

## Casa San Jose

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*2023-2024 City of Pittsburgh STOP the  
Violence Community Investment Grants*

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# FollowUp Form

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## *Quarter Three Activities Update*

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Greetings, STOP the Violence grantees!

As the City of Pittsburgh prepares to update our stakeholders on the impact of this process, we need to gather some evaluation-focused information about your programs. Please answer the following survey about your services and activities from the third quarter following receipt of your grant award.

Thank you!

### Organization Name\*

*Please enter the name of your project/program in the box below.*

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### Did you spend any of your STOP the Violence grant funds during this period?\*

Yes

### How did you spend the funds?\*

Please check all categories that apply.

Staff Compensation (including benefits)

Consultants

Program Supplies

General Operations

Professional Development/Training

Subgrants to Other Organizations

Other

### If you chose "other", please describe.

Tell us how many people your organization/group served from the following age groups during this period.

### Ages 0-17\*

170

### Ages 18-30\*

0

**Ages 30+\***

0

**Programs and Services\***

Provide a brief description of any programs or services your organization or group provided in alignment with your STOP the Violence proposal.

We continued with our Casita and Jovenes con Proposito programs. Through these we facilitated the following workshops:

- Situational Awareness training and Q&A session for our teenagers and their parents with zone 6 PPD
- Dating Violence in Teen Relationships Workshop
- Understanding Mental Health
- No More Bullying! (Emotional Intelligence and Resilience)

**Did you partner with any other organizations or groups during this period?\***

Yes

**Did your organization intentionally engage officers from the Pittsburgh Police during this period?\***

Yes

**Did you use STOP the Violence logos in marketing and media (social or traditional)?\***

Yes

**Give a brief description of your STOP the Violence during this period\***

Through our youth programs, we aim to provide a blend of educational activities, mentorship opportunities, and recreational activities we reduce risky behaviors and create spaces where Latino youth can have difficult conversations about issues impacting them, including mental health workshops for youth, community violence, and trauma.

This period we have focused on dating violence, emotional coping skills discouraging violence, and normalizing and improving relationships with local police officers.

**Is your organization planning any public activities in the next few months?\***

No

If "yes", please provide a brief description.

**Does your organization need capacity-building support?\***

No

**On what areas of focus would you like your capacity-building support?**

**Share Your Stories\***

**Upload a clip or provide text to share one or more specific stories (please avoid using full names of clients/participants) that illustrates the impact of your work.**

One story that stands out is Kim's—a 16-year-old who joined our Jóvenes con Propósito program after experiencing severe bullying and struggling with suicidal thoughts. As a young Latina in a predominantly white school, Kim faced significant challenges in forming friendships and was often excluded from social groups due to her ethnicity. Her mother, seeking a supportive environment for her daughter, came to Casa San José after hearing from a community member about our programs, which aim to connect Latino youth from diverse backgrounds, foster friendships, and create a safe space where they can openly discuss their shared experiences without fear of judgment or discrimination.

During Kim's first session at Jóvenes con Propósito, she was hesitant to stay and shy about engaging with others. That day, we had planned several team-building activities, including a trip to Frick Park, where a group of student volunteers from the University of Pittsburgh hosted a photography workshop. Initially, Kim remained quiet, but after about 30 minutes, Diana, one of the other participants, approached her and started a conversation in Spanish. Kim's face immediately lit up, and she smiled for the first time that day. As they continued talking, two more girls joined their conversation, and the group bonded quickly. They participated in the activities together, helping Kim feel more comfortable and included.

When her mother arrived to pick her up, Kim ran to her with excitement, exclaiming, "Mom! I made friends!" Her mom's eyes filled with tears of joy as she saw her daughter smiling again.

Since that day, Kim has attended Jóvenes con Propósito without missing a session. Her mother often shares updates about Kim's progress at home and school—how her social life has blossomed and how her academic performance has improved as well.

## File Attachment Summary

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