollment, the initiative provided her with support in securing and financing childcare while she attended school. Additionally, Ceycia participated in the Los Ninos Bien Educados Parenting Classes. She reported that since beginning these classes, she has noticed an improvement in her children's behavior as well as a positive shift in her own responses to their behavior. Today, she has successfully completed her training program and is now employed at UT Health as a certified Dental Assistant



### **HIPPY**

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS: STRENGTHENING THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Hippy provided services to 63 families and 80 children, achieving a 96% retention rate while meeting our contracted goal of 60 participants.

The rate of children that demonstrated improvement in their kindergarten readiness assessment rose by 86%. Parents reported a 100% increase in reading and conversations with their children, resulting in a 96% advantage in the parents' confidence in serving as advocates for their child's education.







## **ENRICHING SENIORS' LIVES**

Seniors are a cornerstone of our community, and the Madonna Center is committed to providing programs that foster wellness, independence, and meaningful connections. In 2024, we supported 1,200 seniors through initiatives like Senior 2 Senior, which matches older adults with peer companions to combat loneliness and promote mutual support.

Additionally, wellness workshops and personalized assistance ensure that seniors can maintain active and fulfilling lives. By focusing on the unique needs of our elders, these programs help them remain vital and engaged members of our community.











Diagnosed with stage four lymphoma on May 10, 2024, and began treatment immediately, facing significant side effects that kept him mostly at home. Later, he joined the Madonna Center Senior Center, initially hesitant but inspired by an event invitation.

From his first visit, Victor became a daily attendee, finding a deep sense of connection and belonging. He described the center as "a haven" where he made friends and felt part of a family.

On November 21, 2024, Victor joyfully announced his cancer was in remission, and he looks forward to spending many more days at the center.







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