Annual Report 2014-2015

Impacting our Community

-130 students from Wright State University’s teacher education programs received diversity training through service-learning, which provides them with hands-on experience working with English language learners, preparing Ohio’s future teachers to teach effectively to diverse student populations

-Two valedictorians, one class president, one Washington Youth Leadership Seminar attendee, and one spelling bee champion

-30 mothers connected with each other and to community resources through our Milagro de la Mujer program, strengthening social capital and forming bonds of friendship among our community

-100% parent participation at summer reading clinic

Strengthening Academic Achievement

-90 students and 230 of their family members served through one-on-one tutoring, mentoring, and family programs year-round

-0% drop-out rate for students who regularly attend Camino de Vida, as compared to 44% for Latino high school students in Dayton

-Average of one grade level gained in reading during our summer reading clinic, which provides the chance to close the opportunity gap and avoid “summer slide”

Practicing Servant Leadership

-Approximately 2,900 volunteer hours donated in 2013-2014, valued at $63,191 (monetized at $21.79 an hour per the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations)

-More than 60 students from the University of Dayton, Antioch University, and area high schools give of their time by tutoring our students and come away with a deeper connection and understanding of the realities of life for Dayton’s immigrant community

-Camino de Vida high school students regularly give back to the community and develop leadership by volunteering at events that impact the Latino community

Modeling Excellence

-El Puente chosen two times as Best Practice for Ohio Latino Educational Summit and considered a model tutoring program in the region

-Featured in Latina magazine, distributed nationally, WYSO and Think TV’s Graduating Latino project, and several local news articles

We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished so far. However, we consider that El Puente’s greatest success is not quantifiable. Learning to work together with grace and good manners, practicing love and respect for teachers and companions, developing a lifelong love of reading, saying please and thank you... We can’t put a number on these “soft skills” and values that our students absorb during their time at El Puente. This, along with high academic achievement, helps to give our students a solid foundation, a bright future, and a way to find their place in the world. El Puente is a win-win for students, future teachers, and our community.

Thank you for your support!