“Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world.”

— Dolores Huerta
DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT

Twenty-two years ago, the Mayfair Improvement Initiative formed in response to the chronic crisis that Mayfair faced. The project was successful in mobilizing residents and harnessing community voice in neighborhood change, and shortly after the project ended, SOMOS Mayfair formed to continue the momentum around improving neighborhood safety and advocating for community assets.

Our mission has remained the same: to support children, organize families, and connect neighbors to uplift the dreams, power, and leadership of community and address systemic inequities. It has been an incredible privilege to walk alongside our neighbors as we organize and learn to leverage our individual power to mobilize around a collective vision of the Mayfair we want to live, work and play in.

Today our staff has grown to over 20 committed leaders, with one-third of our team coming directly from our leadership development pipeline. Our programs have expanded, and our organizing team is working on both local and regional campaigns. Alongside our neighbors, we want to reclaim our neighborhood and see residents leading decision-making.

Over 2,000 residents participated in our programs this year, and we connected with thousands more through outreach, organizing campaigns, and resource distribution.

Most importantly we are building deeper multi-generational relationships, investing in peer mentorship, and providing new economic opportunities to leaders.

Through the years we have prided ourselves in our flexibility and responsiveness to current needs, while remaining anchored in our values and commitment to uplifting community voice.

I’m humbled to be a part of this movement, and am grateful for your support as we continue to build together. Adelante!

CAMILLE LLANES-FONTANILLA
Executive Director
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We love our neighborhood, and know that together we can build a thriving Mayfair!

The Problem

Decades of systemic oppression and unjust policies have left East San José families with less access to capital, opportunities and resources.

The Solution

Build community power and voice. Invest in local leadership. Organize multi-generational families. Rewrite the narrative.
148 students participated in Bridge to Kinder
This 4-week program helps both students and their families transition to Kindergarten, through workshops and social exposure

$500,000 earned in contracts by SOMOS Fuertes

7,150 parents and children were introduced to our work through outreach

29% of our staff come directly from our leadership pipeline

83% are women
92% are English/Spanish bilingual

- OUR TEAM -
Collaboratives & Initiatives

- 21st Century Learning ARUSD
- ARUSD Birth Through 3rd Initiative
- Alum Rock Urban Village Advocates
- Children’s Health Assessment
- ESJ Peace Partnership
- FIRST 5 FRC Network
- Gen2Gen
- Kids First Coalition
- LCFF Coalition
- SCC Early Learning Pilot
- SCC Quality Matters
- ¡Sí Se Puedo! Collective
- SJC D5 Participatory Budget

SOMOS opened its second Family Resource Center at Painter Elementary School, which includes a co-op preschool that enrolled 24 families.

91% of youth participants in our summer program felt confident about taking action in their community.

551 leaders joined our organizing work through EMPUJE, Vecinos Activos, and Jovenes---our base has doubled in size since last year!

2,010 children, youth, and adults participated in our programs this year.

In a survey of SOMOS leaders:

- 100% said they grew their leadership abilities
- 93% reported having a sense of purpose
- 57% have mentored another leader

Si Se Puede Collective Official Launch, Nov. 2018
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FY19

**Total Revenue**
- Foundation: 41%
- Government: 31%
- Corporate: 13%
- Events: 5%
- Individuals: 4%
- In-Kind: 3%

**Total Revenue**
$3,081,861

**Total Expenses**
- Early Learning: 29%
- Economic Opportunity: 19%
- Community Organizing: 17%
- Leadership Development: 12%
- La Escuelita: 8%
- Management: 8%
- Resource Development: 7%

**Year by Year Growth**

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