TRANSFORMING LIVES
TWO GENERATIONS AT A TIME

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Teen Success, Inc.
Empowering teen mothers, transforming lives

VIVIAN FLETES
Salinas, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her daughter, Nova
Dear Friends,

You made this an incredible year for young families. For one young mom, your support changed the course of her life.

Evelyn had turned to the streets of San Jose, hanging out with gangs and doing drugs, after her mother returned to Mexico and she was left with her abusive father. This life eventually led her to juvenile hall. The day she arrived, she was just 16 years old and four weeks pregnant.

When Evelyn found out she was pregnant, she was determined to be a good mom. She wanted to give her baby a better life than she’d had—better opportunities. Yet, like many other young moms, Evelyn was facing nearly insurmountable odds.

Your support brought Teen Success, Inc. into her life. With our help, Evelyn re-enrolled in school and caught up with her school credits. In the Teen Success, Inc. program, she learned to develop goals and slowly built up enough confidence to pursue them. She learned the importance of reading consistently to her son and practiced healthy parenting skills to help him thrive.

Evelyn was the first in her family to graduate high school. With support from a Teen Success, Inc. Scholarship, Evelyn will be attending Santa Clara University to study Political Science this fall. Her son, Matthew, is also thriving. He’s in preschool, loves to read, and is starting kindergarten this year, ready to learn.

You stood with Evelyn, and together we have shown our communities the power of standing with young mothers and what our young families are able to accomplish when provided with the right supports and access to opportunities. Your support this year made it possible to empower more young families like Evelyn’s. We opened new locations in Sacramento, Madera, and Reno, and grew the number of families served in San Jose and Bakersfield.

Evelyn and Matthew are one family of the nearly 1,500 that you’ve empowered through your support of Teen Success, Inc. over the years. But there’s more work to do. Another 60 teenagers become mothers every day in California. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in the coming year to positively impact the futures of even more young families.

With Great Appreciation,

Nancy Heinen
Board Chair

Karin Kelley
Executive Director
Pregnancy is the number one reason girls drop out of high school. In the United States, only 38% of teen mothers ever graduate high school and less than 2% will graduate from college. This perpetuates a lifetime of poverty and hardship not just for them, but also their children.

Teen Success, Inc. exists to empower young mothers to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their children. We believe strongly that with our support and connection to opportunities, young mothers can and will be successful in school, as parents, and in life.

Teen Success, Inc. has been the most consistent support system in [my] educational and parenting journey.

Elice Ramirez-Solis, Fresno, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her daughter, Daisy

Teen Success allowed me to become a better mother and a better advocate for my family.

Liliana Valencia, Redwood City, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her son, Jayden

Our Two-Generation Approach

✓ We prioritize helping young mothers return to and stay in school, because we know education is the key.

✓ We support them in discovering who they are as people and identify what they want out of life.

✓ We empower them to face their challenges in pursuit of their goals.

✓ We help them hone their parenting skills so they can be the moms they want to be, helping their children thrive right alongside them.
In the 2018-2019 program year, Teen Success, Inc. empowered 352 young families to achieve success in school and in life.

- **BAY AREA**: San Jose, Redwood City, Oakland
  - 88 young families
- **CENTRAL VALLEY**: Fresno, Bakersfield, Visalia, Madera
  - 178 young families
- **SACRAMENTO VALLEY**: Sacramento
  - 42 young families
- **CENTRAL COAST**: Salinas
  - 28 young families
- **NORTHWESTERN NEVADA**: Reno
  - 16 young families

### About Our Participants

- **77%**
- **LATINA**: 69% are the child of a teen parent
- **AFRICAN AMERICAN**: 53% have been expelled or suspended from school
- **MULTI ETHNIC**: 95% are living in poverty
- **CAUCASIAN**:
- **NATIVE AMERICAN**: 1%
- **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER**: 1%
Our Impact

92% of participants who completed the program have graduated from high school or are on track to do so as compared to only 38% of teen mothers nationally.

93% of participants report that Teen Success, Inc.’s program meets their needs well.

92% of participants who completed the program maintained their family size.

Teen Success, Inc. participants report reading to their children for an average of 15 minutes daily.

91% of participants’ children are meeting their linguistic milestones.

93% of participants report that Teen Success, Inc.’s program has helped them improve their parenting skills.

Karla gave birth to her son, Adan, at age 15. With Teen Success, Inc.’s support, Karla worked hard to develop the skills and independence she needed to achieve her goals and forge her future. Karla overcame judgment from people in her life and is now proving them wrong by succeeding in her education and setting a positive example for her son. She is attending a nursing program and is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college.

I want to set a good example for my son and future children, that their mother went to college and that education will help me succeed in life.

Karla Bocanegra, Sacramento, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her son, Adan.
Thank you for investing in the success of young mothers and their children!
Financials

**INCOME**
- Foundations: $1,659,234
- Government: $187,794
- Individuals/Corporations: $837,017
- In-Kind: $62,279

**TOTAL:** $2,746,324

**EXPENSES**
- Program: $2,564,000
- Management/General: $218,746
- Fundraising: $338,091

**TOTAL:** $3,120,837

**Net Assets, Beginning of Year**
- $1,280,424

**Revenue**
- $2,746,324

**Expenses**
- $3,120,837

**Net Surplus/(Deficit)**
- ($374,513)

**Net Assets with Donor Restrictions**
- $362,636

**Net Assets without Donor Restrictions**
- $543,275

**Total Net Assets, End of Year**
- $905,911

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Program Partners

- Act For Women and Girls
- Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Clinica Sierra Vista
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Bring Me A Book Foundation
- Harmony At Home

Stephanie Ocampo, Fresno, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her daughter, Sophia

Jessica Sotelo, Salinas, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her son, Kaden

Evelin Espinoza, Fresno, 2019 Scholarship Recipient, with her son, Ramiro
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Lesly Henriquez, San Jose,
2019 Scholarship Recipient,
with her daughter, Addilyn

Lucrecia Mora Mojica, Oakland,
2019 Scholarship Recipient,
with her daughter, Melissa

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