



Guadalupe Centers



2021
ANNUAL REPORT

our MISSION

To improve the quality of life for individuals in the Latino communities of Greater Kansas City

We accomplish our mission by:

- Providing early childhood, secondary, adult education and workforce training programs.
- Facilitating access to health and social services for all ages.
- Promoting and providing Latino cultural enrichment events.
- Sponsoring social activities that engage our diverse communities.

our VISION

Embracing our Latino legacy, and our opportunity to serve all cultures, the Guadalupe Centers is dedicated to improving the community and the quality of life for people of all ethnic backgrounds, and to the celebration of cultural heritage.

FROM OUR CEO/PRESIDENT

With the commencement of 2021, the pandemic continued to be a challenge for all, pushing Guadalupe Centers to find innovative ways to serve the Latino community in Kansas City and surrounding areas. We accomplished many things in 2021, but we're most excited by the opportunities that the year brought, allowing us to learn how to better serve the community and support our staff's overall social-emotional well-being.

We worked on rekindling old relationships, as well as finding new partnerships along the way. Teaming up with several organizations, GCI focused on COVID awareness and promoting vaccinations. With these efforts, we were awarded \$976,500 in COVID-related assistance, as well as \$142,000 for COVID vaccination education and outreach initiatives.

GCI focused on strengthening its communication channels with our Charter school district and other outside organizations. Collaborating with Mid America Regional Council (MARC) on a food pantry drive proved to be successful for our senior adults as we had to close our administrative building to the public during this challenging time. As a result, the food pantry drive was provided to a total of 240 unduplicated households. Our Family Support Center also provided emergency assistance services to a total of 660 households.

We hope that we can continue the legacy left behind by our predecessors, and that you'll be a part of our journey as we continue to grow and improve in our efforts. *Juntos seguimos adelante!* Let's move forward together!

Beto Lopez
CEO/President of GCI



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CEO/President



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FAMILY SUPPORT

The Guadalupe Centers offers a variety of social support and emergency assistance services to families through the Family Support Program.

Major components of programming include emergency assistance, case management, information/referral and linkage to needed financial services. All family support activities focus on reducing housing instability, facilitating linkages to needed resources, fostering asset building behavior(s), and improving overall financial stability.

Total value of assistance provided = \$688,819

Total # of individuals served in 2021 = 2,301

Total # of households served in 2021 = 660

Photo above

Family Support staff picking up a turkey donation for our clients with the most need.

Photo bottom

Child receiving gifts through our Adopt-A-Family Holiday program.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hispanic 87%
- African American 8%
- White 4%
- Other 1%

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Entered a contract with Clay County to distribute ERAP 1 funds supporting Hispanics who reside in Clay County.
- Contracted with the City of KCMO to manage an ERAP 1 contract for \$275,000 and also received a contract for ERAP 2 in the amount of \$250,000 for program year 2022.
- Completed its' first year contract with JK CO Children's Services Fund that supports our contract with AHAVA, LLC for bilingual mental health therapy services targeting Jackson County children.

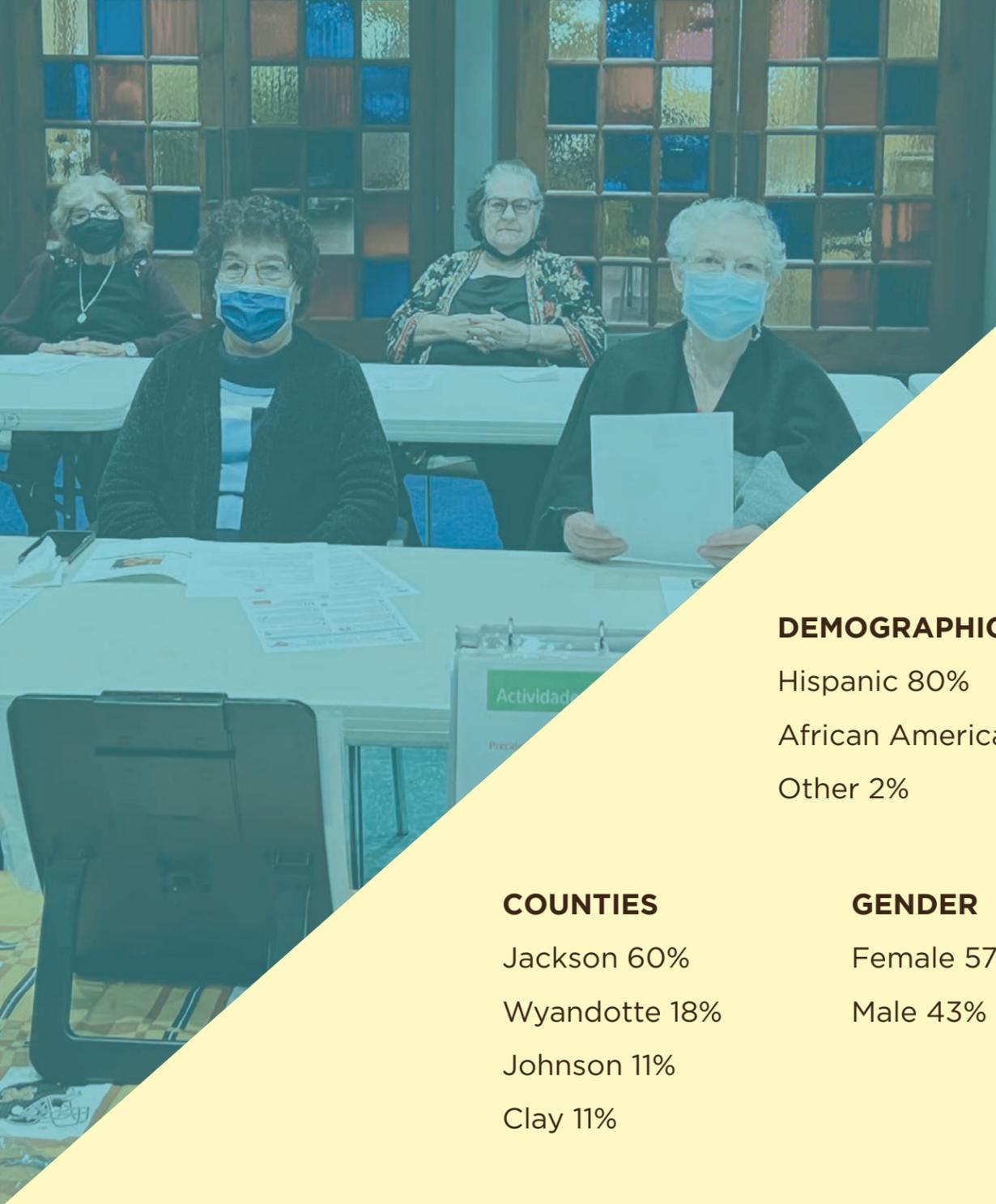


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Guadalupe Centers along with the MU Extension program hosted an 8-week Nutrition class “Eat Smart - Being Active” Senior participants had a small graduation celebration and received a certificate of completion.

Photo right

Through a partnership with Truman Medical Centers, our seniors were provided transportation to the Tony Aguirre Center to receive their COVID 1st, 2nd vaccination and booster shot.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 80%
African American 18%
Other 2%

COUNTIES

Jackson 60%
Wyandotte 18%
Johnson 11%
Clay 11%

GENDER

Female 57%
Male 43%

OLDER ADULTS

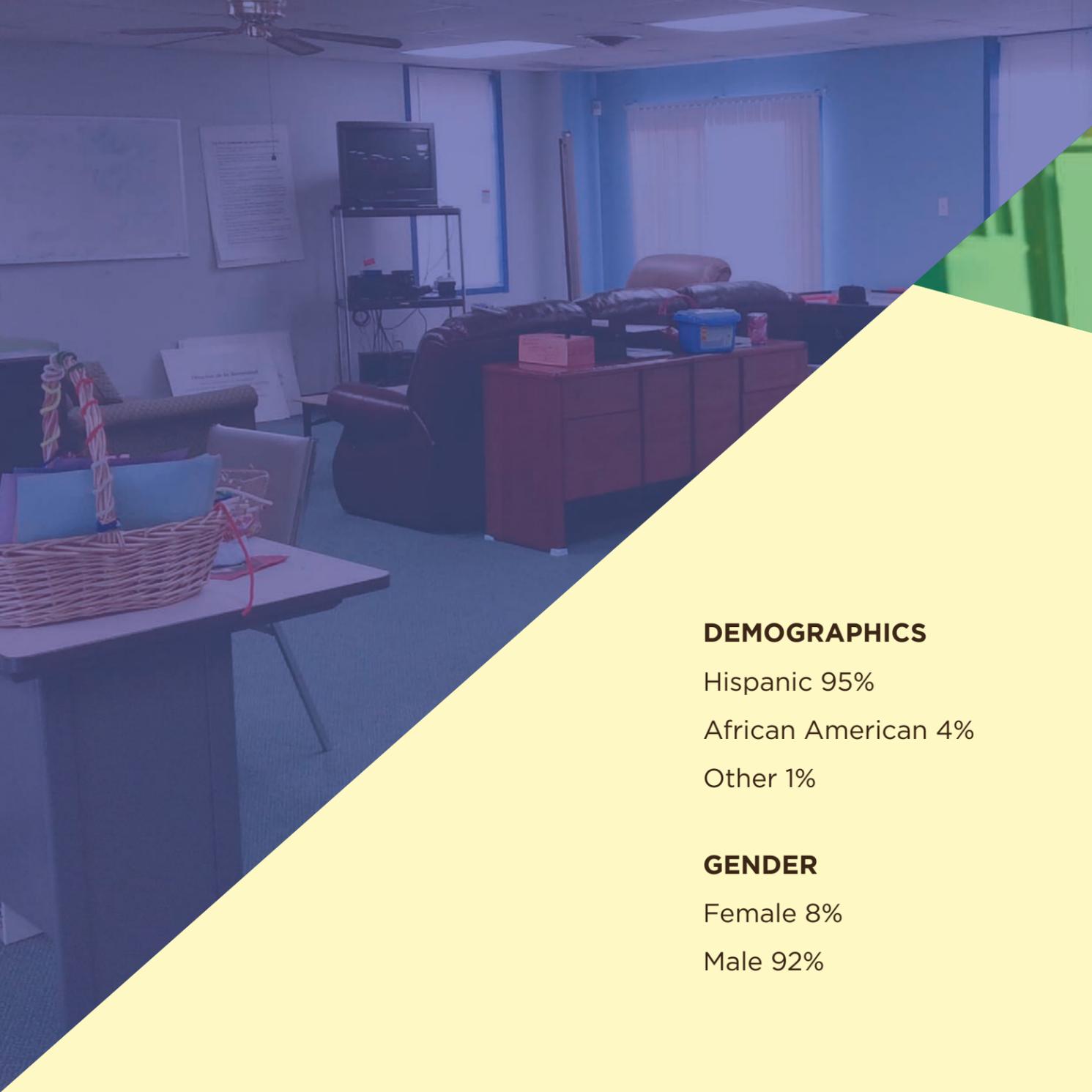
Guadalupe Centers Older Adults Program reopened its congregate site doors on July 12, 2021 after a long pause due to covid. This program has been providing services to older adults since the early 1980’s and is a Gold level service center as designated by Mid America Regional Council (MARC).

Guadalupe Centers Older Adult Program is committed to improving the quality of life for all seniors through the provision of comprehensive services including daily congregate meals, home delivered-meals on wheels, door to door transportation and Health/wellness services. These services help to support seniors to remain in their home safe, healthy and independent.

Congregate and Home-bound participants received daily hot meals and bi-weekly frozen meals.

Meals provided to participants in 2021 = 33,042

Total # of individuals served in 2021 = 193



DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 95%
African American 4%
Other 1%

GENDER

Female 8%
Male 92%

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

The Outpatient Treatment Program offers supportive recovery services to adult men and women challenged with substance use disorders. Services include alcohol/drug assessments, individual and group counseling and education, community support, case management, urine analysis and aftercare. All services are provided by bilingual (Spanish/English) staff certified by the State of Missouri’s Credentialing Board and the program is certified by Missouri’s Department of Mental Health, Division of Behavioral Health.

This program successfully renewed its State Certification with the Missouri Department of Mental Health Division of Behavioral Health.

The program entered into a partnership with Johnson County Court Services to meet the growing need for treatment among Latino adults facing substance use disorders.

Total # of individuals served in 2021 = 159

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During the pandemic, Guadalupe Centers mental health counselors had to switch to conducting therapy sessions online. In 2021 they returned to some in-person sessions with masks.

Photo right

Mora is a clinical supervisor and counselor at the Guadalupe Centers, which serves Latinos in Kansas City. She told KCUR’s Nomin Ujyediin that she saw people struggle with losing jobs, relapsing into substance abuse disorders and adapting to the technological challenges of Zoom.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Guadalupe Centers Early Childhood Center (GCECC) established in 1985, is a year round preschool program, licensed by the State of MO and accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The Center is a local participant in the National Head Start program, serving qualified families whose children are 3 to 5 years of age.

Educators receive year round training on research based curriculum. The individual child's personal experiences are embedded in the Creative Curriculum. This is a process of taking a holistic look at the learner to discover the assets that can serve as the foundation for growth and development in all areas of early learning. Conscious Discipline facilitates social and emotional development. In the past four years program administrators worked with Dr. Socorro Herrera, KSU Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy (CIMA) to develop and pilot a Dual Language Model. Our challenge was two fold; to develop a model that was culturally sensitive and appropriate for our family community, while at the same time, compatible with our established Curriculum. This year the 50/50 model was fully implemented and continues to develop under Dr. Herrera's guidance and instruction.

Classroom instruction is exclusively in English on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the instruction is provided in Spanish. The last day of the week is a 'translingual' day, during which children speak the language of their choice.

Total # of children served in 2021 = 143

Dual Language Learners (DLL) = 85

Qualify for Free or Reduced Meals = 143

Qualify for Head Start = 143

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Children begin to build interest in books and other literacy activities in increasingly complex ways.

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Educators initiate literacy activities that relate to both classroom experiences and individual interests.

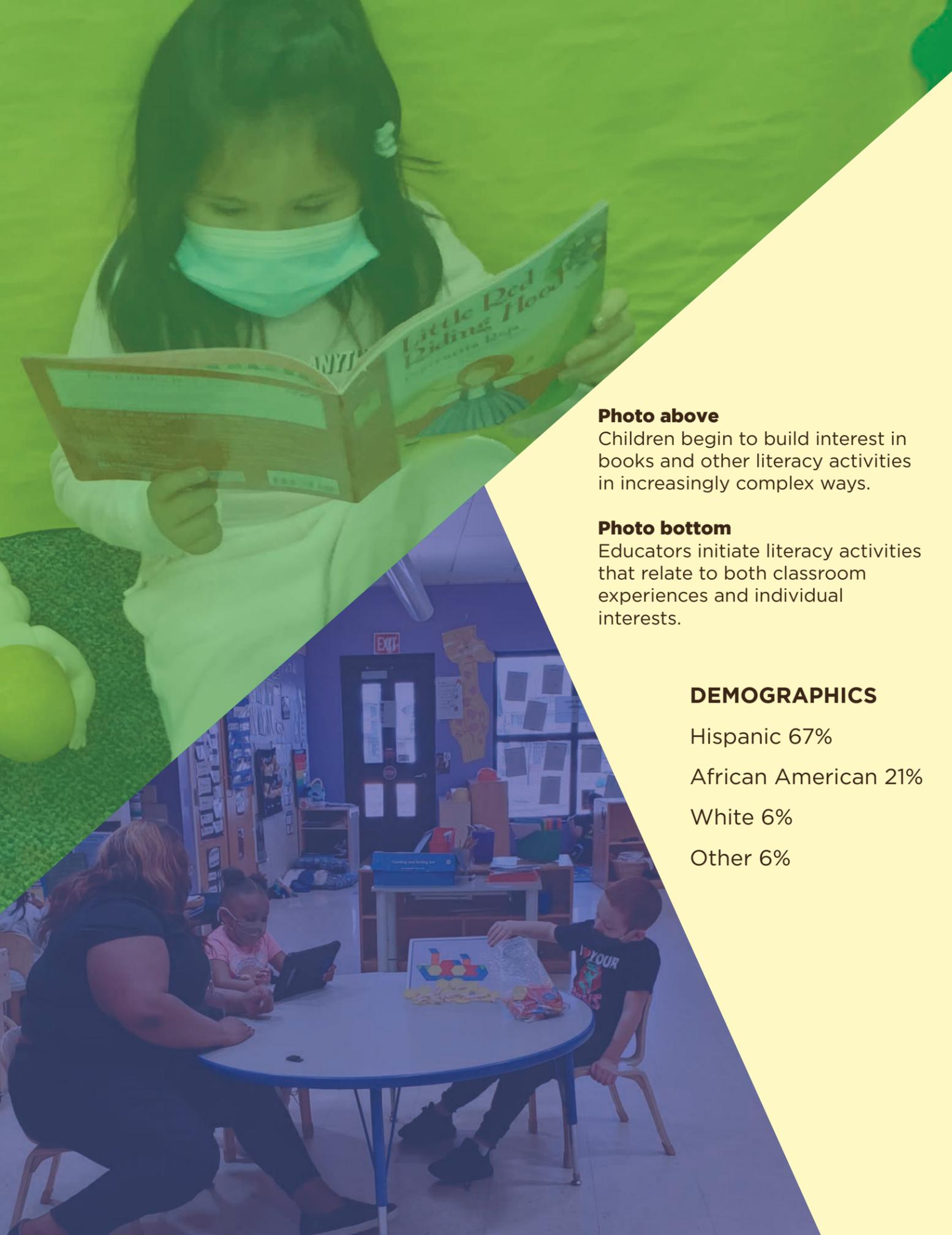
DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 67%

African American 21%

White 6%

Other 6%





YOUTH RECREATION

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hispanic 58%
- White 10%
- African American 30%
- Other 2%

GENDER

- Female 26%
- Male 73%

Youth Recreation provides a wide array of activities for youth ages 5 to 20. The program serves youth from the Westside, Coleman Highlands, Westport, Northeast, and Eastside neighborhoods. This program provides year-round organized athletic leagues: baseball, softball, t-ball, volleyball, futsal, soccer, basketball, & biddy ball. As the demand for services continues to grow, our youth program has expanded in recent years to serve more neighborhoods in the urban core of Jackson County. We continue to partner with other not-for-profits, charter schools, church organizations, and the Kansas City Parks & Recreation Department to provide these vital activities for the youth of our communities.

In 2021 the youth sports brought back a successful t-ball and biddy ball season. It was great to see the families and youth return to pre-covid numbers and the youth staff love the engagement piece within the community.

Total # of youth served in 2021 = 350

Photo left
Mayor Quinton Lucas stopping by our Mayor's Night Kicks to talk and sign soccer balls for our youth participants.

Photo right
Tball participants receiving their trophies at the end of the season. A total of 6 teams were signed up.



Photo left

Volunteers give haircuts to our youth in our After School program getting them ready for back to school.

Photo right

During Guadalupe Centers Summer school students study several different locales; First grade will focus on their hometown, its history and professions while grades 2 through 8 will explore cultures around the world as they embark on a cultural journeys voyage. While journaling their adventures, students will be immersed in rich literature and fluency practice.



AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER ENRICHMENT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 85%

African American 10%

White 5%

GENDER

Female 44%

Male 56%

The youth department was in full swing in 2021. The community summer school hosted 158 youth grades Kindergarten through 8th grades for 7 weeks, also the free Friday night events for middle school and high school youth were held during the summer months, at the Youth Recreation Center, and courts. That program culminated with a back to school event that included free school supplies, for up to 100 youth and 45 free haircuts to area youth.

The afterschool program at Villa Guadalupe had 88 participants and engaged youth in STEM/STEAM activities for the school year. The drop-in Rec site hosted 55 youth throughout the year, and involved the youth in science, cultural, art, and sports activities.

Total # of After School youth served in 2021 = 55

Total # of Life Skills/Our Lady of Hope youth served in 2021 = 65

Total # of Summer School youth served in 2021 = 155

Total # of unduplicated Club KC participants served in 2021 = 50

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Guadalupe Centers Workforce Development's Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) services are designed to engage, educate and empower individuals and families to build a better future through self-sufficiency.

To accomplish this, our workforce coaches implement a model developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, our coaches provide individuals and families with services across three areas: employment placement and career improvement; financial education and coaching; and public benefits access. These core services are integrated to provide a multi-faceted approach to income and wealth building. Workforce coaches meet our participants where they are and provide incremental levels of support and resources. Based on their goals towards career, savings, and education, our coaches provide the tools that our participants can apply as they learn to build their future. Our FOC promotes peace of mind through hope and financial stability. Individual financial and employment coaching provides longer-term support focused on helping our participants achieve their short and long-term goals!

FOC, continued its partnership with El Centro since 2015 as a certified Voluntary Taxpayer Assistance (VITA) site to provide free tax preparation support to low and moderate-income individuals in the Greater Kansas City area.

Total # of individuals served in 2021 = 101

Total # of individuals served with tax services in 2021 = 130

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Workforce participants completing the CDL program, became licensed CDL A drivers.

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Free tax prep through the KC VITA Tax program

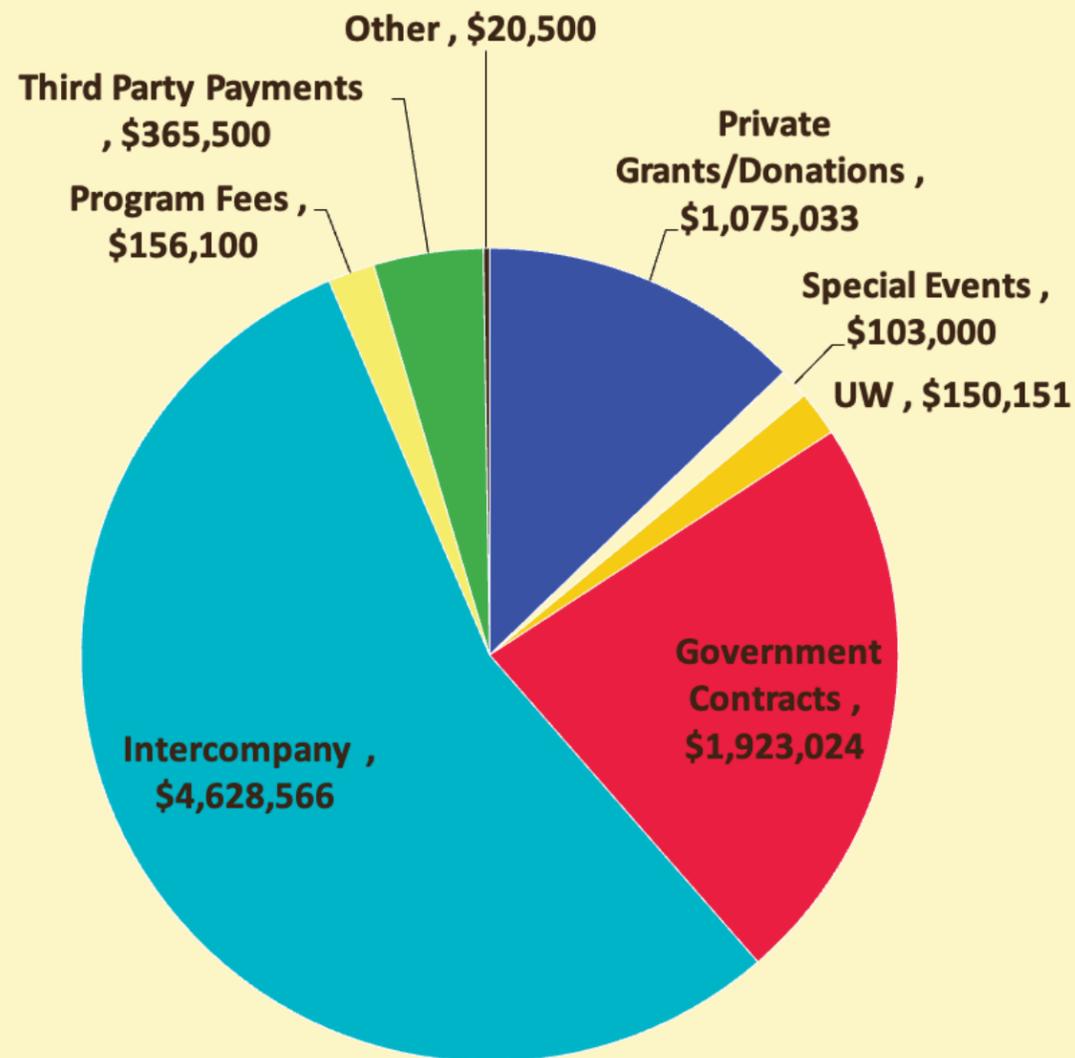
DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hispanic 75%
- African American 18%
- White 6%
- Other 1%

BUDGET 2021

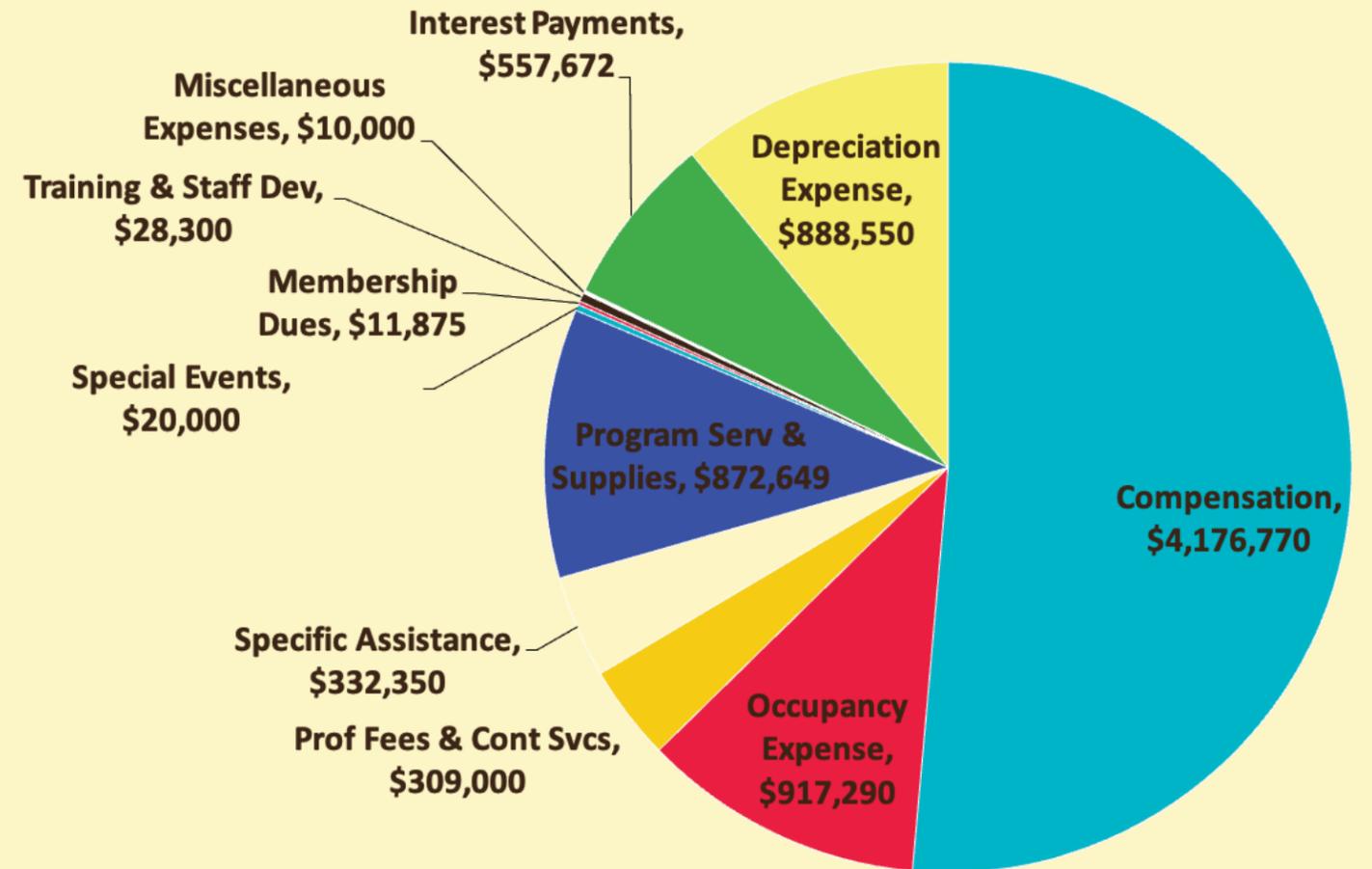
GUADALUPE CENTERS, INC.

REVENUE



TOTAL: \$8,421,874

EXPENSES



TOTAL: \$8,124,456



Welcome Back School

Photos left to right: CEO Beto Lopez and staff went to Jefferson City to the Capitol to meet with Governor Parson's staff to discuss ways to continue our workforce program. COVID -19 vaccine clinics were available throughout the year for the community. Guadalupe Centers Charter Schools students returned to the classrooms in-person. Our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta returned with a smaller event for the community. Our Youth Development Center welcomes kids for our After School Program every day for activities and help with homework.

Guadalupe Centers

CHARTER SCHOOLS (GCCS)

our **MISSION**

To Educate and Empower our School Community by Providing Rigorous and Engaging Academic and Cultural Experiences.

our **VISION**

Students Prepared to Positively Impact their Community.

From Our

SUPERINTENDENT

Being back full time in our buildings for the 2021-2022 school year has been incredibly rewarding. Guadalupe Centers Charter Schools remains so appreciative of our partnership with our families and community stakeholders.

As we pursue years 4 and 5 of our Strategic Plan, we continue to make necessary revisions and adjustments that we feel will help us meet our educational and socio-emotional goals for our students. We take the business of supporting our students and their families seriously, this is something that will continue to stay at the forefront of our work. We are in a partnership with Guadalupe Centers Inc. which has continued to assist us in providing quality educational experiences for our students and families.

Sincerely

Dr. Jim Hammen
Interim Superintendent



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GCCS Interim Superintendent



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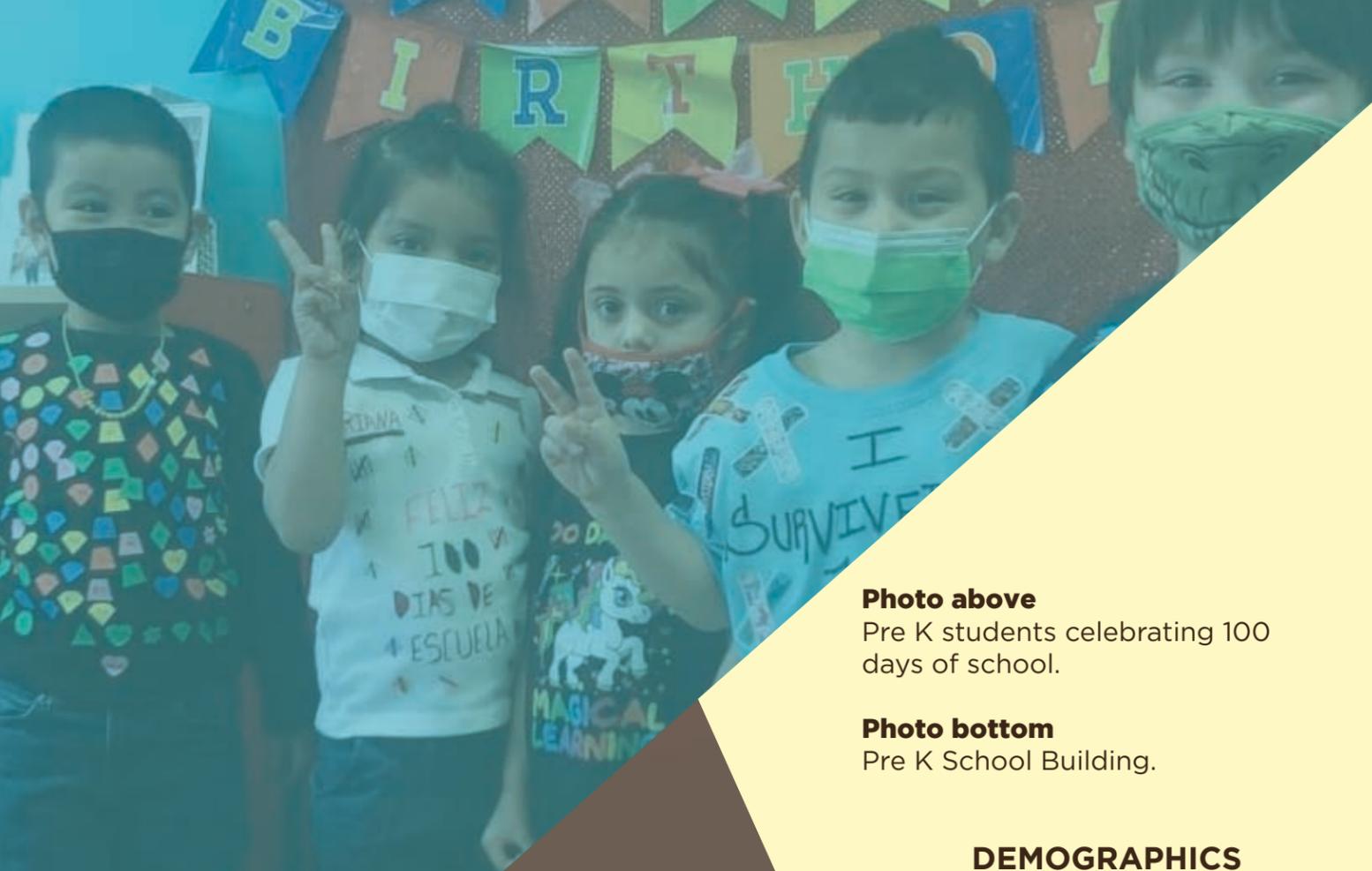
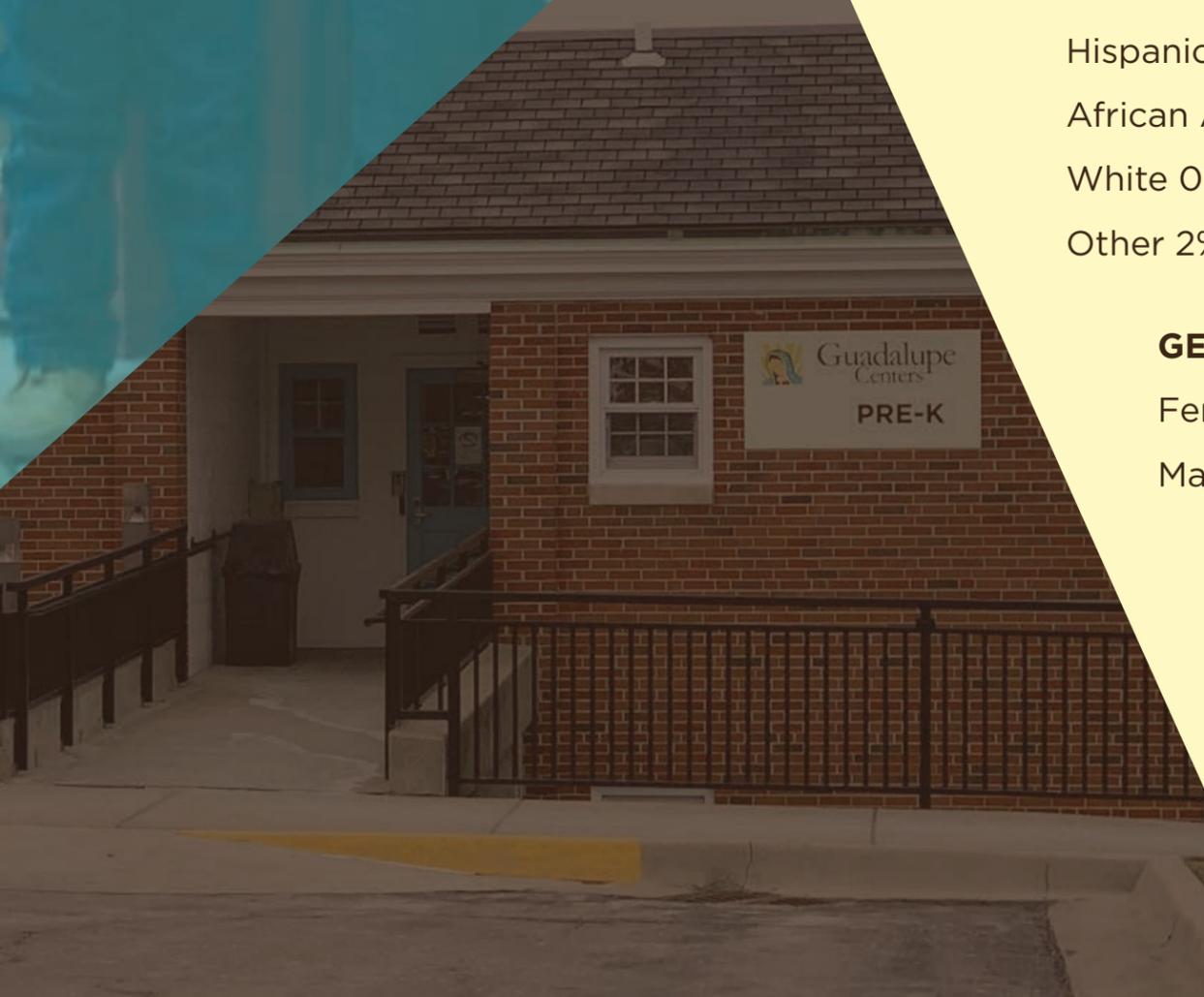


Photo above
Pre K students celebrating 100 days of school.

Photo bottom
Pre K School Building.



PRE-K SCHOOL

The Guadalupe Centers Pre-K School first opened its doors in October, 2016. The Creative Curriculum guides daily instruction and offers learning opportunities to develop age appropriate skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and enhancement of each child’s lifelong identity and positive self-concept. This teaching structure supports every type of learner and addresses all areas of learning required for successful Kindergarten readiness.

Our program supports students and families by focusing on social-emotional learning with the implementation of Conscious Discipline’s School Family. The School Family builds connections between families and schools, teachers and teachers, teachers and students, and students and students to ensure the optimal development of all. As the School Family is built, children learn life-long skills of self-regulation and helpful ways to work and learn together.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hispanic 98%
- African American 0%
- White 0%
- Other 2%

GENDER

- Female 31
- Male 24

Total # of students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year = 55

Attendance Rate = 86.2%

Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch = 87.3%



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Guadalupe Centers Elementary School serves Kindergarten through 5th grade students. Our staff provides a rigorous and engaging academic environment supporting the development of each child through culturally relevant experiences.

The vision of GCES, aligned with that of the district is for our students to be prepared to positively impact their community. We work to build lasting relationships with all members of our school community. In addition to core classes, our students also engage in Art, Music, PE, Spanish and Library Media classes. We work to build a curriculum that honors culturally and linguistically diverse students, giving them a strong sense of themselves and appreciation of others in all content areas.

At GCES each class starts the morning with a morning meeting designed to build relationships, celebrate successes, remind us of our purpose and ground us in our STRONG core values of service, trust, resilience, optimism, nerve and gratitude. In addition, this year our students have the opportunity to engage in extracurriculars such as DARE, Girls on the Run, Journalism, Scouts and Art club.

Photo above
Elementary students celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Photo bottom
Elementary School Building.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Hispanic 95.8%
- African American 2%
- White 2%
- Other .4%

GENDER

- Female 332
- Male 323

Total # of students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year = 655

Attendance Rate = 90%

English Language Learners (ELL) = 84.12%

Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch = 93.3%

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Guadalupe Centers Middle School students are divided into grade-level teams. Our instructional efforts are to make learning meaningful for all students, meeting the educational needs of all students, and equitably assessing the productivity of all students. The students and staff at GCMS continue to focus on the use of technology as a tool for making our learning engaging and more productive.

As the needs of our students are identified, the resources of the school are refocused in an attempt to provide continuous academic and social growth by all of our students. Opportunities for our 6th thru 8th grade students to participate in extra curricular activities include the following: Interscholastic sports, intramurals, choral and instrumental music (including strings), Student Council, Art Club, after school homework help, STEM, AZTEC TV, and much more.

Total # of students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year = 329

Attendance Rate = 90.4%

English Language Learners (ELL) = 59.88%

Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch = 94.8%

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Students coming back to school in person after being remote.

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Middle School Building.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 95%

African American 2%

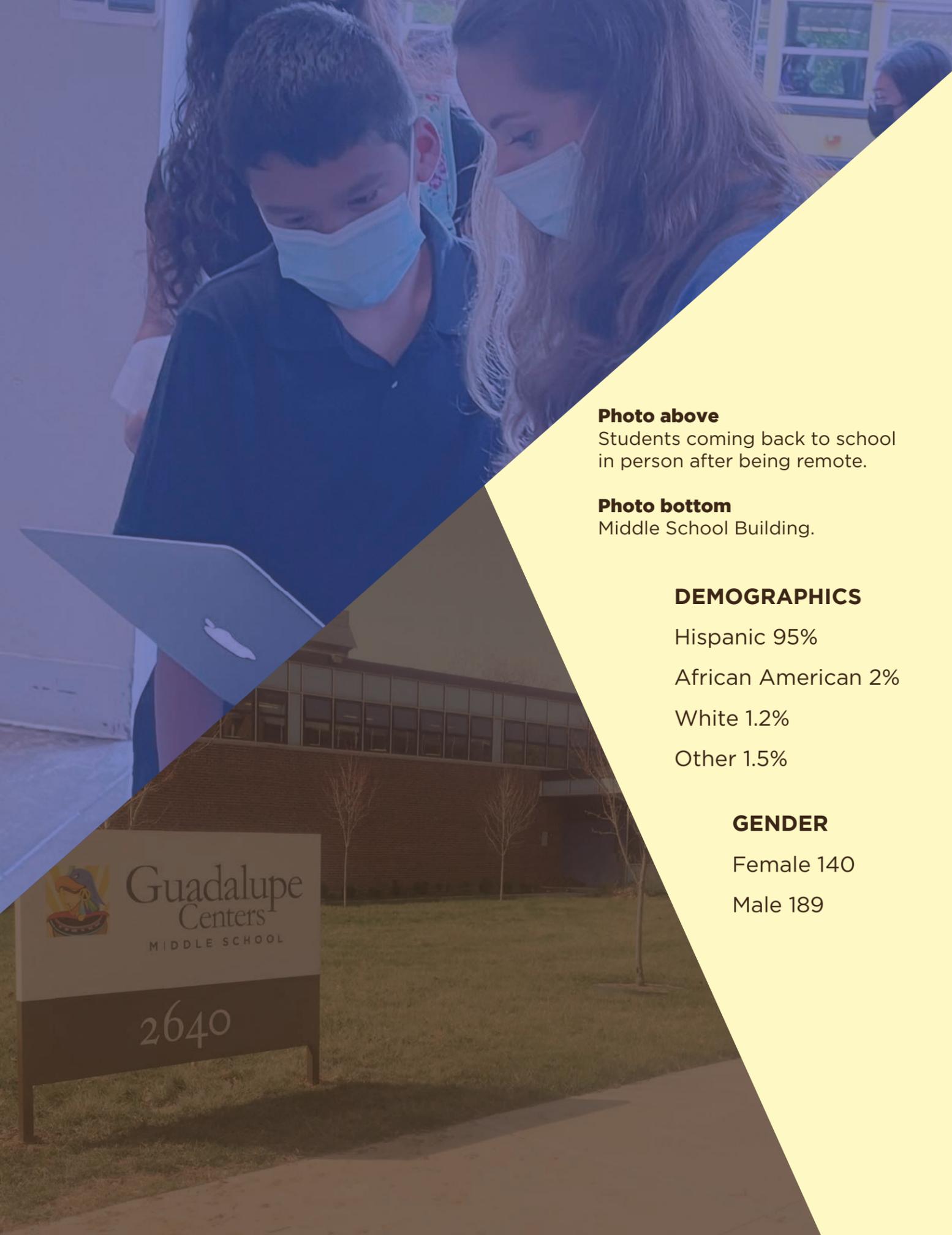
White 1.2%

Other 1.5%

GENDER

Female 140

Male 189



HIGH SCHOOL

Guadalupe Centers High School is a community-based charter school that focuses on providing all students quality educational and real-world experiences. As a Real World Learning school, GCHS will offer students a variety of college and career experiences through one of three academies: Early College Academy, Career Academy, and the Impact Academy. The GCHS Early College Academy is an enhancement upon a previously established model where students attend a variety of programs at one of the five Metropolitan Community College campuses across the city either in a full time or part-time capacity. The Career Academy is also an enhancement upon current partnerships.

Students who participate in the Career Academy have the opportunity to earn an Industry-Recognized Credential and/or College credit through partnerships with MindDrive or Summit Technology Academy. Finally, through the expansion of the Impact Academy, students will participate in Client-Connected Projects, Internships, and Alternative MVA opportunities (i.e. service learning). Each of these academies will support students in being prepared to positively impact their community upon graduation from Guadalupe Centers High School.

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- 36 students participated in our Early College Program receiving both high school and college credit through Metropolitan Community College.
- A total 41 of students participated in our Career Academy through one of the following programs: MindDrive, aSTEAM Village, Manual Technical Career Center, or Summit Technology Academy.
- 123 students participated in our Impact Academy where they earned a Career English credit and Project Management credit while completing a Client Connected Project.

Total # of students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year = 412

Attendance Rate = 89.6%

English Language Learners (ELL) = 59.88%

Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch = 94.8%

Photo above

2021 Graduates had a drive thru ceremony.

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High School Building.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic 95.6%

African American 1.6%

White 2.1%

Other 0.4%

GENDER

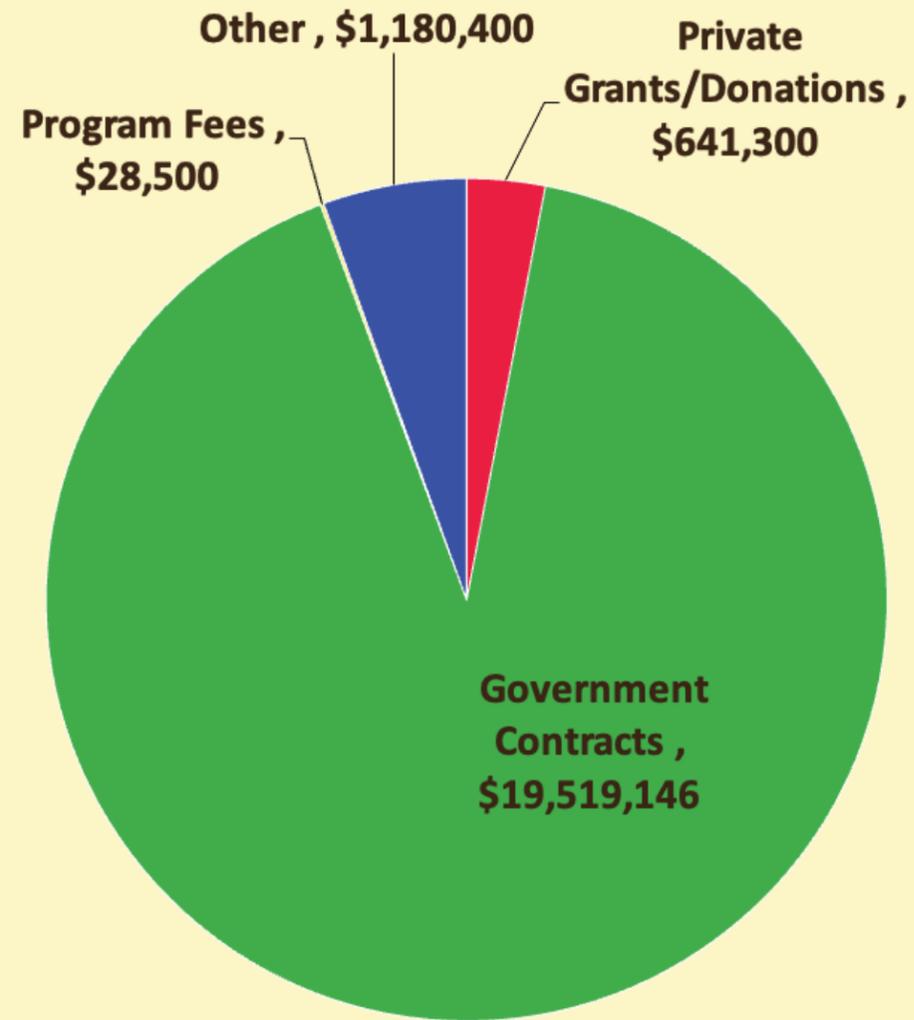
Female 205

Male 207

BUDGET 2021

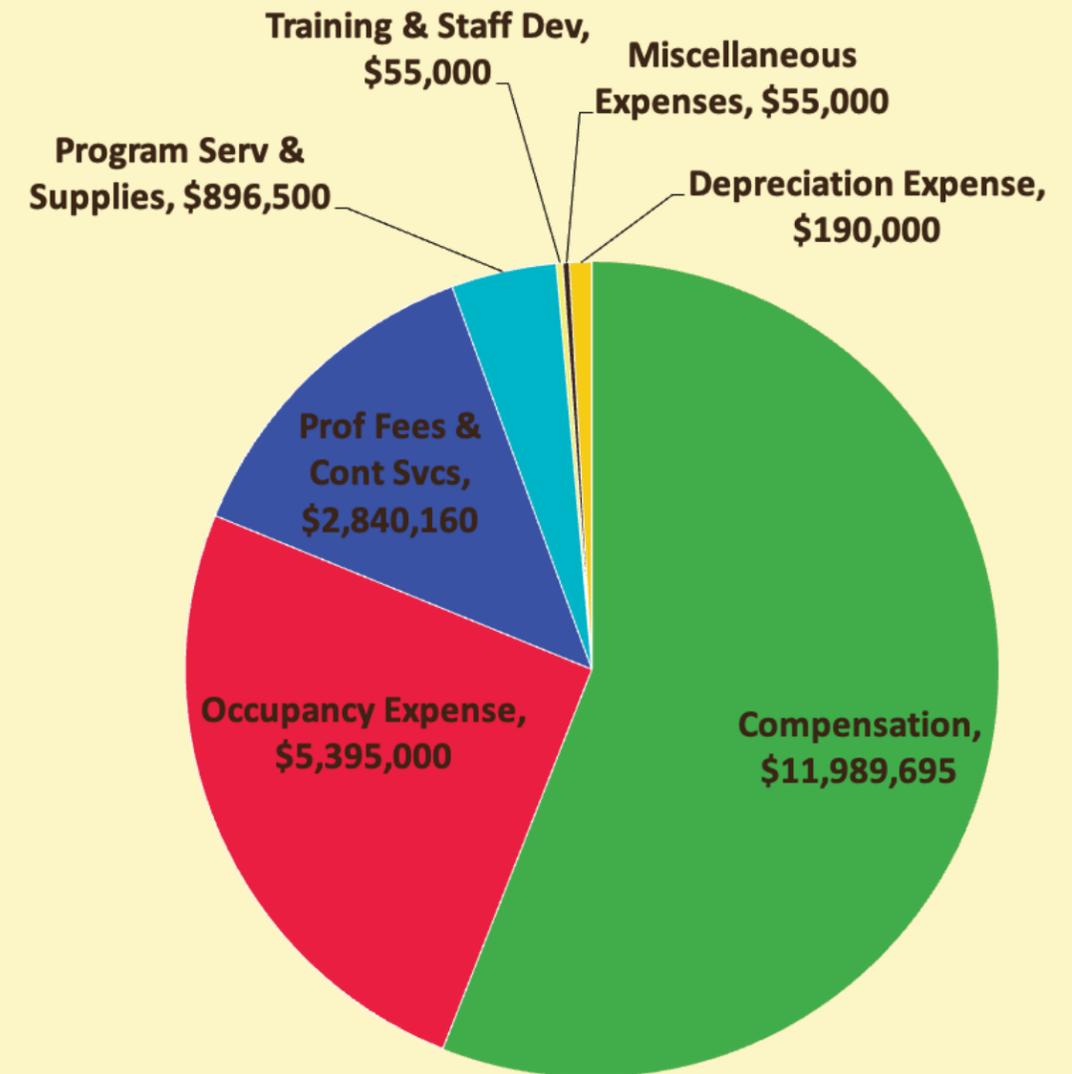
GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER SCHOOLS (GCCS)

REVENUE



TOTAL: \$21,369,346

EXPENSES



TOTAL: \$21,421,355

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