

ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Interview with Dick Hayes, President of the Board

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On December 11, 2019, Hayes Family Foundation Board President Richard “Dick” Hayes was chosen to be a speaker at Escuela de Guadalupe’s One Child at a Time breakfast fundraising event. Dick shared his story about what drew him to Escuela de Guadalupe, where he has served on their board 6½ years. “When I was in the Peace Corps about a half a century ago, I left with two conclusions: most people can solve their own problems if they get their own tools and the long-term solution of getting out of poverty is a quality education.” Escuela de Guadalupe is an affordable, faith-based dual language school. The annual tuition is \$2,500 per year, significantly less expensive than most private or Catholic school options where the annual tuition ranges between \$8,000-\$10,000 per year. Most families who attend Escuela de Guadalupe qualify for financial support and 50% qualify for free-and-reduced lunch. Escuela de Guadalupe makes quality education available to families who would otherwise not be able to attend private schools. As Dick shared, “all parents want a better life for their kids – it’s a universal desire.”



Dick Hayes at “One Child at a Time”
December 11, 2019

What keeps Dick at Escuela de Guadalupe? “Number one: it works. 98% of kids who attended Escuela de Guadalupe graduate from high school. Escuela de Guadalupe began as a K-5 school and has now expanded to 8th grade. Our first 8th grade class graduated from high school last summer with an average GPA of 3.3. Number two: it’s magical. Two different cultures are in school together for ten years. They walk in another’s shoes. The kids learn that people are just people. Think about the impact of that magic as we move into the future.” Half of the Escuela students speak only English when starting Kindergarten and half speak only Spanish.

“Learning a second language gives you a glimpse into another being.”

75% of Escuela de Guadalupe’s financial support comes from community support and 25% from tuition. 240 people attended the December One Child at a Time event and approximately \$70,000 was raised. The Hayes Family Foundation is proud to be a supporter of Escuela de Guadalupe. Thank you, Dick Hayes for all that you have done for Escuela de Guadalupe! For more information, please visit www.escuelaguadalupe.org.



Centus School Counseling – Counseling, Consulting, Education

When Centus School Counseling was in infancy years ago, Hayes Family Foundation Executive Director Lindsey Daly served on the board. Fast forward to October 2019, when staff, board members, and friends of the Hayes Family Foundation attended the annual event celebrating the success of Centus School Counseling. Focused on schools that otherwise would not have access to high-quality mental health services, Centus offers counseling and testing services to uncover and address such issues as developmental and learning challenges, family disruption and discipline issues. A highlight of the event was a performance by Escuela de Guadalupe’s choir, who benefits from Centus School Counseling! As a small foundation, small world stories inspire us, and the connection between Centus and Escuela de Guadalupe is very special. For more information, please visit <https://centusschools.org/>.

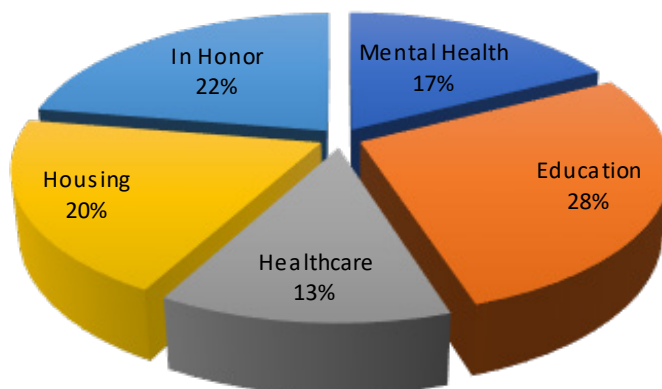


Centus School Counseling for Kids Lunch
October 23, 2019

Events We Support – Join Us!

- **Colorado Rare Disease Day 2020** on Thursday morning, February 27
- **Rotary District 5450 Luncheon plus Mental Health Symposium** on Thursday, March 5
- **Denver School of the Arts Friends Foundation: A Night at the Gothic** on Thursday evening, March 19
- **Polaris Elementary Glows - 2020 Auction** on Saturday evening, March 21
- **Annual Roast to support CASA and the Westminster 7:10 Rotary Foundation** on Saturday evening, March 28
- **Rotary District 5450 Hayes Mental Health Award** application deadline Friday, May 1

Our 2019 Donations by Category



- Mental Health Support
- Education in the Community
- Healthcare for Children
- Housing Empowerment
- In Honor and Memory of H. Michael (Mike) and Neola Hayes

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