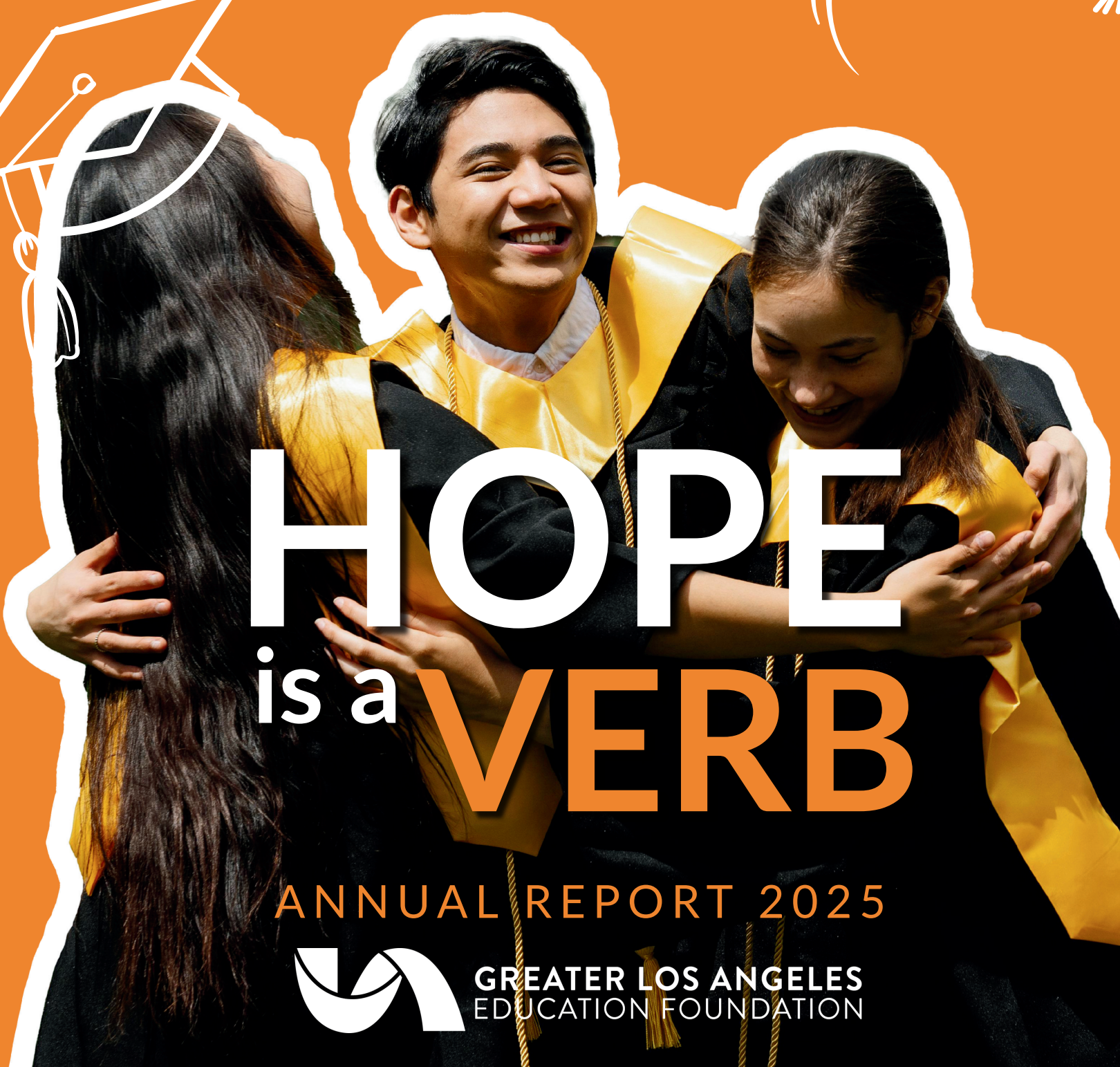




HOPE is a **VERB**

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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Dear Friends,

Hope is a Verb isn't just a theme. It's how the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation (GLAEF) works every day, turning optimism into action.

When wildfires struck our communities in January of 2025, we moved quickly, delivering immediate relief and setting the stage to support long-term recovery for our impacted school communities. When parents and caregivers needed more summer programs, we invested in tools like Stitch to connect families with opportunities right in their neighborhoods. When persistent inequities demanded action, we expanded our grantmaking through the Inglewood Youth Education Fund. We partnered with local nonprofits that know our youth, understand their realities, and have the expertise to meet their needs.

As the Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE) philanthropic partner, we are the only regional education foundation serving all public school communities across the county. Through our expansive work, we know hope is more than optimism in uncertain times. It's the resolve to show up, do the work, and provide the resources every student needs to succeed in school and in life.

Thank you for believing in what's possible and joining us to turn hope into lasting, measurable change.

With gratitude,

Kerry Lynn Franco

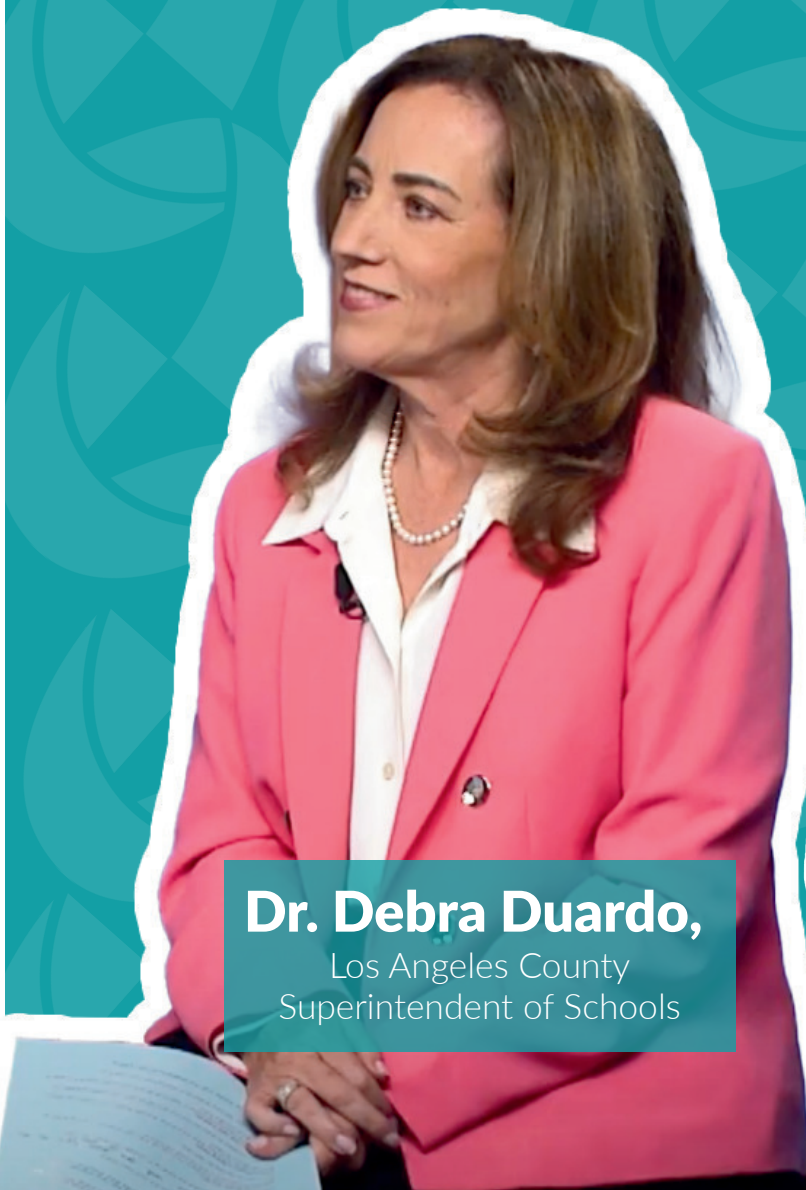
Kerry Lynn Franco

President & Chief Deputy of Strategic Partnerships and Innovation, Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation



"GLAEF's partnership ensures that hope reaches every corner of Los Angeles County's schools."

"Every grant, every partnership, every program is a way of turning hope into tangible results for young people."



Dr. Debra Duardo,
Los Angeles County
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Monte E. Perez,
Chair, GLAEF Board of Directors

Our Mission

Advancing deeper collaboration between schools and communities to disrupt inequity and meet the needs of today's diverse learners across Los Angeles County.

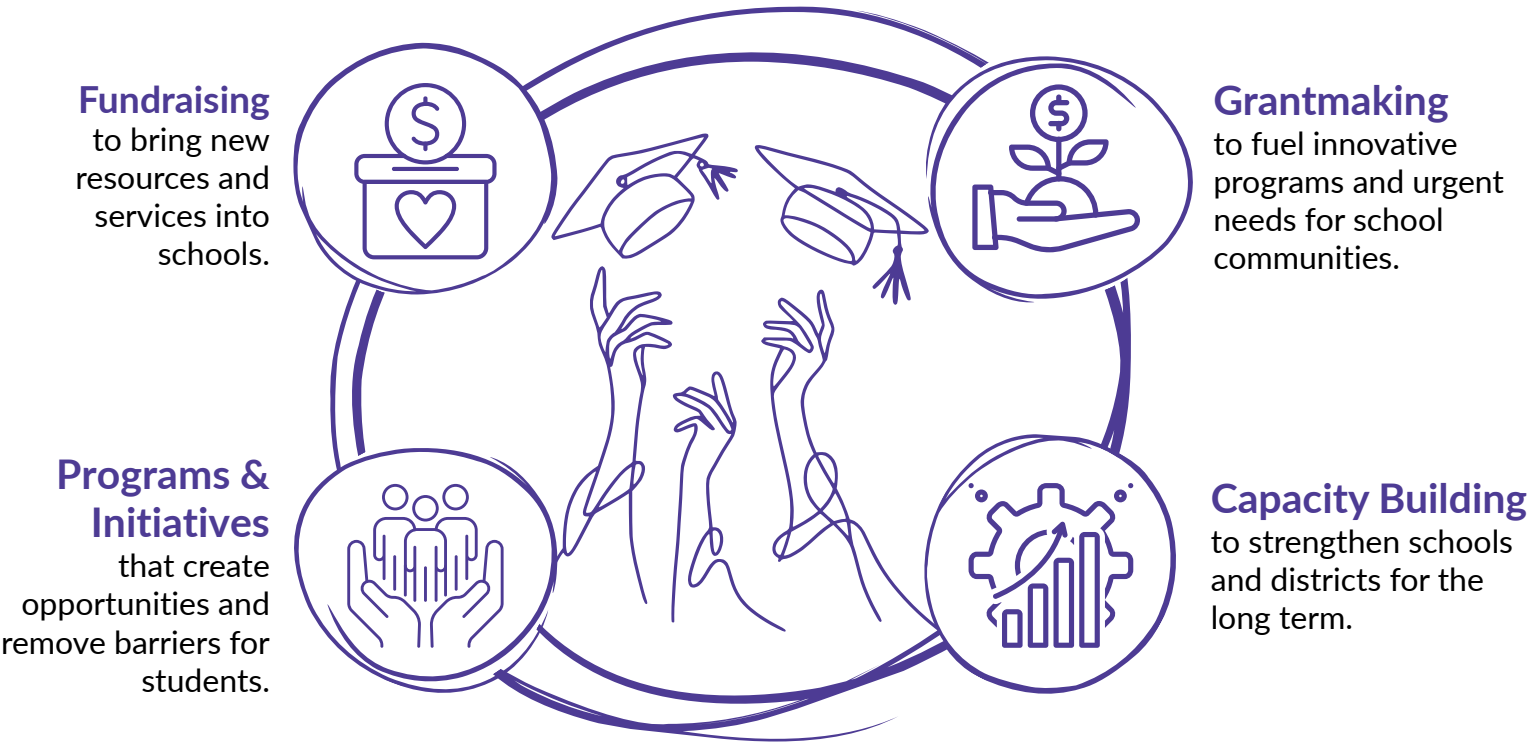
Our Vision

All students in Los Angeles County have educational experiences that address their full needs and allow them to thrive in college, career, and life.

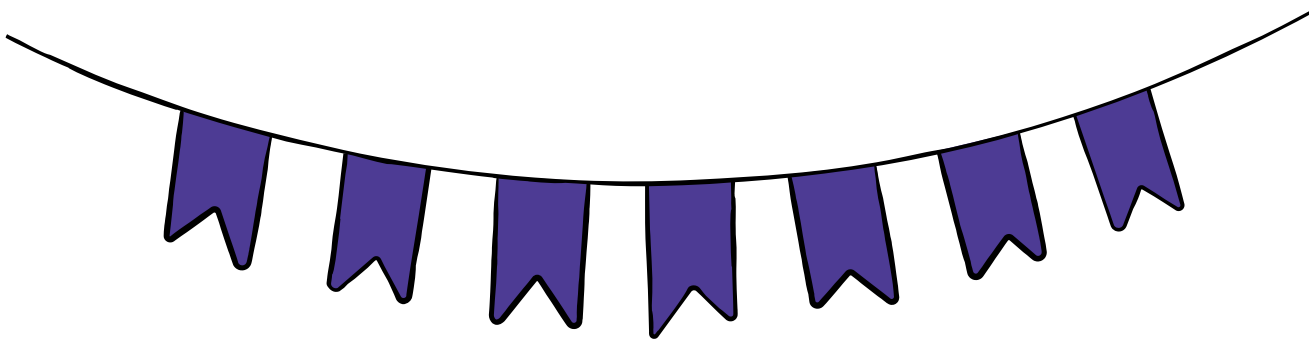


Our Work: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

GLAEF opened its doors in 2019, just months before the COVID-19 pandemic. We had no idea the massive challenges our students, educators, and communities would face in 2020. As the scope of the crisis became clearer, we started where we always do: by listening to students, teachers, and partners. Then, we took action by focusing on our four main pillars of work:



These are not abstract ideas. They are how we put hope into motion. Focusing on our pillars of work allows us to meet opportunities and challenges with students at the center. And we continue to be guided by our strong partnerships with LACOE and our community. Together, there is nothing we can't do.



A Year of Action & Impact: Message from the Superintendent

At LACOE, we know that impact comes from turning vision into action. This year, I witnessed the GLAEF bring that impact to life in meaningful ways.

GLAEF mobilized emergency wildfire relief, provided fiscal sponsorships that helped launch and grow innovative education initiatives, and invested in racial and economic equity through grants such as the Inglewood Youth Education Fund. These actions delivered direct support to students and communities, strengthened our collective capacity, and demonstrated the power of what public and philanthropic partners can achieve together.

With gratitude,



Dr. Debra Duardo

Dr. Debra Duardo
Superintendent of Schools,
Los Angeles County Office of Education

Hope in Action: Our Four Pillars of Work

Programs & Initiatives

GLAEF programs and initiatives turn partnerships into pathways, expanding access, sparking curiosity, and ensuring schools are places where every student can learn, belong, and thrive.

Advancing Digital Equity: From Tech Access to Career Dreams

GLAEF, LACOE, and our partners in the LA Teen Tech Collective are ensuring students can access technology, develop critical skills, and pursue future-ready careers.

Impact This Year:

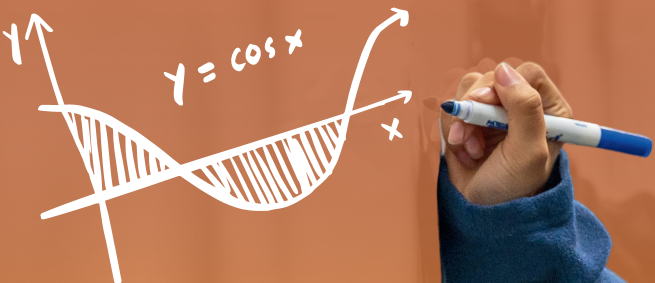
- Opened **five Teen Tech Centers** in priority communities, serving **1,300+** students.
- **1,740 students** accessed ARP-funded centers.
- Built **100+ industry partnerships**, offering 90 supplemental programs, tutoring, and counseling for 307 students.
- **69 students** gained real-world experience through internships.
- Began development of a **juvenile hall site** for justice-involved youth.

Expanded Learning, Enrichment, and District Partnerships

GLAEF and LACOE continue to partner on expanding after-school and summer learning, leading district networks, and launching Stitch, a hub connecting families to enrichment opportunities.

Impact This Year:

- Featured **500 nonprofits** on Stitch; marketing campaign reached **25,000 families**.
- Profiled **2,000+** programs, including arts and fire recovery resources.
- Convened Community of Practice for 5 schools and partners, investing \$300K to reach 1,200 students.



Our Four Pillars of Work (Cont.)

Community-Centered Schools and Services

GLAEF and LACOE strengthen schools as hubs of academic, social, and emotional well-being. We bring partners together and facilitate strategic investments to expand supports like food pantries, counseling, and family engagement while also providing technical support for programmatic needs.

Impact This Year:

- Provided technical assistance to 500+ school sites.
- 23 LACOE Community School sites serve 25,336 students.
- Identified 3 Transformation Zone LEAS (Local Educational Agencies) for targeted support.
- Delivered a supplemental e-learning module for Mandated Supporting, training 1,300+ educators from 44 districts.



College Access and Career Pathways

GLAEF and LACOE continue to expand dual enrollment opportunities so students can earn college credit before high school graduation.

Impact This Year:

- Supported 10 districts and their college partners in the LA College Acceleration Network, serving 11,500+ students.
- Partnered with LACOE to hire 3 Dual Enrollment Coordinators to expand access across LA County.
- Hosted workshops for 50 participants from 22 districts.

Student-Centered Teaching and Learning

GLAEF and LACOE ensure every district has the resources to keep students at the center of instruction, collaborating on research, workforce development, and training and technical assistance aligned with policy and funding.

Impact This Year:

- Launched 2 regional hubs (with 4 districts, 4 colleges, 2 community partners) to prepare early educators for multilingual learners.
- Produced 2 research studies, approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB), exploring the learning experiences of Multilingual Learners, engaging 200+ educators and administrators.
- Shared research with thousands of educators and advocates across the region.



Our Four Pillars of Work

(Cont.)

Fundraising

GLAEF fundraising turns generosity into real opportunities that inspire students and strengthen communities.

From Local Pride to Lasting Opportunities

GLAEF helped the Inglewood Unified School District turn a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity into a fundraising success. The Inglewood High School Marching Band was invited to perform at the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. We partnered with the district to launch a giving campaign, and the Inglewood Educational Foundation stepped up as our largest donor. Together, we rallied community support to cover travel and lodging for 140 students and chaperones while strengthening the district's ability to fundraise for future opportunities.

More Impact This Year:

- Strengthened the LACOE Signature Fund @GLAEF to secure year-round sponsor partnerships for flagship countywide events.
- Expanded the Eric & Christine Alegria Public Service Scholarship to support LA County students pursuing careers in public service.
- Funded events included an immigrant relations convening for district leaders that advanced equity and collaboration across schools.



Capacity Building

GLAEF supports school communities with the tools, partnerships, and stability to meet today's needs and prepare for tomorrow's opportunities.

Strengthening Schools to Better Serve Students

In 2025, our partnership with Long Beach Unified became a model for formalized fiscal sponsorship, beginning with early education programs and now moving toward managing their entire foundation. This work is about more than operations. It is about building a culture of philanthropy in K-12 education, uncovering new funding sources, and giving districts the capacity to focus on student success.

More Impact This Year:

- GLAEF continues to help districts develop sustainable funding models by hosting workshops and meetings for district leaders to continue building a culture of philanthropy.
- GLAEF provided LACOE with resources to establish and implement an environmental sustainability action plan and support their Green Schools Initiative. Over 200 LACOE staff members provided input through surveys and focus group discussions.

Grantmaking

Grants are more than financial support; they are investments in stronger programs that keep students learning, growing, and reaching their potential well into the future.

Grants that Grow Possibility

Launched in 2024, the Inglewood Youth Education Fund (IYEF) was created to give local youth lasting opportunities to thrive. In 2025, GLAEF focused on establishing the permanent grantmaking program, including formalizing our grantmaking strategy. Our goal is to use the endowment as a launchpad to leverage and identify other funding opportunities to support Inglewood youth, especially as the school district moves out of state receivership into a new era of sustainability and growth for their students.

More Impact This Year:

- GLAEF received 101 proposals from organizations serving youth in Inglewood in our first open call for proposals.
- An 8-member Advisory Committee engaged to support IYEF.
- Launched a bilingual media campaign to reach thousands of families, including a feature on Telemundo 52.



When Wildfires Struck, We Responded

Every community faces a moment of heartbreak that changes everything. For GLAEF, that moment came with the Los Angeles wildfires, which swept across the region in January 2025.

GLAEF mobilized immediately by creating the LA County Education Wildfire Recovery Fund. Through this fund, we delivered emergency aid to displaced families and provided technology for students and teachers. We prioritized grants to replace learning materials and restore classrooms in schools that lost campuses or suffered severe damage. We also formed a wildfire recovery consortium with the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) and the LAUSD Education Foundation (LAEF) to align strategies, pool resources, and ensure no community was left behind.

The Road to Collective Recovery

Our work continues with long-term recovery, including mental health support, summer enrichment to restore normalcy, and connecting youth to workforce pathways to help rebuild their communities. GLAEF remains deeply committed to strengthening school communities and supporting them in pursuing new funding opportunities to advance recovery planning efforts across the region.

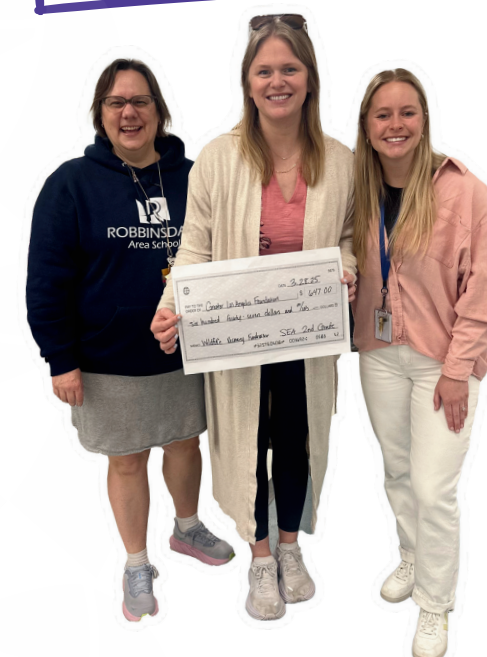
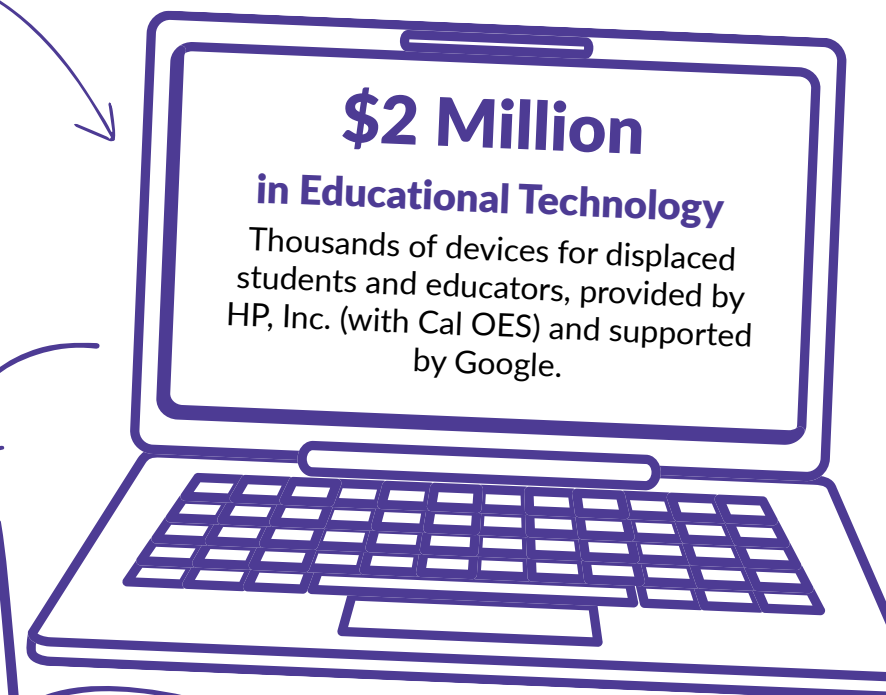
- **Youth Workforce Pathways:** Linking students to skilled trade training so they can be part of rebuilding their neighborhoods.
- **Mental Health & SEL Support:** Funding counseling and trauma recovery programs.
- **Community Enrichment:** Supporting programs that give displaced students safe spaces to learn and connect.

Looking back, one thing is clear: while our region's pain was visible to the nation, so was our ability to unite, heal, and hold onto hope.

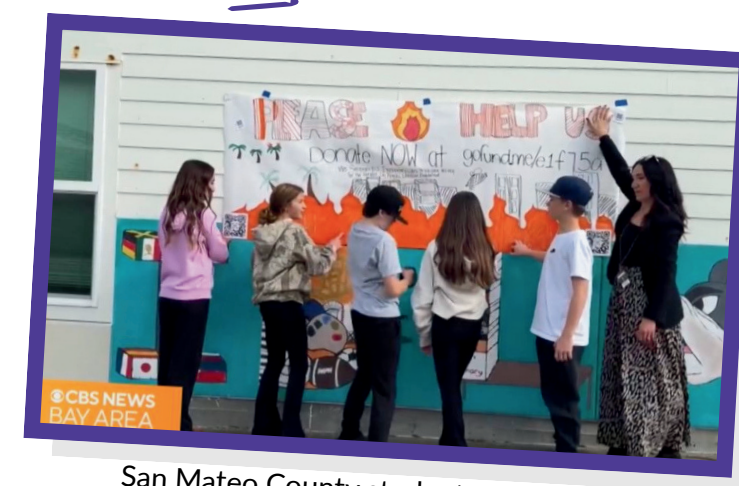


GLAEF staff and educators impacted by wildfires attend the Season 3 World Premiere of Yellowjackets. GLAEF was featured as the event's charitable partner.

\$6 Million Raised for wildfire recovery across L.A. County



2nd-grade class in Minnesota raised funds to help LA students and families rebuild



San Mateo County students raised nearly \$5K to aid impacted families.

\$471,800
to Restore Classrooms and Lost Facilities
Replacing school supplies, materials, funding recovery projects, and supporting wellness for 53 classrooms and five campuses that lost facilities.

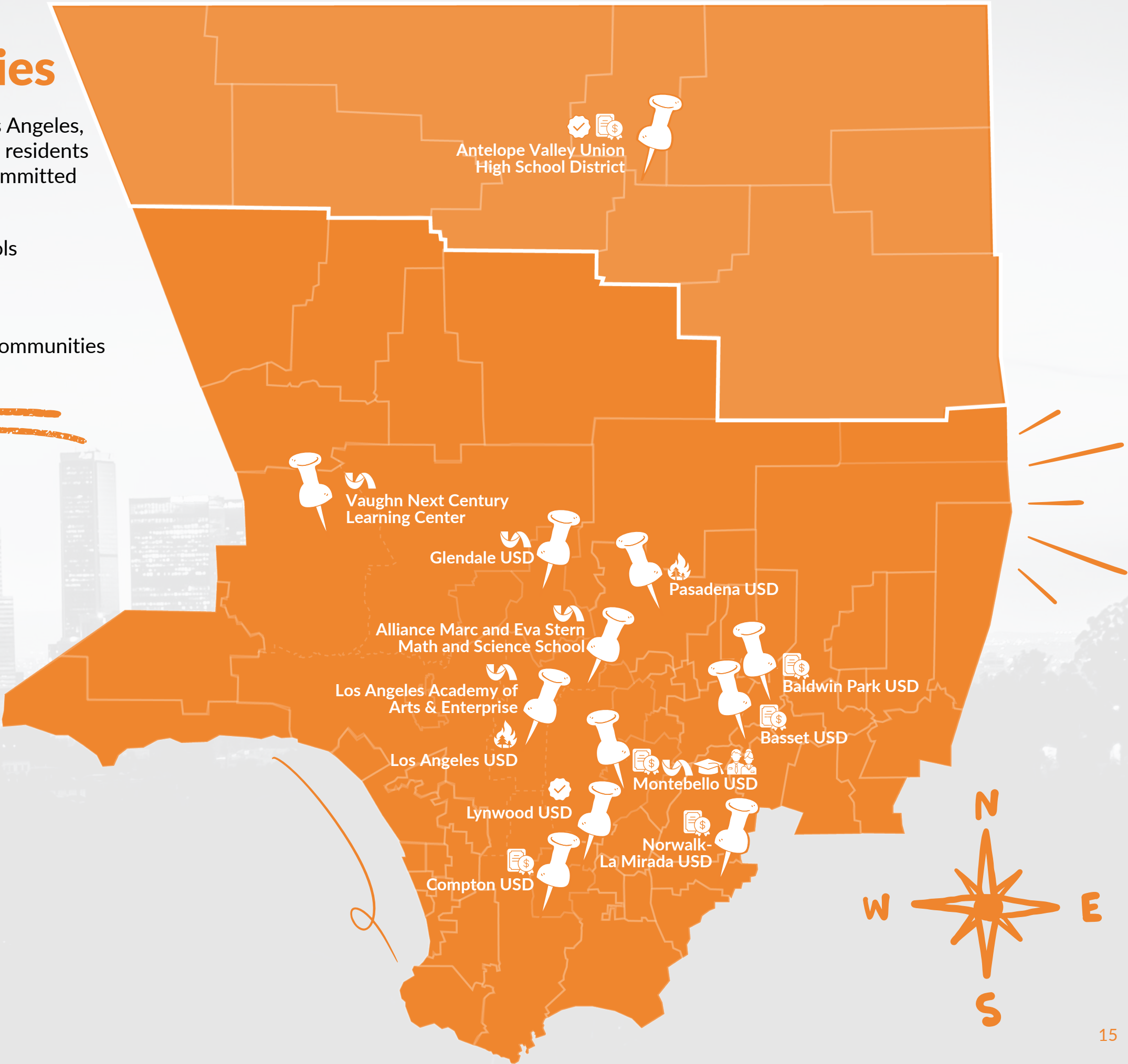
\$130,000
to Rebuild 13 Youth Programs
Bringing after-school and summer enrichment back to 13 nonprofit organizations in fire-impacted areas.

Hope Across Communities

GLAEF is proud to support school communities across Los Angeles, keeping students at the center. With more than 10 million residents spread over 4,084 square miles in LA County, GLAEF is committed to serving every school community, including:

- 80 Districts and Over 350 Independent Charter Schools
- Nearly 2 Million Students
- Over 62,000 Teachers

Our map provides a snapshot of some of our impacts on communities this year.





Community School Implementaton Grant Recipient



Featured on the "Celebration of Model Programs" panel at the LACOE Dual Enrollment culminating workshop



Staff featured in Webinars for Expanded Learning & Arts Education



One of the regional leads for the EL-WIN pilot in LA County



Partnership with PEF and LAEF for wildfire recovery



GLAEF E&E CoP Participant & Grantee

Our Team: Leading Together for Lasting Change

A Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

As Board Chair, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the extraordinary commitment of the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation staff. Their tireless work, adaptability, and deep-rooted belief in equity have driven our mission forward through every challenge and opportunity.

Equally inspiring is the unwavering leadership of our Board of Directors. Their strategic guidance, philanthropic support, and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in shaping the foundation's direction and long-term sustainability.

These are the people dedicating their time, energy, and expertise to improving education in Los Angeles County, and it is an honor to serve alongside such a passionate team of changemakers.



Sincerely,

Dr. Monte E. Perez
Chair, Board of Directors
Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation



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Our Financials

Behind every dollar in GLAEF’s financials is a story of action. Guided by fiscal responsibility and a commitment to impact, we leveraged philanthropic partnerships and public funds to stretch every grant, sponsorship, and donation further. Dollars didn’t just sit in accounts, but worked in classrooms, on playgrounds, and across neighborhoods, creating tangible change for Los Angeles County’s students. At the end of this fiscal year, the numbers tell a simple truth: when resources are aligned with purpose, the return is measured in opportunity.



\$2,563,180

310 Grants Disbursed



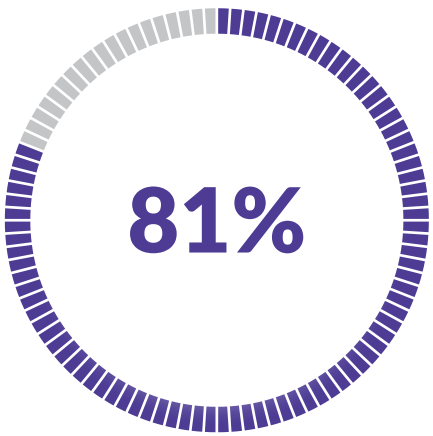
\$27,750

35 Scholarships Awarded



\$454,430

31 Sponsorships Given



81%

Public Support Percentage

A powerful reflection of the trust our community places in our mission and impact



2024-2025 Financial Statement (Unaudited)

Revenue

Restricted Contributions	\$7,989,618
Unrestricted Contributions	\$236,423
Admin Fees	\$57,059
Event Revenue	\$368,337
Inkind Contributions	\$240,407
GLAEF Investment Income	\$277,273
Inglewood Youth Education Fund Investment Income	\$1,249,153
Total Revenue	\$10,418,269

Expenditures

Program Services	\$795,234
Program Facilitation	\$138,517
Scholarships	\$28,259
Event Support	\$536,511
Green Schools & Sustainability	\$91,947
GLAEF Program Areas	\$2,434,936
Advancing Digital Equity	\$801,145
College Access & Career Planning	\$922,842
Community-Centered Schools & Services	\$513,624
Expanded Learning, Enrichment, & Partnerships	\$79,961
Student-Centered Teaching & Learning	\$117,365
GLAEF Wildfire Relief Fund	\$2,481,305
Inglewood Youth Education Fund	\$320,588
Fiscal Sponsorships	\$488,577
Operating Expenses	\$725,680
Fundraising Expenses	\$41,829
Total Expenditures	\$7,288,148

Net Operating Revenue

\$3,130,121

Our Supporters

None of this work would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our funding partners and supporters. We are profoundly grateful to the foundations, corporations, institutions, and individuals who continue to invest in our mission. Their belief in our vision fuels our work, expands our reach, and deepens our ability to deliver meaningful, equity-driven change across Los Angeles County.

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"I love the Mother Teresa quote: small things done with great love will change the world. So, although this is a small thing, I know that little bit of something extra can propel students into the next phase of life."

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This past year reminded us what's possible when dedicated leadership, a clear vision, and collective effort align in service of our students. Yet we know the work of equity and educational justice is never finished. In the year ahead, GLAEF will keep showing up by listening to our communities, investing in solutions that put students first, and standing firm when equity is challenged. The spirit of hope in action will continue to guide and energize our shared journey toward a future.

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