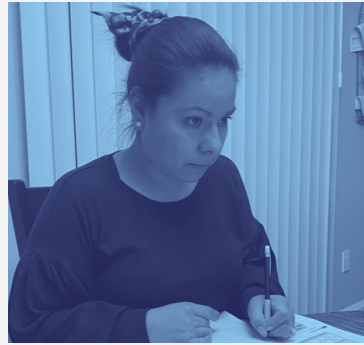




2025-2026 **IMPACT REPORT**





OUR MISSION

To educate, empower and celebrate the Hispanic community as we strengthen our connections and bonds within Cabarrus County.

WHAT WE DO



EDUCATION & FAMILY SUPPORT

- Tutoring for Latino K-5 Students
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Civic Engagement Workshops
- Family Empowerment Workshops



TEEN EMPOWERMENT

- Pathway to College
- Cuídate – Empowering Youth Through Sex Health Education
- Next Gen Latino Leadership Initiative



HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVES

- Vaccination Clinics
- Access to Health Program
- Weekly On-Site Therapy
- Entre Amigas - Women's Support Group
- Manitas Unidas – Children's Support Group
- Primary Care Clinic Twice Month



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES

- Concord International Festival
- City of Concord Language Access Plan
- Community Outreach Events
- First Responders Appreciation Lunch
- Conéctate Newsletter

THIS PAST YEAR

Over the past fiscal year, the Latino community faced tremendous challenges. Fear and uncertainty became so overwhelming that many families were afraid to leave their homes.

Yet, during those difficult moments, we witnessed something powerful: people stepped forward and asked, “How can I help?” Neighbors, community members, firefighters, and others delivered food, picked up medications, provided groceries and hygiene kits, and helped families access essential items. Their response reminded us what is possible when a community comes together. Many families continue to face fear, financial hardship, food insecurity, and barriers to essential services.

Throughout it all, El Puente Hispano’s doors have remained open. We continue to be a trusted place where families feel welcomed, respected, and supported, whether they need healthcare, education, mental health services, food assistance, information, or simply someone to turn to.

2026 also marked an important milestone: our first full-scale fundraising event, A Taste of Latin Flavors. This joyful celebration brought together supporters who believe in our mission and strengthened our ability to continue providing free programs and services.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Your support reminds us that we do not do this work alone.

As Executive Director, I am proud of what we have accomplished together and even prouder of the strength and resilience of the families we serve. El Puente Hispano will continue creating opportunities, building bridges, and ensuring that no one faces these challenges alone.

Gracias infinitas,

Sandra Torres

Cofounder & Executive Director
El Puente Hispano

HIGHLIGHTS



2,000+

People reached through programs, services, and outreach



187

Patients received free primary care



45

Individuals received information about their rights



250+

Participants engaged in mental health support groups and appointments



192

Families received food assistance



188

Adults participated in ESL classes



202

Children and teens participated in programs including tutoring, leadership, summer camp, and teen health education



5000+

People celebrated culture and community at The Concord International Festival

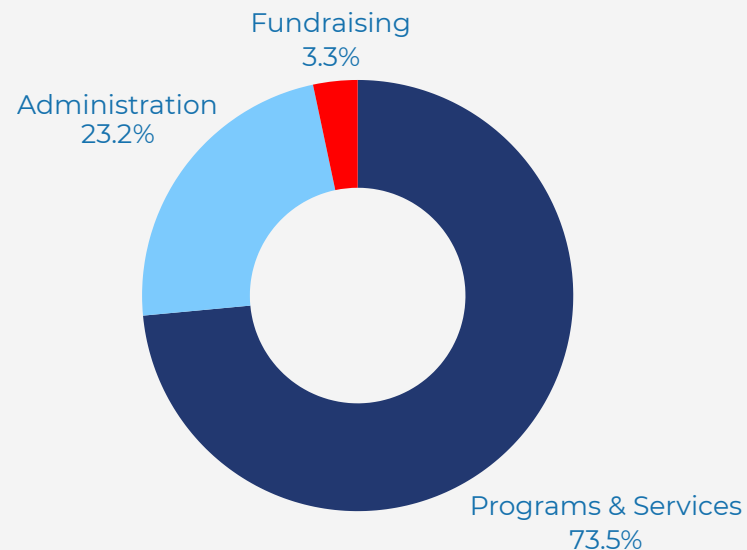
FINANCIALS

El Puente Hispano is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Cabarrus County. Guided by a volunteer Board of Directors, and a part-time Executive Director. Donations support our free programs, services, and organizational operations.

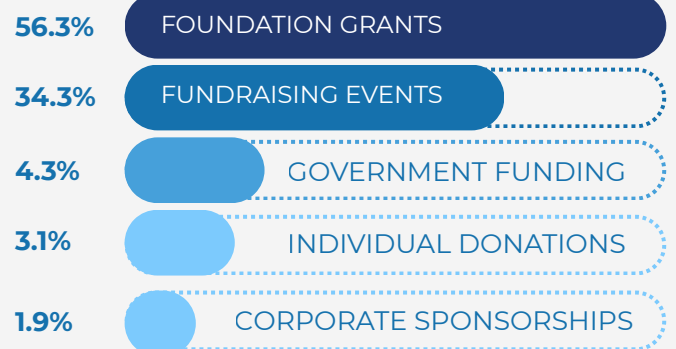
TOTAL INVESTED IN PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS:

\$210,369

HOW WE INVESTED OUR RESOURCES



WHERE OUR FUNDING CAME FROM



OUR WORK IN ACTION

HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVES

PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

- 21 clinic sessions
- 187 patients served
- Partnership with Hope Street Free Clinic

MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

- 27 patients received individual therapy
- Manitas Unidas - Children's Support Group: 9 sessions / 116 total attendance
- Entre Amigas - Women's Support Group: 9 sessions / 128 total attendance
- Parent Grief Support Group: 8 sessions / 7 participants

PREVENTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY

- 86 people vaccinated through Walgreens
- 32 participants trained in CPR with the Concord Fire Department



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES

- **192** families received food assistance
- **2** local organizations, Community Free Clinic and Kannapolis City Schools, were assessed on how effectively their services meet the needs of the Latino community through our Bridging Communities program.
- More than **600** people received information and resources from El Puente Hispano through community fairs and school open houses
- More than **200** local first responders were honored with an appreciation lunch
- More than **120** children, including students in our tutoring program, received Christmas gifts

LATINO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- **32** residents participated in the Fair Housing Workshop
- **27** residents participated in a community conversation with the Concord Police Chief and leadership team
- **46** residents participated in meetings with Concord candidates
- **45** families received information about their civic rights



EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION

- ESL: 75 classes / **188** participants
- Conversational English with Cannon School: 6 classes / **52** participants

CHILDREN

- After-School Tutoring: 82 sessions / **52** children participated
- Manitas Unidas Summer Camp: **45** children/ 2 weeks
- Art on the Go: 6 sessions / **64** participants

TEEN EMPOWERMENT

- Latino Teen Leadership Program:
- 7 sessions / 61 students registered
- Cuídate - Sex Health Education: 3 sessions / 44 teens

2025 CONCORD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Presented in partnership with the City of Concord

- 5,000+ attendees
- 54 countries represented at the festival
- 84 performing artists on stage
- 69 arts and crafts vendors
- 16 food vendors
- More than 100 volunteers



OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

Transformational Allies— \$50,000+

- United Way

Visionary Allies — \$20,000–\$49,999

- Cabarrus Health Alliance
- Greater Cabarrus Foundation
- The Cobb Family Gift Foundation

Impact Allies — \$10,000–\$19,999

- City of Concord
- Foundation For The Carolinas
- Eli Lilly and Company

Community Allies — \$5,000–\$9,999

- Atrium Health
- Compare Foods
- Hispanic Federation

Bridge Allies — \$2,500–\$4,999

- Uwharrie Bank
- Infinant, Inc
- Bill & Debbie Dusch Foundation
- Cabarrus Arts Council
- Kinetic
- North Carolina Arts Council

Friends of El Puente — \$1,000–\$2,499

- Pamela Escobar
- Elizabeth Rosario Law
- Great Wolf Resorts
- Hilbish Ford
- Katherine Ramirez Campbell and Friends
- Ben Mynatt Family of Dealerships
- Johnson, Allison, and Hord, P.A.
- Liles Construction
- Rack Room Shoes
- F&M Bank
- Duke Energy
- Kerry Dove
- Emily & Dan Davis
- Wendy & Charles McConnell
- Minuteman Press Concord
- Plummer and Snyder Law
- William Stillerman and Friends



PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

- City of Concord
- Cabarrus Health Alliance
- Cabarrus County
- Ann Street United Methodist Church
- Atrium Health
- Hope Street Free Clinic
- Walgreens
- Cabarrus Arts Council
- Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
- Concord Police Department
- Concord Fire Department
- Inka Print

- Cabarrus County EMS
- KinderMourn
- Cannon School
- Kannapolis City Schools
- Cabarrus County Schools
- Cooperative Christian Ministry - CCM
- OneCan
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Victory Family Counseling
- City of Kannapolis
- Novant Health
- The Community Free Clinic