

# INSPIRING DREAMS

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

## MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

### Dear Friends,

2019 has been another remarkable year for AVANCE-Houston; we experienced many successes and this could not have happened without the unconditional commitment of the Board of Directors, staff, our friends and supporters. We are very fortunate to see the impact our programs make in the families we serve, and we greatly appreciate all of you for making them possible.

Each year we continue Inspiring Dreams, by helping our parents and children discover their true potential; as we create pathways for them to achieve their academic and personal goals.

This has been another fulfilling year for us with many accomplishments, including the launch of our AVANCE-Houston Alumni Ambassadors (AHAA) program, designed to reconnect with our alumni. Speaking to some of them and seeing how far they have come over the years, upon leaving AVANCE, has been rewarding. In this report, you will learn about the impact of our programs; the inspiring story of a 1994 AVANCE graduate who is now a medical doctor. Stories like hers, only ignite our motivation to continue moving forward fully committed to delivering the highest quality services and continuing to build strong partnerships to better serve parents and children in our city.

Thank you for embarking on the journey with us of Unlocking America's potential.



Suz & How Luz E. Flores, MNP



Saul Valentin Board Chair

2018-2019



3,830

TOTAL SERVED (Excludes CCP II)

**HEAD START** 

2,388



(Includes Aldine ISD)

EARLY HEAD START



Child Care Partnership



Child Care Partnership II In start-up phase

HEALTHY MARRIAGE

(Strong Families, Strong Communities)





(Retreats: Winter, Spring & Summer)

**GED** Trainin

Graduated

Served

PARENT CHILD **EDUCATION PROGRAM** 





### **OUR MOTTO**

Parents are the First Teachers, Home is the First Classroom

# HIGHLIGHTS

INSPIRING DREAMS 2019 - RUNWAY OF SUCCESS AND GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED NEARLY \$200K FOR GED AND PARENT-CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAMS















THANK YOU GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROGRAM WAS COMMENDED AND RATED AMONG TOP IN THE NATION







### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED BY THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Luz Flores was recipient of the Paper Plate award for exceptional advocacy for Head Start programs and early childhood education.



#### OXFORD HEAD START EARNED NAEYC ACCREDITATION-RANKING AMONG THE TOP IN THE NATION

The center received a 5- year re-accreditation by National Association for the Education of Young Children. Currently Jensen Drive is also accredited.





### CELEBRATED MEMORABLE GRADUATIONS

- Parent-Child Education Program
- GED Program
- Healthy Marriage-Strong Families, Strong Communities



### LAUNCHED THE AVANCE-HOUSTON ALUMNI AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The group currently has 400+ members; graduates of one or multiple AVANCE programs - they will serve as advocates and help advance the AVANCE mission.



AVANCE-Houston ranked #14 in the Houston Business Journal's list of Largest Houston area charitable organizations

## OUR SUCCESS

#### AVANCE ALUMNA, NOW, MEDICAL DOCTOR

Inspires Dreams of AVANCE Students

DR. PAMELA AYALA





Mrs. Gloria Ayala enrolled in the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program (PCEP) in 1994, bringing along, her then 2-year old daughter, Pamela. While mother attended parenting sessions, little Pamela was participating in the early childhood education classes

The program equipped Mrs. Ayala with the essential tools and knowledge that helped her become her daughter's first and most important teacher; and she learned how to support her academically beginning in the early stages of life.



"When I first heard about this program, I knew it would provide my children with a good head start in their education."

After completing the nine-month program, both, mom and daughter graduated together and walked across the stage to receive their certificate of completion. This marked the beginning of an exciting journey filled with commitment and many dreams for both of them.

Pamela continued with her studies with a great deal of support from her parents. She graduated in the top 15% of her class at Bellaire High School and attended the University of Houston Honors College. Then graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Human Nutrition & Foods. Later, attended McGovern Medical School, and was matched to the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program. Upon completion in 2020, she plans to work in under-served, Latino communities like the one she was raised in



Now, 25 years later, Pamela has returned to AVANCE to inspire current students to pursue their dreams. This year, she served as keynote speaker at the PCEP graduation, shared her story at the 30th anniversary gala, and also walked the runway with an AVANCE preschooler aspiring to become a medical doctor, like her.

"Dressing toddlers in caps and gowns is more than a photo opportunity. It's a glimpse of the future. It's the promise of a child's potential. It's the affirmation for the parents that they've given their child the best start."

"Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child found that in the first few years of brain development, over 1 million new neural connections are formed every second. AVANCE captures children's minds in this critical stage of development. They laid the foundation for my academic career by cultivating my mind. AVANCE gave my parents the tools to set the stage for lifelong learning. From my dad's GED to my MD, together, we made it further than any of us expected." - Dr. Ayala







The Mission Continues



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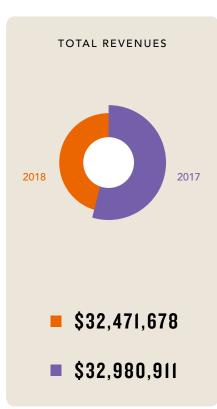


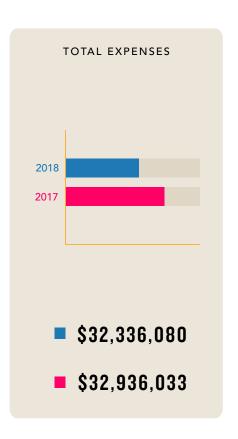
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FY 2016-2017 | 2017-2018







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