

# ANNUAL REPORT

GIVE EVERY CHILD A CHANCE
YOUR TIME - THEIR FUTURE

2024 - 2025



It is our honor to present the 2024–2025 Annual Report for Give Every Child A Chance. As we celebrate 27 remarkable years, we couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved together—27 years of building confidence, providing encouragement, and offering free tutoring to the youth in our communities.

We firmly believe that every child has the potential to succeed. But helping young people reach their full potential takes a collective effort. That's why it's essential that the GECAC family—our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and supporters—continue to work together to create a place rooted in positivity, hope, and opportunity.

We are deeply grateful for the leadership of our Board of Directors, the dedication of our employees and volunteers, and the generous contributions from our donors. Because of you, Give Every Child A Chance remains a source of connection and support—helping students grow academically, personally, and socially, while nurturing their emotional and physical development during critical out-of-school hours.

Whether you're a longtime friend or new to our mission, thank you for making a difference in the life of a child. We're excited for what lies ahead—and we're so glad to have you with us.

Sincerely for youth,

Christina Keefhaver Chief Executive Officer

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

We believe every child should be given a chance to be successful. We further believe that community volunteers; working as academic mentors and tutors, together with the school districts will provide assistance to children struggling in school the opportunity to improve academically and become successful lifelong learners.

It is our mission to give every child a chance!

186 SERVED

# **TEACH PROGRAM**

The matching of a student receiving one or more below average grades with a mentor/tutor. The main focus is to assist students in study skills and become independent learners.

464 SERVED

## **MORNING PROGRAM**

The program offers a safe and structured environment before the school day begins and includes academic support through homework help, social-emotional learning lessons to build positive habits and peer relationships, enrichment activities and physical activity to promote health and teamwork.

**4,054**SERVED

# **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**

The program continues to serve as a leading model for expanded learning in the South San Joaquin Valley, and is designed to support the holistic development of students by integrating academic assistance, enrichment activities, physical education, and social-emotional learning within a safe, structured, and inclusive environment.

222 SERVED

# **BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The program helps students start their day with academic support, social-emotional learning activities, and leadership opportunities. With strong attendance and positive feedback, it boosts readiness, confidence, and school engagement.



In the academic year between October 2024 to May 2025, TEACH continued to provide free quality tutoring across San Joaquin County. Designed to support K-12 grade students academically, TEACH connects students with trained tutors in a welcoming and structured environment.

186 STUDENTS SERVED

TEACH brings tutoring to you — with flexible locations at public libraries, school campuses, and our program office, making it easier than ever for families to get the support they need. After each session, parents receive consistent progress updates to stay in the loop on their child's growth. Our dedicated tutors include trained volunteers and future educators gaining hands-on experience while making a real impact.

Despite the challenges this past year brought, TEACH proudly supported 186 students across San Joaquin County! We expanded our impact by launching 7 vibrant summer sites, reaching students in Manteca, Ripon, Tracy, Lathrop, and Weston Ranch. From homework help to hands-on learning, TEACH continued to be a steady source of support and inspiration all summer long.



# BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Give Every Child A Chance continues to lead expanded learning efforts in the South San Joaquin Valley through its comprehensive Morning and Afterschool Programs. These initiatives are designed to support the holistic development of students by integrating academic assistance, enrichment activities, physical education, and social-emotional learning within safe, structured, and inclusive environments.

The Morning Program provides a positive and focused start to the day for 464 students. Each morning includes academic support through reading time, math practice, and homework assistance, along with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons centered around themes such as kindness, perseverance, and respect. Students engage in enrichment activities like arts & crafts, STEM challenges, and themed weeks that spark creativity and curiosity. Physical activities and group games promote health and teamwork, contributing to improved student readiness, stronger peer connections, and increased family engagement.

The Afterschool Program remains a model of excellence, maintaining a staff-to-student ratio of 1:10 for UTK and TK students and 1:20 for grades 1–6. Program staff deliver all components of the daily schedule, ensuring consistent, individualized support for each student. During the 2024–2025 school year, GECAC proudly served 4,054 students across 21 Manteca Unified School District sites and 3 River Islands Academies campuses—marking a significant milestone in reach and impact. Families consistently express appreciation for the program's nurturing environment and diverse enrichment offerings, including art, STEM, DIY projects, and hands-on clubs that foster creativity, collaboration, and engagement.

This year also saw several key successes: a record-breaking Summer Bridge Program, the launch of "Mindful Mornings" featuring breathing exercises, and student-led lessons that empower youth to take ownership of their learning and community. GECAC remains deeply committed to delivering high-quality, student-centered programming that promotes academic achievement, personal growth, and social development—and looks forward to expanding its impact in the years ahead.

4,518
STUDENTS
SERVED



CAMERON JOHNSON
Weston Ranch High School

**DEA ANXHAKU** Sierra High School **SAEEDI SAHAR** Sierra High School

**ROCKY JACOBO-ANGUINIGA** 

Sierra High School

**EMILEE HENRY** 

Sierra High School

# BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Before High School Program provides high school students with a safe, structured, and enriching environment to begin their day.

Offered across multiple school sites, the program supports academic success, emotional well-being, and leadership development.

222 STUDENTS SERVED

Students receive daily tutoring, homework help, and participate in study sessions led by peers. A strong focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) encourages mindfulness, resilience, and positive peer relationships through weekly discussions and mini-lessons.

Enrichment activities include creative projects, cultural exploration, and career-readiness workshops, while leadership and recreation components promote teamwork, peer mentoring, and student-led events. The program has led to improved academic performance, increased engagement, and a stronger sense of school belonging. Students report feeling more prepared and supported, and teachers and parents have noted better morning readiness and reduced tardiness. With 222 students served and consistent attendance—especially from those who participated in the Summer Bridge Program—the initiative continues to grow.

Recent highlights include the introduction of "Mindful Mornings" with breathing exercises and affirmations, student-led enrichment sessions and study groups, and collaborative outreach with teachers and external partners to support academic and social development.



HEALTH EDUCATION

Give Every Child A Chance's Health Education
Program served 24 school sites and conducted
community outreach across the greater Manteca
and South San Joaquin County area during the
2024-2025 year. Our program focused on general
health, nutrition, physical fitness, and socialemotional learning to meet the needs of elementary
students, staff, and the wider community.

The program included health education lessons, presentations, hands-on activities, wellness projects, project-based learning, fitness challenges, family and community outreach, and food drives. Outreach efforts targeted students, families, and community members through a variety of educational resources. Topics included food security, mental health, healthy lifestyle habits, and nutritious recipes, which were shared through social media, family events, and food distribution drives.

Nutrition remains a cornerstone of the program. The "Whoa Beverages and Caffeine" lesson provided eye-opening information to students and staff, resulting in increased awareness and commitments to healthier choices. Students in grades 3-8 completed pre- and post-assessments for each Health Education presentation, showing a combined learning increase from 53% to 75% over the year.



# FINANCIALS

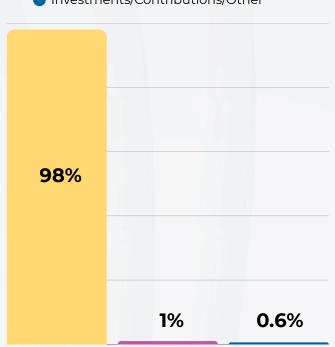
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# **SUPPORT & REVENUE**

# **EXPENSES**

GRANTS/PUBLIC & PRIVATE SERVICE FEE	\$4,987,862	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$626,411
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$52,839	FUNDRAISING	\$124,606
INVENTMENTS/CONTRIBUTIONS/OTHER	\$32,594	PROGRAM SERVICE	\$4,407,855
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,073,295	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,158,872

- Grants/Public and Private Service Fees
- Special Events
- Investments/Contributions/Other





**FUNDRAISING** 





# **RED, WHITE & BREW**

Sip, Sip horray! In 2025, we hosted our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Red, White & Brew Wine and Beerfest! A time for great beer, wine, spirits, food, vendors and people! This fun-filled day took place on the last Saturday in March at the MRPS Hall in Manteca. We featured several types of craft beer and wine from breweries and wineries around Central Valley and beyond. We also had a variety of delicious food vendors, cool games, entertainment and more!

# **BOWL-A-THON**

On September 28, 2024, we hosted our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon at Bowlero Manteca. Thank you to all our participants that helped strike up some funds for our free Tutor Program! The Bowl-A-Thon is a major fundraiser, bringing people of all ages together to raise funds for our program that provides free tutoring, while also helping students build their confidence and selfesteem. We appreciate all of our sponsors, Bowlero, and teams for pulling together to benefit our organization.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community partners—Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Group, Old Republic Title, Baskin Robbins (1111 S Main), Chick-Fil-A, Advance America, and Staples—Give Every Child A Chance proudly served 160 families in 2024 with over 300 backpacks filled with essential school supplies! Together, we made a powerful difference in the lives of local youth, helping them start the school year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed. We're deeply grateful to every donor and supporter who helped make this possible—your kindness is shaping brighter futures!

# **FOOD + ACTIVITY KIT DRIVE-THRU**

We partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute grocery bags to

families in need twice a month!

We also created activity kits for kids as part of the Food + Activity Kit Drive-Thru! The last drive-thru this year was in June 2025. We are thankful for the opportunity to distribute to families in need in our community.



### **FOUNDATIONS & GRANTS**

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Funding for the After School Education & Safety (ASES) Grant\* and the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Grant\* was provided through a Memorandum of Understanding with Manteca Unified School District to support morning and afterschool expanded learning services.

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#### **BOWL-A-THON**

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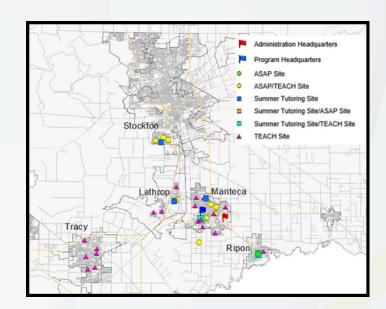
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#### **DONATE**

Your generosity truly matters! Our services are not possible without your donation. Please consider giving a tax deductible gift to GECAC.

### **GET INVOLVED**

As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of children in your community. Donate your time to improve their future!



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