

Here's what your support has made possible during the past year!



The sudden closure of schools last year pushed education out of the classroom and onto screens. Teachers and parents scrambled to supply the lessons and the equipment needed. Students missed their classmates, and struggled to access online classrooms. Managing stress was a real challenge.

During 2020, **EduCare staff stepped up**, right along with the schools and the students we are honored to serve. In the process, we maintained essential connection with, and support for, students in communities hit hardest by the lack of services. And their efforts paid off: in a recent survey, **our students reported that participating in EduCare programs helped them cope with stress**. As one student said, "I don't feel isolated." Another student shared that "it helps me relieve stress and gets me on task."

Here are some highlights from the past year, plus exciting news about upcoming events and initiatives – not to mention a book launch and a new website!

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ACE INITIATIVE

ACE INITIATIVE GROWTH

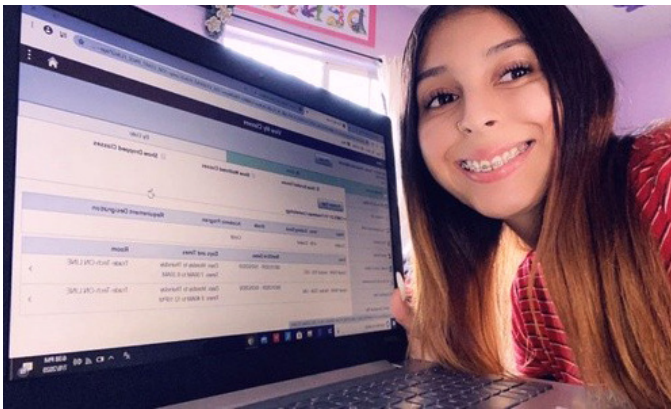
2020 – 2021

From 3 to 9 high schools
From 1,600 to 4,100 students
From 140 to 360 educators

At **ACE Initiative at Social Justice Humanitas Academy**, 99% of eligible high school seniors applied to universities; early acceptances include Harvard, Lehigh, and Stanford.

[More about ACE Programs](#)

SUPPORT PROVIDED

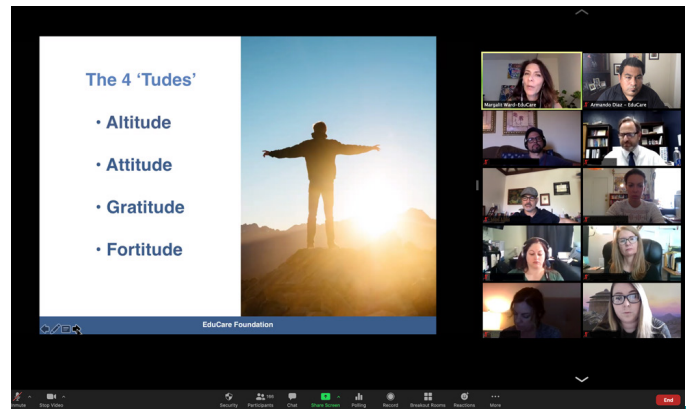


Laptops and wifi hotspots were on the menu for remote learning.

We were able to provide **support and case management** for more than 400 high school students – including emergency food distributions, laptops and wifi hotspots, English language translation assistance, and more.

[More about Specialized Student Support Services](#)

ACE HEARTBEATS



ACE Heartbeats brought the principles embodied in the ACE Program to students, educators, and parents – virtually.

VIRTUAL ACE HEARTBEATS

July 2020 – present

15 schools
240 sessions
2,683 students
261 teachers and staff

[More about ACE Heartbeats](#)

BOOK LAUNCH!

The revised and updated version of our core curriculum, ***Making the Best of Me: A handbook for student excellence and self-esteem***, launched this month for educators and parents – and anyone involved in the life of a young person.



[Read more \(and purchase\) on Amazon](#)

VIRTUAL ANNEX

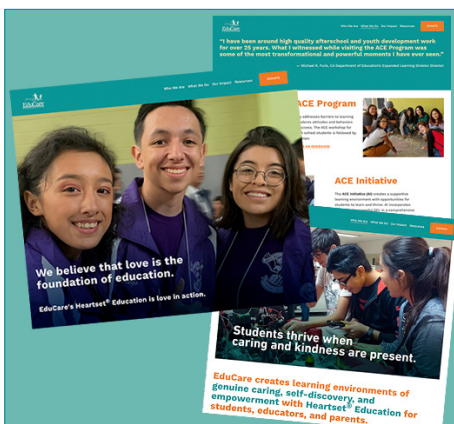
When on-campus education stopped last year, it was essential to bring curriculum to students online. EduCare's afterschool staff stepped up and recorded hundreds of hours of classes – academics, enrichment, and fitness. We call it the **Virtual Annex**.



The Virtual Annex offered everything from American history to algebra, drum lessons to fine arts, from mental health to yoga – all in readily accessible online segments.

More about the Virtual Annex

NEW WEBSITE!



You are invited to visit EduCare's brand-new website!

CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION

Just one reminder of the ongoing creativity young people showed during their stay at home – LAUSD students sing “It’s a Wonderful World.”

EduCare partnering high schools offer a rich array of virtual classes and events.

98% of the participants in EduCare's virtual programs during the last year said that EduCare staff makes them feel welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU'RE INVITED!

March 23

8-9 am PT

Conscious Education and Living

International livestream
Kyan Foundation (Jordan) /
EduCare Foundation (LA)

Learn more about this event
Complimentary

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

March 23

8-9 am PT

Helping Youth Thrive When They Return to Afterschool Programs Post COVID

Webinar hosted by Stu Semigran
How Kids Learn / Temescal
Associates / EduCare Foundation

Nominal fee

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