



PUENTE DE LA COSTA SUR

ANNUAL REPORT



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**JULY 2007—
JUNE 2008**

PUENTE RESOURCE CENTER

Puente provides vital services for men, women, children and families living in San Mateo County's South Coast communities of Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar and San Gregorio.

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ESL for Moms continues to be one of Puente's most popular classes.



Puente's youth workers, 2008, nearly 10% of Pescadero High School.



Kick-Off to Kinder program, 2007.



Pescadero Winter Fair, 2007.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL TO LEARN

Puente's learning center offers ESL classes, beginning and intermediate Spanish classes for English speakers, Story Time for children, citizenship and literacy classes, GED tutoring, and a computer lab open to the public. Our *Plaza Comunitaria* gives local residents from Mexico the opportunity to get their primary and secondary school certificates through an innovative long-distance learning program.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP

Each year Puente hires high school students to work with Puente staff on community development programs. Last year we hired eight students; this year ten signed on, representing nearly 10% of the student body of Pescadero High School. We also hired five peer mentors to assist with Puente programs.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND PLAY

Nearly 65 children are in Puente's care every week while their parents are in ESL, other literacy classes, or community-building programs. In 2007, Puente sponsored a Kick-Off to Kinder program for children entering kindergarten. Puente's new offices provide indoor and outdoor play and learning spaces for children of all ages.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

As one of the few rural programs serving undocumented rural immigrants, Puente has implemented strategies to help participants become more self-sufficient. We are proud of *Puntadas* (Stitches), a women's handicraft collective started in 2006. Last year, each participant earned the equivalent of one week's wages through sales of her crafts. Puente volunteers also helped local residents receive more than \$35,000 in tax refunds which not only stabilized their families but also supported the local economy.

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BRIDGE ON THE SOUTH COAST



Puente distributes 37 tons of food each year in La Honda and Pescadero.

PROVIDING FOR BASIC NEEDS

Over 37 tons of food were distributed to nearly 15% of households in La Honda and Pescadero through Puente's monthly partnership with the Second Harvest Food Bank. Many men and women first come to Puente with only the clothes on their backs. Puente provides sleeping gear and clothing, welcome bags with phone cards and food coupons, and when needed, bicycles for transportation. Puente distributes furniture and child-related donations such as children's clothing and diapers. Puente also provides emergency financial aid for food, gas, utilities, medical/dental care, and rental assistance.



Ten Pescadero families received weekly boxes of organic produce.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH RANCHERS & FARMERS

Puente provides support to program participants as well as farmers and ranchers to resolve minor work-related problems. Puente often works with local employers to find workers. Through its tours and presentations, Puente provides much needed visibility to innovative farming and ranching practices on the south coast of San Mateo County.

With the support of their CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture) members, Blue House Farm provided weekly organic food boxes to 10 local families who work at the area's ranches and nurseries.



Participants in the Madres Project standing in front of their mural.

PROMOTING HEALTH & WELLNESS

Puente provides mental health counseling for families, youth, and children, including the only counseling available in the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District; health screening for diabetes, TB, STDs, and HIV; home visits by Public Health nurses; flu clinics; and enrollment in wellness programs, including WIC (Women, Infant & Children nutrition program). Puente enrolls people in health insurance programs such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, and WELL. Puente also coordinates more than 200 trips via SamCoast to health and other appointments in Half Moon Bay, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Palo Alto.

Puente's Madres Project is an innovative program that connects Mexican women to their culture and alleviates depression among isolated mothers.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS 2007/2008

BUSINESSES/CLUBS

AAUW Half Moon Bay Chapter
Bay City Flower Co., Inc
Duarte's Tavern
First National Bank
Intuit
Kevin O'Brien Insurance
Riordan High School
Rotary Club of HMB Foundation
Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Tauck World Discovery

GOVERNMENT

County of San Mateo (Children's Collaborative Action Team, Children's Health Initiative, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Homeless Trust Fund)
La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District

CHURCHES/SYNAGOGUES

Arlington Community Church, UCC
Bethany Presbyterian Church/Martha Circle
Coastside Jewish Community
Community Congregational Church of Benicia, UCC
Congregational Church of Belmont, UCC
Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC
First Congregational Church of Berkeley
Golden Gate Association, UCC
Ladera Community Church, UCC
Pescadero Community Church, UCC
San Lorenzo Community Church, UCC
Stanford Memorial Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church

FOUNDATIONS

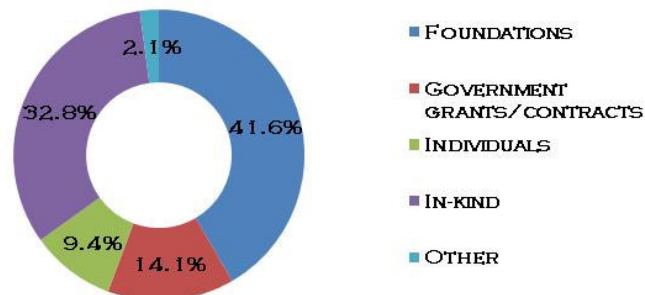
Atkinson Foundation
Bella Vista Foundation
Blue Oak Foundation
Bothin Foundation
Farm Workers Fund
HEW
Horizons Foundation/Girls just want to have funD
Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME)
Labuda Family Foundation
Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health
Philanthropic Ventures Foundation
Sand Hill Foundation
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
Silicon Valley Community Foundation/
The Maidenherren Fund
Silicon Valley Community Foundation/The Trapp
Charitable Fund
San Francisco Foundation
van Loben Sels/Rembe Rock Foundation
United Way of the Bay Area

SPECIAL THANKS

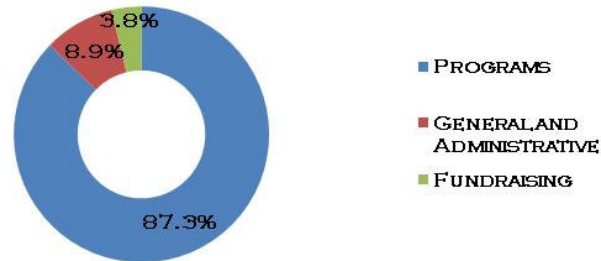
Half Moon Bay Library, A San Mateo County Library
Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties
SamCoast

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PUENTE INCOME 2007-2008



PUENTE EXPENSES 2007-2008



Puente de la Costa Sur Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2008

Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$179,957
Accounts receivable	35,450
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>7,971</u>
Total current assets	223,378
Property and equipment, at cost	
Furniture and equipment	17,957
Leasehold improvements	<u>3,500</u>
Total	21,457
Total Assets	\$244,835
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	25,670
Accrued liabilities	<u>9,260</u>
Total accrued liabilities	34,930
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	90,592
Temporarily restricted	<u>119,313</u>
Total net assets	<u>209,905</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$244,835</u>