

Letterfrom the Executive Director

Fall is typically a season of change. The weather gets cooler, the days shorter. It also signals the return to school. Due to the Covid pandemic, however, returning to school this autumn was not an option.

While school districts and health departments across the state worked to get children back in the classroom, distance-based learning replaced inperson instruction. This transition impacted students from vulnerable communities in a disproportionate way and amplified the educational disparities that have existed for decades. The need for community-based organizations like East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT) to bridge the educational resource gap has never been greater.

EPATT responded by pivoting to a remote learning model and prioritized preparing and supporting our students to be better distance learners. We moved our high-impact one-on-one tutoring, academic classes and parent workshops online. And we launched in-person learning pods, which provide safe, supervised spaces where students can go to do online school, fitness and enrichment activities including gardening and creative arts.

While 2020 brought many challenges, it also brought out the best in people. I am incredibly proud of our nimble and dedicated staff. I'm amazed at what they were able to develop and implement so quickly and so effectively. And to all of you reading this report, I hope you feel proud of the impact you've made in our community.

Wishing you good health,

Dave Higaki



Our Mission

To change the life trajectory of local youth and their families through academic support, parent empowerment and fitness/tennis instruction.

Our Vision

EPATT bridges the opportunity gap for under-resourced K-12 students. We strive to ensure that our participants are prepared for success in college, careers and in life.

The 2019-20 academic year started off like any other. But by March it was clear that all our lives would be changed forever. Sadly, underresourced communities bore the brunt of the pandemic. In the pages that follow, we detail how we adapted our programming model to address the new academic and social-emotional challenges facing our students and families.

The Story of EPATT 2020



EPATT leads in a crisis

Spring Pivot: Adjusting to the loss of in-person programming, we quickly morphed (in only 2 weeks!) from an afterschool program into EPATT Online. We leveraged our staff and Stanford tutor corps to provide crucial virtual academic help to our students, as well as workshops to support parents. We also moved our tennis and fitness activities online, offering Zoombased classes with our coaches.



A la carte online classes and socially-distant, in-person fitness

were able to keep our students physically engaged through a variety of fun, socially-distanced fitness activities. Anticipating a return to virtual school in the fall, we also piloted an a la carte menu of classes across all grade levels for students to choose from. In these classes we continued to focus on building the necessary skills to be successful in an online school environment.

Adapt, learn, execute, tweak, repeat.



Responding to schools and the needs of our community

Fall Pods: In response to the growing trend of expensive, private learning pods, EPATT answered the call of the Ravenswood City School District to provide in-person pods for district students at Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School. We also partnered with the Riekes Center to run pods for EPATT students whose schools continued virtually. With strict safety protocols in place, our learning pods offer K-8 students a dedicated space with adult supervision and support, reliable internet access, academic assistance, and daily fitness and enrichment activities. In addition, we have developed and expanded our offering of virtual classes, remote one-on-one tutoring, and online parent workshops.

"The Ravenswood City School District is grateful for EPATT's collaboration and ability to evolve to meet the demands of our students and families during this pandemic. EPATT has helped us provide direct services to students, enabling an immediate impact on their engagement and learning."

- Gina Sudaria, Superintendent, Ravenswood City School District



This has not been an ordinary year. EPATT stepped up to support our students and families in an extraordinary way.

96% of parents agree that EPATT helped their child be better prepared for distance learning

90% of
EPATT students
participated in our
virtual spring
and summer
programs

83% of parents report that having EPATT as a safety net reduces their stress levels

82% of parents agree that their child's tutor helps with homework in ways that they as parents cannot

38% of parents have experienced lost income or unemployment due to Covid

"EPATT had a much faster and better reaction to the kids' needs than a lot of schools. It's those things that make us as parents grateful to have you guys in our community and supporting our children."

6,000 in-person tutoring hours

19 new online classes



- EPATT parent

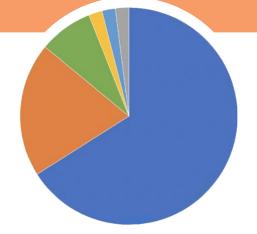


B00 hours of online and in-person activities this summer

hours of academic classes and tutoring

hours of tennis/fitness activities





Student Demographics

66% Latinx

2% Asian

20% Pacific Islander

2% Multiracial

8% Black

2% White

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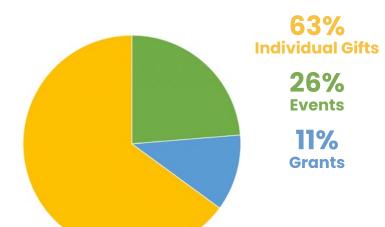
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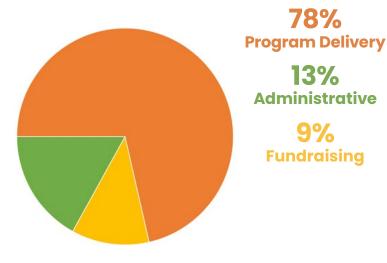


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TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,095,176



*Our fiscal year runs September 1 to August 31.

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