

¡Avanzando Futuros!

2024 IMPACT REPORT





SERVING CENTRAL TEXAS

VISION

A community where everyone feels welcome, enjoys a sense of belonging and has a full opportunity to strengthen our community and reach their highest potential.

MISSION

El Buen Samaritano, an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas serving the Latino community of Central Texas, is committed to recognizing the dignity of all by ensuring access to healthcare, education and essential needs that lead to healthy, productive and secure lives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ROSAMARIA MURILLO PHD, LMSW



It is my privilege to share with you El Buen Samaritano's Fiscal Year 2024 Impact Report—a reflection of our collective journey and the incredible work we have done together. As steadfast supporters and champions, you have been integral in shaping the story of El Buen since 1987. Through moments of joy and triumph, as well as times of adversity and challenge, we have stood strong—united by courage, resilience, and a shared vision of a thriving, equitable Austin. Together, we are co-creating a community where everyone can contribute, reach their highest potential, and feel a deep sense of belonging.

This Impact Report is more than just an analysis of data—it is a love letter. It is a heartfelt tribute to our clients, volunteers, donors, community partners, Board of Directors, and staff. It is because of our shared mission and unwavering commitment that we were able to serve over 36,000 Central Texans in FY24.

As we look back with gratitude on the past 37 years, we honor the journey we've walked together. We stand united in addressing the present challenges, and we dream boldly of a future brimming with possibility and prosperity—for El Buen and for all of our community. Thank you for being part of this transformative journey. Together, we can build a future of hope and opportunity for all.

Gracias,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rosamaria Murillo'.

Dr. Rosamaria Murillo



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

36,509
unduplicated individuals served
across all programs



37 Years Serving Central Texas

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Food Access

30,523
Unique Individuals

720,300
Pounds of Food
Distributed



Financial and Rental Assistance

5,306
Unique Individuals

\$9,928,491
Direct Financial
Assistance to Clients



Health

1,545
Unique Individuals

994
Unique Individuals Received Vaccines
(Covid-19 and Routine)
551
Unique Individuals Received Health Education



Adult Education and Workforce Development

659
Unique Adults

18
Community Health Workers Trained
641
Adult Education Students



Youth Academic Center of Excellence (ACE)

130
Unique Youth

86
Participated in After-School
Academic Support
76
Participated in Summer Camp





IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

80% of the community served identify as
Latinos living in Central Texas
on incomes below 200% of the Federal
Poverty Level

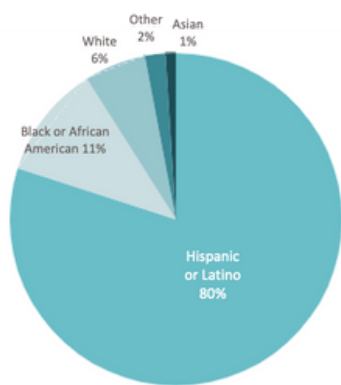
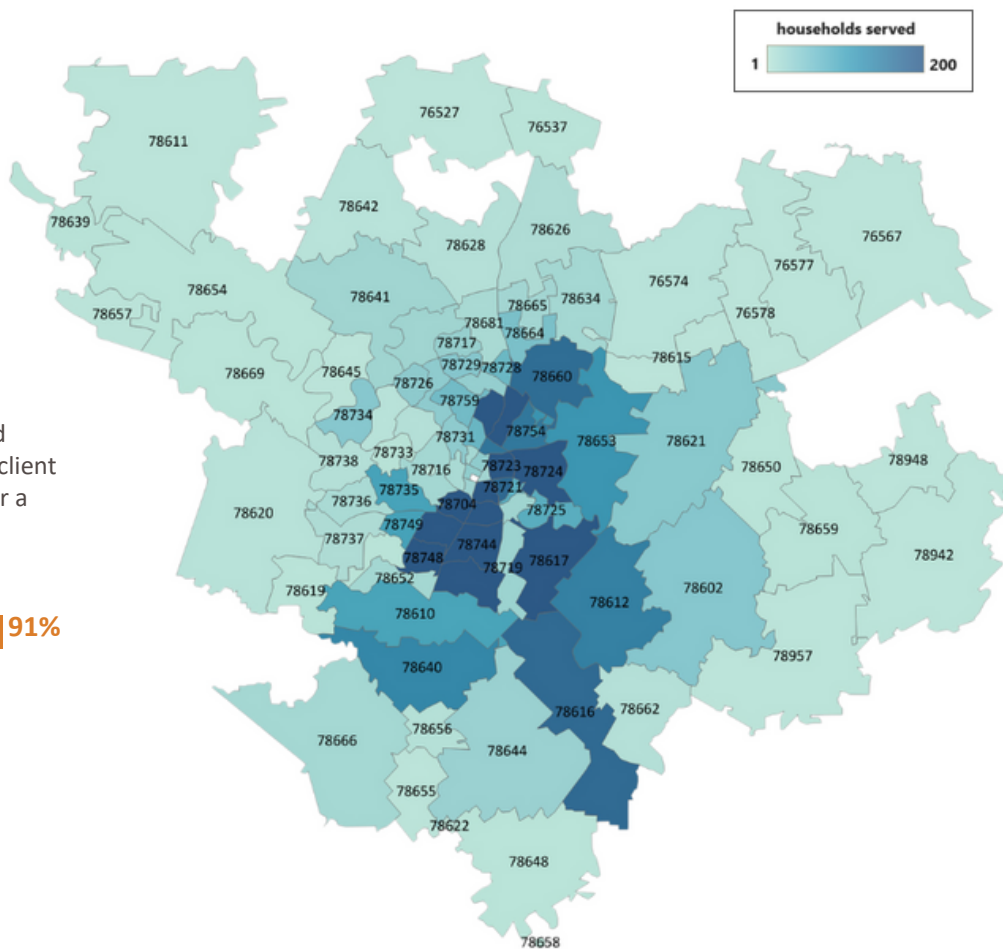
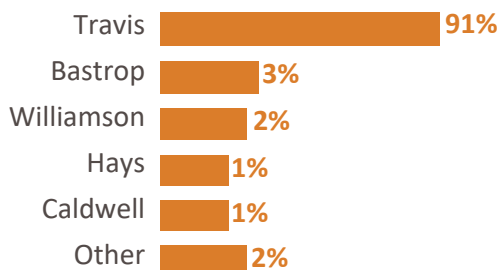


10,887
Unique Households

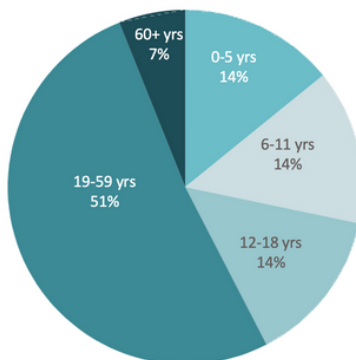
148
Unique Zipcodes



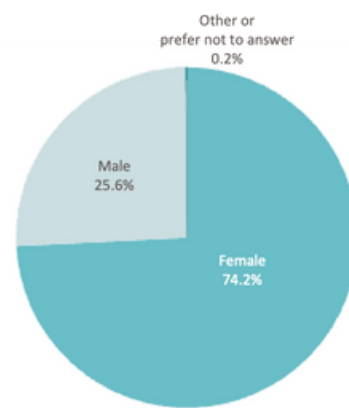
The average household
income for an El Buen client
is \$1,737 per month for a
family of 4.



Clients by Race/Ethnicity



Clients by Age



Clients by Gender



30,523
unique individuals

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THROUGH **FOOD ACCESS**

Did You Know?
1 in 6 Central Texans faces food insecurity.



30,523

Individuals received access to food through El Buen's drive-through pantry and mobile pantry sites



26,513

Prepared meals distributed



8

Mobile pantry locations



46

Partnerships with community organizations



573

Families supported with benefits application assistance



143

Unique zip codes reached



HANDS FOR **HOPE**

Loving and Nourishing Our Neighbors

- **2,966 families**
(14,033 individuals) accessed holiday meal kits.
- **1,302 families**
(4,979 individuals) received gift cards for food.



1,545
unique individuals

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THROUGH HEALTH

Did You Know?
15% of Texans have diabetes.



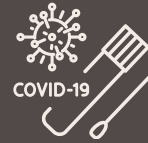
551

Unique individuals received health education, access to resources and closed-loop referrals



994

Unique individuals were vaccinated – resulting in the provision of routine adult and childhood vaccines to uninsured individuals, including TDaP, Hepatitis A and B, Pneumococcal and Meningitis (IPD), HPV (human papillomavirus), Shingles, Influenza, MMR, and Varicella.



405

Unique individuals were vaccinated for COVID-19

- **551**
one-on-one reproductive health education sessions.
- **100% of clients**
reported improved understanding of reproductive, family planning, or sexual healthcare.
- **102**
emergency contraceptive kits were distributed.





659
unique adults

¡Avanzando Futuros! THROUGH **ADULT EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Did You Know?

English speakers earn 25% more because of their language skills.



623

Unique adults participated in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes



18

Unique adults participated Digital Literacy classes



18

Unique adults completed the 160-hour Community Health Worker State Certification Program



Over 100

Community Health Workers (CHWs) trained through our CEU Training Series, enhancing public health impact and community support



83%

ESL students demonstrated improvements on their post-test



85%

of Digital Literacy students demonstrated improvements on their post-test



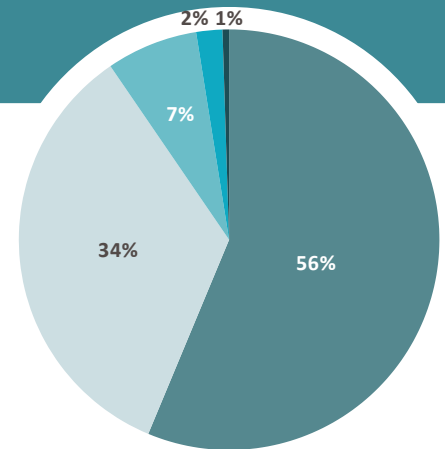
86%

of students agree that the program has effectively prepared them for the challenges of more advanced educational opportunities



89%

of students reported that the ESL classes significantly improved their confidence and social integration



REASONS FOR ENROLLING IN ADULT EDUCATION:

Employment Opportunities

Personal Goals

Education Advancement

Support Child Educational Needs

Legal/Medical Needs



130
unique youth

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THROUGH **YOUTH EDUCATION**

Did You Know?

Students who regularly receive one-on-one tutoring perform better than 98% of students who do not receive one-on-one tutoring.

Academic Center of Excellence



86

Unique youth from
1st - 8th grade
participated in
After-School
Academic Support



76

Unique youth
participated in
STEAM Summer
Camp



15%

Of youth have a
caregiver enrolled in
adult education
classes

61%

Reported an in
crease in self-
esteem.

53%

Demonstrated
improvement in
prosocial behavior.

91%

Increased knowledge
& interest in at least
2 STEM areas.

91%

Increased grades in
identified areas of
improvement.





5,306
unique adults

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THROUGH FINANCIAL & RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Did You Know?

Austin rents have spiked as much as 25% over the last year.



\$9,928,491
Distributed in rental
assistance



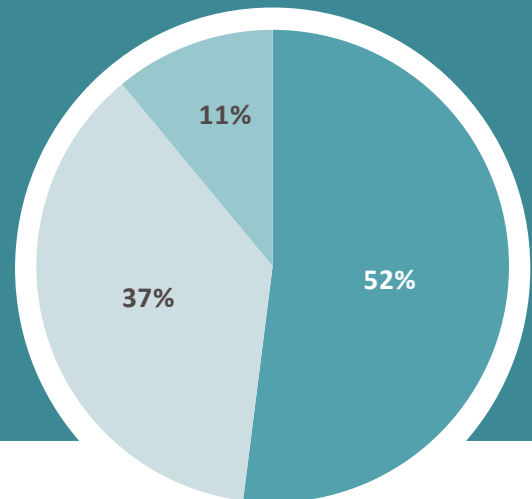
73%
of clients reported successfully
maintaining stable housing six
months after receiving assistance



75%
of clients reported that their
financial situation improved six
months after receiving rental
assistance

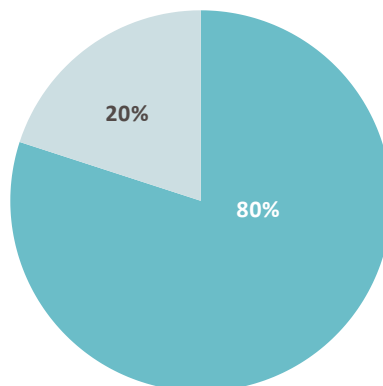
AGE

20 - 39 yrs 40 - 59 yrs 60+ yrs



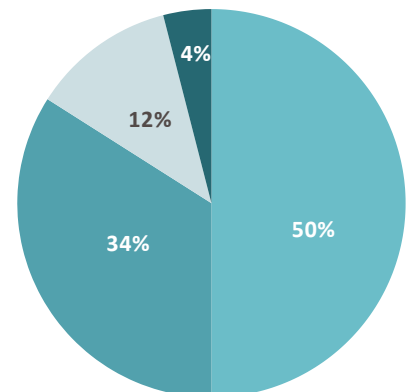
GENDER

Female Male



RACE

Hispanic or Latino Black or African American
White Other or two or more races



CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
VELVET HAMMERSCHMIDT**

"I've had the privilege of volunteering with El Buen Samaritano for the past 4 years, working in food distribution and as an ESL teacher. The staff and clients truly embody the organization's core values, and I am continually inspired by the sense of community they foster. El Buen Samaritano's mission to ensure access to education and fresh, healthy food—while always recognizing the dignity of every individual—resonates with me deeply. I feel welcomed and supported, and I strive to help our clients and students experience that same sense of belonging. This incredible organization is a true community resource, and I'm honored to be part of it."



**BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
REV. MINERVA CAMARENA-SKEITH
RECTOR, ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

"It is an honor to serve on El Buen's Board because it serves people in a holistic way. El Buen not only attends to people's basic needs like food and shelter. El Buen sees people's potential and provides the support they need through training and education so they can reach their greatest potential. El Buen's way is the way Jesus has taught us to love and serve our neighbors."



**DONOR SPOTLIGHT:
ROSS MOODY
TRUSTEE, THE MOODY FOUNDATION**

"At the Moody Foundation, we are committed to strengthening communities by supporting organizations that make a real difference in people's lives. For nearly ten years, we have proudly supported El Buen Samaritano in their mission to ensure access to healthcare, education, and essential needs. Their dedication to uplifting individuals and families aligns with our commitment to creating opportunities and improving well-being. We are honored to continue supporting their efforts in Texas." Ross Moody, Trustee, the Moody Foundation.



**CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:
NXP**

"The NXP HEAT Employee Resource Group has been supporting El Buen for the past 8 years. We have always had a passion to give back to our local community and El Buen was the perfect partner for us. Their campus is not only in very close proximity to our Oak Hill Facility, but the multitude of services that El Buen offers to the local Latino Community and all communities was impressive. We just knew that we had to be part of such a great organization with great people. We look forward to our continued partnership not only in the immediate future but also in the long term."



**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PARTNER:
TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

"Trinity Episcopal School's long-standing partnership with El Buen is an important way that we live out our commitment to striving for justice and peace and respecting the dignity of every human being. We believe in community actualization--advancing a future where everyone has what they need to thrive. El Buen's holistic approach helps our most vulnerable neighbors in Austin meet their immediate needs while, at the same time, advocating strategically for long-term, systemic solutions to complex issues that affect Central Texas."



**FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT:
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

"El Buen Samaritano is a vital community resource offering stability and hope for thousands of Latino families striving for a brighter future. We're proud to invest in their work as part of our shared vision for a vibrant, equitable Central Texas where everyone can find opportunity." -Mike Nellis, CEO, Austin Community Foundation

VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



"From the moment I stepped into El Buen Samaritano to attend my Digital Literacy class, I knew I was in a safe place. The adult education team made me feel self-assured, loved, safe, heard, and valued at all times. Thank you for making a difference in our lives."

"I am deeply grateful to El Buen Samaritano for the incredible rent assistance. Receiving support for three months has been life-changing, allowing me to focus on my education and future."

As a non-traditional student, my journey has been challenging. I started at community college, worked hard to earn a spot at the University of Texas, and left a corporate career to pursue my passion for helping others. Thanks to your generosity, I can continue my path toward a master's in social work with renewed hope and determination. Your support means everything. Thank you."

"I participated in El Buen Samaritano's ESL and Digital Literacy classes in Spring 2024. After completing the highest level, I felt confident to apply for a position with the Consulate General of Mexico, where I was offered an entry-level administrative assistant job. The consulate team valued my work, and because of my dedication, they extended my contract and promoted me to Data Assistant."

"I had always been denied services before, but the staff at El Buen helped me through the benefits application process and stayed with me until I got approved. I'm a grandmother raising my grandkids after they were taken from their mother, and this support has made all the difference for us."

"El Buen has been an anchor for my South Austin community my whole life. I've seen families transform through the food donation drives, the incredible summer camp programs, ESL classes, and much much more."

"I was without my medication for two weeks and facing eviction. I had lost hope. My electricity was shut off, and I called so many places with no response—until you called. When you told me the amount of assistance I'd receive, I couldn't believe it. I've been crying tears of joy all day. The weight I was carrying is gone. As a single woman with no family, this means everything. You saved my life. Thank you."

"Just as I was running out of things to sell to make rent. After 13 surgeries, surviving cancer, and now living with AFIB, I can finally pay my rent and start on my medical bills, all thanks to you. I truly believe God stepped in to help me. Bless you."

"I joined El Buen Samaritano's adult education program in the summer of 2024 to take ESL classes because my goal is to return to school. In the fall, I re-enrolled in ESL and also joined the in-person digital literacy program. Committing to these classes hasn't been easy. I live in Del Valle and rely on public transportation, which means waking up at 4 AM and taking four buses to get to El Buen on time. But every effort is worth it. The skills I am gaining are helping me move forward in my education, and I am determined to keep going."

"By being here, I appreciate everything that you guys do, without you I would have a hard time to provide food for my family."

"As I attended the different workshops in the LEAD program, I realized that mental health was a key part of my well-being that I had been missing. The workshops helped me feel more in tune with myself, allowing me to be more present with my family and at work. This has led to better creative products and improved sales."



WAYS TO GIVE

¡AVANZANDO FUTUROS! THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteers are the heart of El Buen, generously giving their time and talents to further our mission. Volunteer opportunities with a semester-long commitment are available in Adult Education (English as a Second Language and Digital Literacy), Youth Education, Food Pantry (at El Buen and our mobile pantry locations), and community garden. We also offer special event volunteer opportunities including Back to School (August), Hands for Hope (November), and Posadas (December).

For more information about individual and group volunteer opportunities, please contact volunteer@elbuen.org.

¡AVANZANDO FUTUROS! THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

Our donors fuel our mission and allow us to provide access to healthcare, education, and essential needs. Your gift to El Buen is an investment in a future where every Central Texan can thrive and reach their highest potential. There are a number of ways you can join us in ¡Avanzando Futuros!

How will you join us in advancing futures?

- Friends of El Buen: Become a catalyst for community change by investing \$5,000+
- Somos El Buen: Enroll in a recurring gift at the frequency and amount of your choosing
- Matching Gifts: Check with your employer to see if they can double your donation
- Planned Giving: Include El Buen in your will or estate planning documents
- Corporate Relations & Sponsorship Opportunities: Connect us with sponsorship and volunteer opportunities through your employer
- Annual Campaigns: Support our mission throughout the year
 - Amplify Austin (March)
 - En el Juego: Back to School (July)
 - Hands for Hope (October - November)
 - End of Year (December - January)

* To view El Buen's most recent financial reports, please visit elbuen.org/impact-report/



645
VOLUNTEERS



8,010
VOLUNTEER HOURS



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WITH OUR **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

All Saints Episcopal Church
 Angel House
 Any Baby Can
 Austin Area Urban League
 Austin Community College
 Austin Community College Continuing
 Education & Career Pathways
 Austin Independent School District
 Austin PBS
 Austin Public Health
 Austin Public Library
 Austin Voices for Education and Youth
 Austin Youth Riverwatch
 AVANCE-Austin
 Blanton Elementary School
 CapMetro
 Cardea
 Casa Marianella
 Center for the Survivors of Torture
 Central Texas Food Bank
 City of Austin
 Community Coalition for Health
 CommUnityCare Health Centers
 Con Mi MADRE
 Contigo Wellness
 Consulado General de México
 Cottonwood Church
 Dance Waterloo
 Daring Dialogues Consulting
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 East Austin Conservancy
 Economic Growth Business Incubator
 El Ranchito
 Equidad ATX
 Families in Nature
 Foundation Communities
 Girls Rock Austin
 Go Austin Vamos Austin (GAVA)
 Goodwill Central TX
 Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

HABLA
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 HOPE Food Pantry
 Hope Medical Clinic
 Housing Authority City of Austin
 iACT
 Integral Care
 Latinitas
 Lone Star Circle of Care
 Mainspring Schools
 Manor ISD Education Foundation
 National Church Residences
 NXP Semiconductors
 Real Queens Fix Each Other's Crowns
 Resurrection South Austin
 Rotary Club of Austin- Southwest
 Saffron Trust
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 San Francisco de Asis
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 South Austin Marketplace
 South University
 Strategic HFC
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 St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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 St. David's Episcopal Church
 St. David's Mobile Dental Program
 St. James' Episcopal Church
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 St. Mary Magdalene Church
 St. Michael's Episcopal Church
 St. Stephen's Episcopal School
 Sunrise Community Church
 SuVida
 Texas Audubon Society
 Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
 Texas Legal Services Center
 Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

The Cook's Nook
 The Healing Project
 The Thinkery
 The SAFE Alliance
 The Welcome Table
 THHS Foster Grandparents
 Todos Juntos
 Travis County
 Trinity Center
 Trinity Episcopal School
 United Way of Central Texas
 University of Texas Nursing School
 VELA Families
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 Volunteer Healthcare Clinic
 Volunteer Legal Services of Austin
 Wayside Schools
 Wild Basin Creative Research Center
 Wisdom En Familias
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