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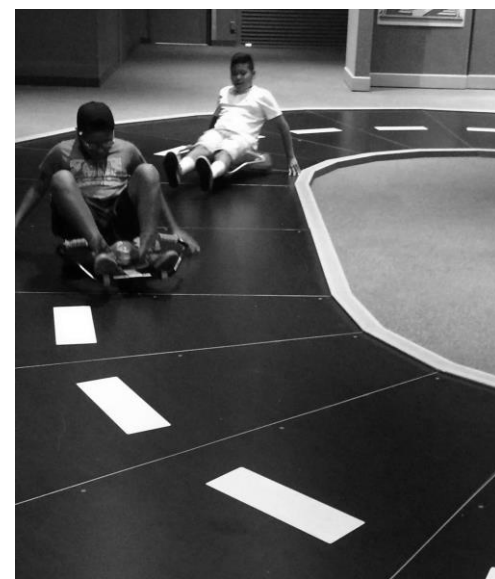
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## Building Strong Relationships

SciWorks and the Children's Museum of Winston-Salem are merging, and that means even more opportunities for LCS students to learn and explore the world around us. LCS has enjoyed a strong partnership with the Children's Museum for several years, but the merger means that we will also have greater access to SciWorks's educational offerings for students of all ages.



Across the board, LCS programs have benefited greatly from this newly fortified relationship. In addition to *¡Listos!* and *¡Más Listos!* field trips to the Children's Museum, our older students have been able to get in on the fun as well. Our middle schoolers were able to explore SciWorks during the early part of summer programming. The following week, they visited the Peppercorn Theatre, a children's theatre located at the Children's museum, to see *Flor to Somewhere*, a play about a young Mexican girl in Winston-Salem with aspirations of being a rocket scientist. However, the students didn't just see the play. They also had workshops about play writing and acting and they toured the Design and Production Studio at the UNC School of the Arts, where the set for the play came to life. The experience is best summarized in this thank you note sent by one of our rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders: "Thank you for inspiring us, the kids from El Buen Pastor LCS. Your play, workshops, and shop tours inspired us to follow our dreams and keep trying. It really entertained us. The actors did a great job. We learned a lot about Winston-Salem history and how to produce a play."



Perhaps the most exciting part of this expanded partnership is that LCS will be represented on its Board of Directors! Sandy Castro, our Parenting Coach and Pre-K Teacher, is joining the board, and we are confident that she will make sure that the new Children's Museum will be a fun and welcoming place for all in the community.

## ¡Listos!—Ready for the Challenges of Motherhood

The following are excerpts from speeches delivered by graduates at this year's *¡Listos!* and *¡Mas Listos!* Commencement ceremony. *¡Listos!* and *¡Mas Listos!* are classes for mothers of young children, geared toward equipping parents with the tools necessary to become involved in the education of their children. The speeches have been translated from Spanish and edited for brevity and clarity:



"I want to thank all of you for being with us on this special day, and I also want to thank the team at El Buen Pastor for their work, effort, and dedication, because without them, none of this would have been possible. I started coming [to *¡Listos!*] so that my son could learn to become more independent. But more than that, I started to acquire knowledge that not only helps me, but also my whole family; positive things, for example, topics related to health, positive discipline, and how to educate my children without the need for negative reinforcement.... I have also gained many friendships, good classmates, and I am very thankful that I was accepted into this group."

"It was very nice having such lovely classmates like all of you. Thank you to all of you for your friendship and how good you made me feel here. I will never forget the days I spent with all of you. We have made many memories that will stick with us for the rest of our lives. In thinking about them we can take note of how much we have changed in the past two years and how much we have learned. All we have lived through here has contributed to making us not just good parents, but also good people."

## A Call to Action from our Executive Director

At least once a week, I am utterly amazed. Nearly everywhere I turn I see one more little bit of evidence of the care and carefulness that served as the foundation for El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services' first decade of work.

Others see it too. We have been blessed to receive funding – which is really just a tangible vote of confidence – from most every foundation of any note in Winston-Salem: The Kate B. Reynolds Trust, The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, and The Winston-Salem Foundation. There have been others beyond our home town, such as Hispanics in Philanthropy, which have shared that confidence.

Their tangible expressions of confidence have provided the funding necessary for us to make such significant investments in the lives of the families we've been privileged to work with. Many of these groups have funded our work multiple times. Most recently The Kate B. Reynolds Trust and the Winston-Salem Foundation have renewed investments in our *¡Listos!* and *¡Mas Listos!* programs, and our board development. That history of confidence and funding is a truly amazing era of our history!

Our future will look different though. As great as foundations are at helping organizations get started, it's rare for them to continue to provide ongoing support for multiple cycles of funding with the same programs. Now that we have matured as an organization, we will have to experience different kinds of tangible expressions of confidence.

We're excited about the possibilities for the next era of our work. We hope you are too. We constantly hear from folks who know us that our work is deeply valued and respected. If our future is going to be as inspiring as our past, it will only happen with the significant and tangible expressions of confidence from folks like you to replace the foundation funds which helped us get started.

We look forward to all that is to come. Are you with us?



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## Summer 2016 Newsletter

### *El Buen Camino*

The smell of warm pizza and donuts permeated the air at Wake Forest's Reynolda Campus as a scorching summer day slowly cooled down into a balmy evening. Laughter filled the empty spaces between cumbia and salsa rhythms as children celebrated their last school day of the year. Just before the clock reached 7PM, runners and walkers crowded in at the starting line. Everyone looked around eagerly, and many were surprised to find just how crowded this year's starting line had become.



On June 10<sup>th</sup>, El Buen Pastor held its fourth annual El Buen Camino 5K & Walk, which brings together members of the El Buen Pastor community with supporters from all over the city. While the event has seen increased participation in each of its first three years, few could have predicted the jump from 245 participants in 2015 to 371 this year. This race symbolizes all the hard work that our families put into making our community possible, our willingness to try new things, and our persistence. ¡Gracias! to everyone who made this event possible, and here's to another successful El Buen Camino!



*Upper right—Ms. Debra, an Old Town Elementary School teacher that partners with LCS, encourages one of the younger runners to finish strong.*

*Bottom—This year's 5K winners.*

#### Vision Statement

We envision a society enriched by the cultural diversity of its members, where all are valued for their contributions and have the opportunity to build their dreams.

#### Mission Statement

Con la esperanza de alcanzar un futuro mejor, El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services colabora con las familias apoyando a niños y adultos en el logro de sus metas educacionales y el desarrollo de su potencial económico.

El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services partners with Latino families to equip children and adults to fulfill their educational and economic potential, with hope for a positive and healthy future.

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### *Yard Sale!*

Thank you so much for your continued support of El Buen Pastor LCS. Our annual 5K was a huge success, and we are now looking forward to our next big fundraiser, the Community Yard Sale! This year's yard sale will be open to the public on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00-11:00 AM. If you wish to donate, we will be accepting the following items August 15-24 from 9:00 to 5:30:

- Household goods
- Furniture
- Baby equipment
- Kitchen appliances and kitchenware
- Linens
- Sporting goods and toys
- Fall clothing in good condition (on hangers, please)