

# ESPERANZA NEWS

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## El Proyecto Supports Homeless at Shelter



El Proyecto Medical Director, Dr. Karmen Tatulian, served patients at Bassett Park. Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis opened a 24-hour temporary homeless shelter at this park located in La Puente. This winter shelter provides warm food as well as supportive services including medical and dental screenings and housing assistance. The shelter operated until April 30, 2020.



Supervisor Hilda L. Solis asked El Proyecto to bring medical and specialized services to the homeless residents at Bassett Park.



## El Proyecto Board Member Profile: Olivia Farzam



Olivia Farzam has been on the Board of El Proyecto del Barrio since 2016. She is a member of the Development and Marketing Committee and will also Chair El Proyecto's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in 2021.

Olivia was educated in Mexico and the United States and holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a Master's degree in Social Work.

Olivia is multicultural and multilingual; she has lived in Mexico, the USA, Iran, and Israel and speaks Spanish, English, Farsi and Hebrew. She worked as a fundraiser for the United Jewish Fund, as an administrator at the Jewish Home for the Aging and Executive Director for Brookdale Assisted Living. She volunteers with Providence St. Joseph Medical Center as a peer counselor

and facilitates support group classes for people 60 years of age and older.

Olivia has always been involved in the community. She volunteers as a tutor in many elementary schools with Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring, tutoring adults with the Los Angeles Public Library Adult Literacy Program.

She is a mentor to children of migrant workers going to college with Dollars for Scholars-Drew Silvern Scholarship Fund and dispenses food to the needy at the Food Pantry with the Catholic Charities Guadalupe Center.

"Throughout my working years I heard so much about the wonderful work that El Proyecto does for the underserved communities, and my goal was to someday be involved with this organization," Olivia said. "Now I see first-hand the great work that happens here and I am honored to be part of El Proyecto and all that we do to help those who need us most."



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# State Senator Susan Rubio Visits El Proyecto's Azusa Clinic

We were honored to welcome State Senator Susan Rubio to our Azusa Family Clinic. Senator Rubio was elected to the California State Senate in 2018 and represents the 22<sup>nd</sup> District. She is Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee and a member of the Health Committee.



*Pictured left to right: Jacqueline Carpio, Baldwin Park Clinic Administrator; Corinne Sánchez, Chief Executive Officer; State Senator Susan Rubio; Dr. Karmen Tatulian, Medical Director; Mary Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer; and Ricky Garcia, Azusa Clinic Administrator. We welcomed guests Carmela Castellano-Garcia, California Primary Care Association (CPCA); Victor Christy, Health Plus Advocates; Louise McCarthy, CEO, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles (CCALAC) and Al Ballesteros CEO of JWCH Institute.*

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## Citizens Business Bank Donates to El Proyecto

Mr. James Salin (center), VP Relationship Manager at Citizens Business Bank, presents a donation check for El Proyecto to Corinne Sánchez, El Proyecto CEO and Ricardo Ornelas, Chief Financial Officer.

For more than 45 years, Citizens Business Bank has provided banking solutions across multiple industries and service sectors. They have a commitment to the communities they serve. Citizens Business Bank has made corporate contributions to over 300 nonprofit organizations.

# El Proyecto Board of Directors Strategic Retreat



*The Board of Directors is responsible for providing overall leadership and strategic direction for El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. Board members are stewards of its mission and resources. Board members and executive staff participated in the Board of Directors' Strategic Retreat 2019-2022.*



## YouthSource Center Sun Valley

El Proyecto has maintained a partnership with Los Angeles Valley Community College for over 20 years. In recent years, we have developed trainings for our youth that include Bio-Tech, HiSET, and CNC Manufacturing. These graduates are all success stories from a recent training at Valley College.

The CNC (Computer Numeric Control) Manufacturing Academy Training offers entry level training for careers in the Aerospace industry. This training provides our young 18 to 24 year old participants a spring board toward long-term careers within the industry. These six (6) clients (five males and one female) that took the course and they all graduated and have since moved on to employment or returned to college.

The YouthSource Center is funded by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD).

## Community Citizenship Workshop

El Proyecto collaborated with organizer Judy Rutt and her volunteers from Temple Judea in Tarzana and Our Lady of Grace in Encino to offer a free workshop for permanent residents who want more information about becoming a U.S. citizen. A team of trained volunteers with Pathway to Citizenship and El Proyecto staff (Gladys Gomez, Maria Delgadillo, Heyliana Primera and Marlene Rowlett) were there to assist the 42 people who attended.

Helen Madrid-Worthen has been a driving force in bringing these workshops to El Proyecto. She is a long-time board member and chairs the Development and Marketing Committee. She is passionate about serving the community and El Proyecto del Barrio.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Corinne Sánchez

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We are committed to the health and safety of our patients, employees and associates. We have been working on addressing highly infectious diseases for many years and have medical policies and procedures, an emergency disaster manual, and prepared staff for critical situations, such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19).



The County of Los Angeles has designated the Department of Public Health (DPH) to be the lead agency on the status and changes involving Coronavirus to all residents of Los Angeles County. In addition, we are being notified by Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Health & Human Services Administration (HRSA), Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) to stay on top of this developing situation.

Rest assured, we are monitoring this changing situation closely, staying in regular contact with federal, state and local agencies. We have organized a host of resources to keep you informed, including at [www.elproyecto.us](http://www.elproyecto.us), our company website.

We are prepared to navigate through these challenging circumstances and continue to remain open to serve the community.

## MLK Community Breakfast 2020



The Annual Free SFV Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast 2020 was held in January at the Boys & Girls Club in Pacoima. The event is organized by the African American Leadership Organization, Inc. (AALO). El Proyecto del Barrio was the major sponsor for the event again this year.



**Bob Winn, President of AALO, introduces CEO Corinne Sánchez and acknowledges El Proyecto's continuing support of this event.**



**MLK Breakfast 2020 was attended by 600 people, including Mayor Eric Garcetti, Police Chief Michel Moore and other elected officials.**

