



A Year of Optimism

EAST PALO ALTO KIDS FOUNDATION

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

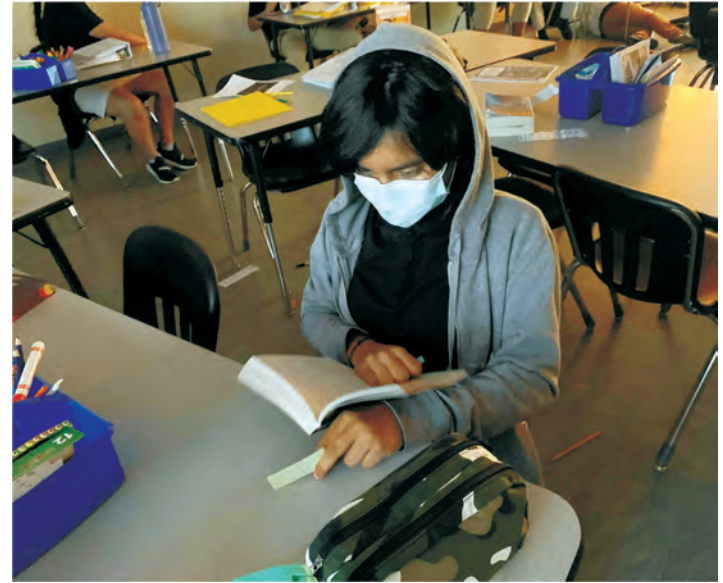
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Founded in 1993, the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation is a community-based all-volunteer charitable organization that serves 13 public schools and programs in East Palo Alto and eastern

Menlo Park, including the Ravenswood City School District.

Our mission is to promote equity, educational opportunity and academic success for over 35,000 students in pre-K-12 public schools.



EPAK at a Glance

- EPAK provides direct micro grants to teachers for much needed classroom tools and resources.
 - EPAK supports teachers in one of the lowest income school districts in our area. Students here are 65% English learners, 90% qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 40% are housing insecure.
 - We are the only local funding organization that responds directly to individual teacher requests.
 - We trust teachers to know their students' needs.
 - EPAK's all-volunteer board keeps administrative expenses at less than 7% ensuring an impressive 93% of funds go directly to benefit students.
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President's Message

One of our teachers described the 2021-22 school year perfectly, "Whoa! What a year it has been!" Despite major challenges like the Omicron surge, our schools remained open, safe, and focused on learning. At EPAK, we saw grant applications reflect the optimism and resilience of our classroom teachers and students.

EPAK disbursed 447 grants totalling an impressive \$300,676. Grant amounts remained at the higher level of \$750 per grant in response to the pandemic. Flexible criteria allow us to support special education teachers, counselors, and staff who are vital to students' educational experience as well as classroom teachers.

Teacher testimonials suggest how our grants cross disciplines. "With this generous grant, I was able to combine art and science into meaningful and engaging lessons for students who are remote and in person. I was able to share materials with core teachers such as bugs preserved in acrylics for students to observe insects and practice scientific illustration," wrote Alexis Hamilton, Los Robles McNair Academy teacher.

This year, we executed several projects in



partnership with organizations that also serve our community. Through a Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative grant, EPAK began to transition to digital-first communications. With support from participants of Streetcode Academy, we created a collaborative online platform that will enable us to work together more effectively.

Our sincere thanks to our donors, partner organizations, board members, and volunteers for your commitment and extraordinary generosity. We look forward to joining with you through the months and years ahead as we work toward equity in education.

–2021-22 President Nisha Pillai



Our Impact 2021-22

FALL GRANTS 2021

216 (up to \$750 each): \$155,356

New teacher grants: 60 (up to \$375 each): \$22,500

SPRING GRANTS 2022

167 (up to \$750 each): \$121,320

New teacher grants: 4 (\$375 each): \$1,500

TOTAL AWARD \$300,676

Educator Grants were used for...

COVID Modification 32.5%

Literacy 30.9%

Art/Music 11.3%

Science 9.3%

Math 8.9%

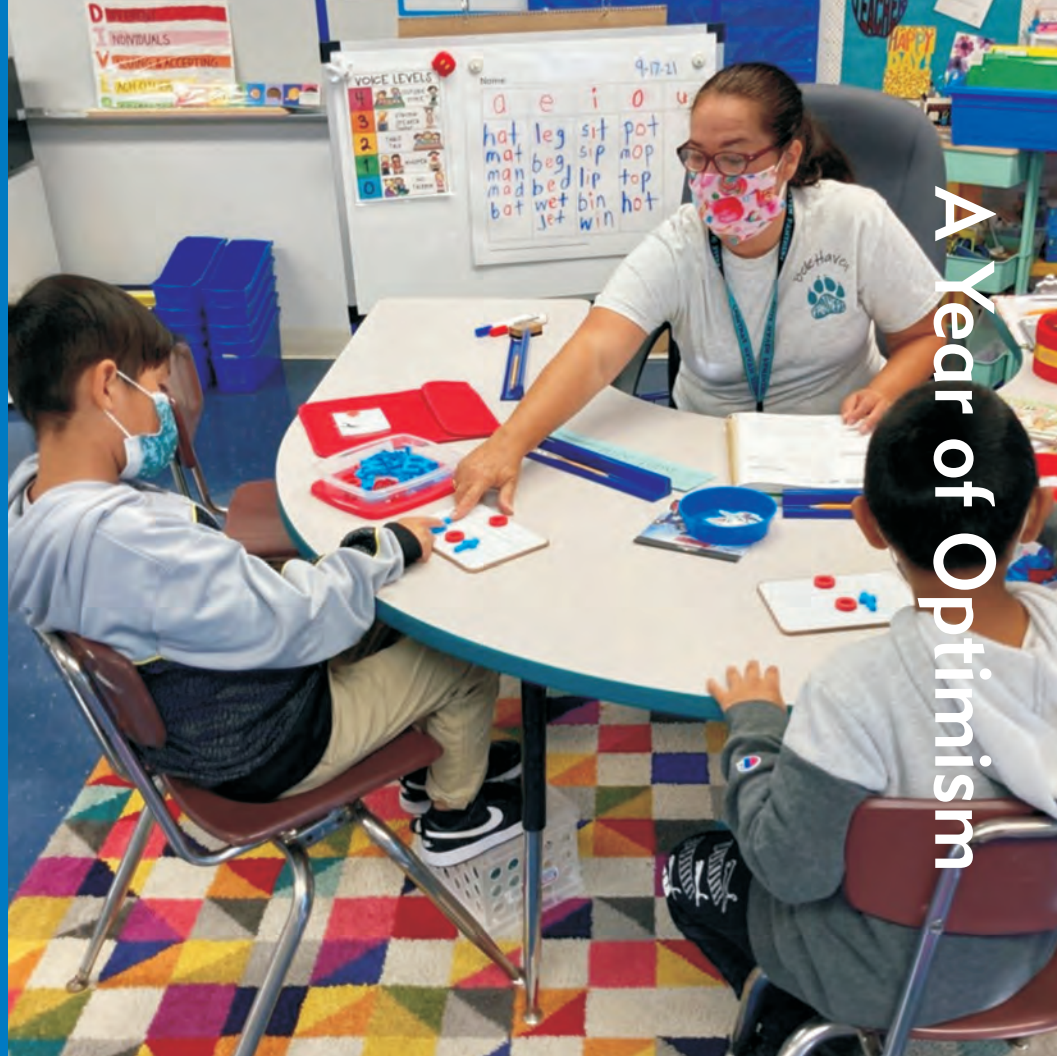
Social Studies 3.2%

Technology 4%

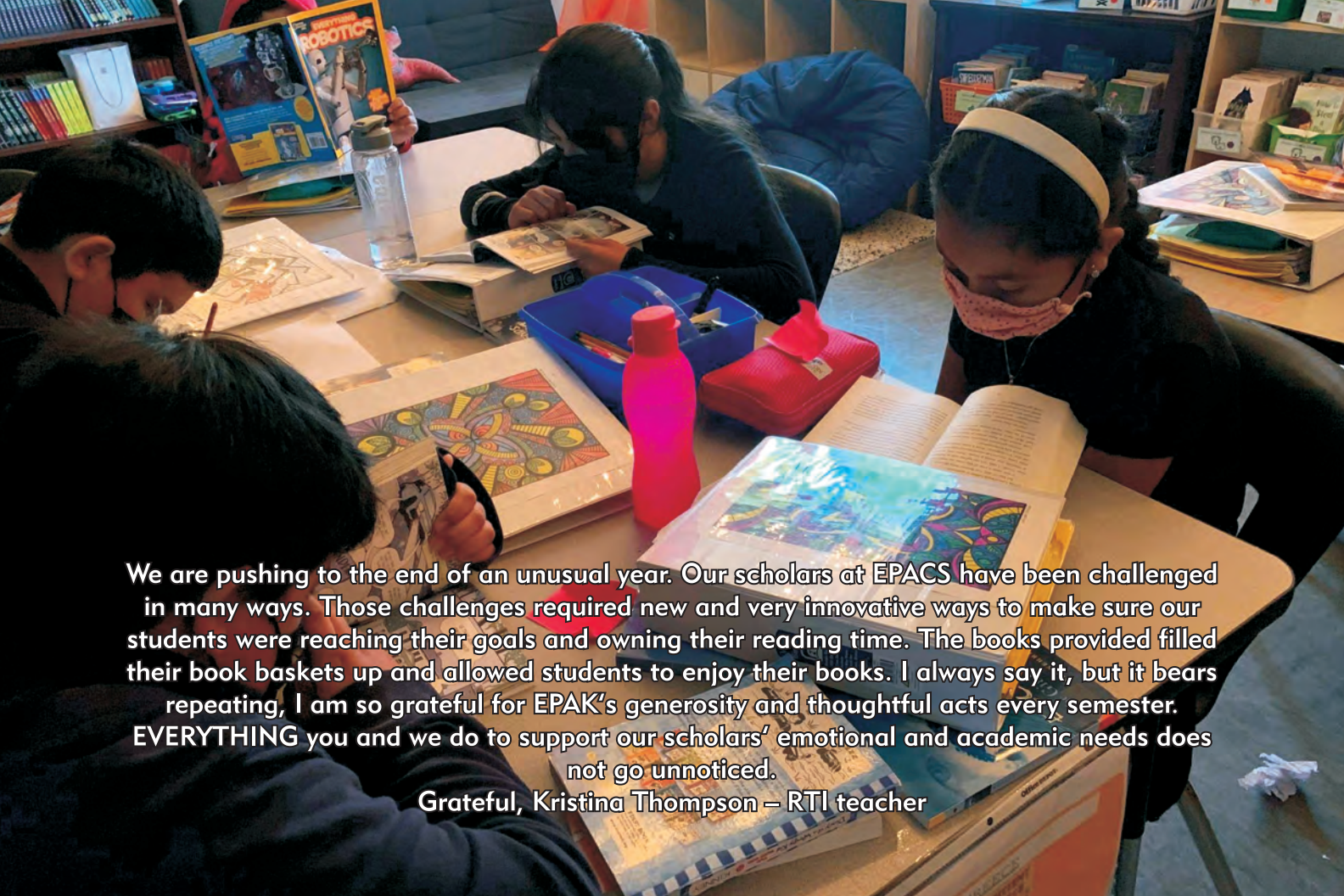
- 17% of these grants went to Special Needs Education

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“Whoa!!!! What a year it has been! Thank you all so much for your continued support. This Spring I was able to continue to supply art groups online with art kits from calligraphy pens, to watercolors, to canvases and acrylic paints. “Thank you for your endless support that helps bring this joy out of our artists and scholars!!!!” Summerlyn Burlew, East Palo Alto Charter School



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We are pushing to the end of an unusual year. Our scholars at EPACS have been challenged in many ways. Those challenges required new and very innovative ways to make sure our students were reaching their goals and owning their reading time. The books provided filled their book baskets up and allowed students to enjoy their books. I always say it, but it bears repeating, I am so grateful for EPAK's generosity and thoughtful acts every semester. EVERYTHING you and we do to support our scholars' emotional and academic needs does not go unnoticed.

Grateful, Kristina Thompson – RTI teacher

Financials

Our operating expenses were 6.5% of revenue for the 2021-22 fiscal year

Revenues

Donations	\$331,538
Other Income	\$ 5
Total Revenues	\$331,542

Expenses

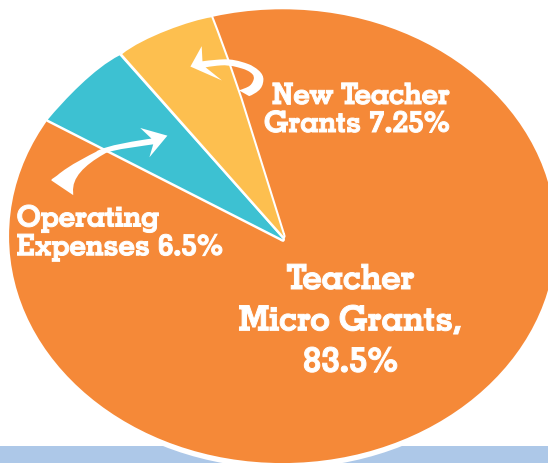
Grants	
Teacher Micro Grants	\$276,676
New Teacher Grants	\$ 24,000
Total Grant Expense	\$300,676
Operating Expense	\$ 21,464
Total Expenses	\$322,140
Change in Net Assets	\$ 9,398

Assets & Liabilities

Cash*	\$522,134
Liabilities	\$ 0
Total Net Assets	\$522,134

EPAK Expenses

(Based on Revenue Percentage)
2.75% added to Cash Reserves



EPAK Supporters

It is through the generous and dedicated support of our donors that EPAK has been serving the children of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park since 1993. Without our donors, teachers and students would not have the educational opportunities other communities take for granted. Our strong base of diverse contributors makes EPAK a stable and trusted partner for all schools in the area. **We appreciate your generous and continued support.**

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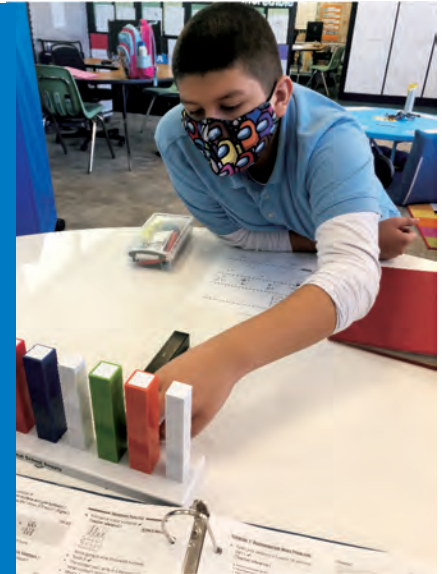
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“Thank you so much for another amazing grant. I truly appreciate EPAK and what you do for our students. During this crazy Covid times it was helpful to use the grant money in different, targeted ways.”
**Tyler Romero,
Kipp Valiant**





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"I used my EPAK funds to create learning centers for my first graders. I bought rugs, pillows, and bean-bags for students reading centers. Not only my own students, but students from other classes enjoy the classroom environment that we created. Thank you for the grant that allowed us to serve our students better!"

Lucy Salido, Los Robles McNair Academy,

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