

# George Lucas Family Foundation: Year 3 Report

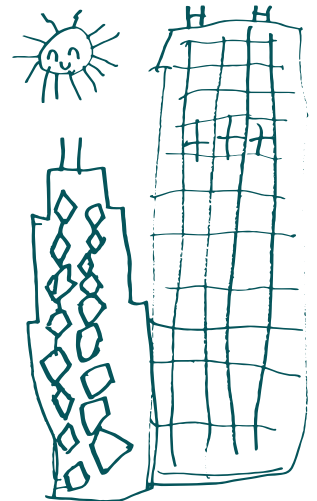
## Mission

The Family Learning and Resource Center (FALREC) assists parents in helping their children develop from a dependent newborn into a curious and exploratory preschooler who is ready to learn, solve problems and manage relationships. FALREC fosters a strong socialization model and engagement between families and their very young children to ensure a child's future success.



90% of families are recent immigrants from China, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia.

10% percent of families are bilingual.





## Activities

- Funding allowed for the successful expansion of the Parent-Child Interactive Classroom. Through your support we were able to stay open year round, Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The establishment of a program waitlist reflects the great community need even after expansion.
- With increased support from your foundation we were able to successfully promote stronger parent-child relationships through the implementation of the Baby TALK model. Activities implemented included: daily parent-child reading time, following big print at singing time, print in the classroom and monthly Chinatown Library literacy activities. We have a strong desire to further expand upon these activities, especially using literacy and song as a conduit for relationship building.
- Increased hours allowed us to exceed our goals of offering monthly parent workshops on topics such as: literacy and selecting good books; cognitive, language development, socio-emotional and self-help skills.
- The Resource Center grew in available content, loaning hundreds of Chinese and English books, videotapes, CDs and videos. We hope to expand upon this content and develop more assets for bilingual parents in the coming years.
- The launch of the Prevention Initiative home visitation program proved to be a great success during the grant period. In the most recent year, 38 families received two home visits per month, with visits comprised of comprehensive screening, developmental monitoring, Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs), case management and advocacy.
- FALREC also provided two field trips throughout the year to locations such as the Shedd Aquarium and Chicago Children's Museum to help families forge memories through hands on learning activities.

## Outcomes (84 families)

- 100% of children increased their readiness to learn through parents' encouragement and stimulation, especially in literacy-related activities.
- 100% of parents increased the time spent interacting with their children.
- 100% of parents increased their reading time to their children by at least 0.5 hour(s).
- 80% of parents indicated that they are more confident in their role as their child's most important teacher.
- 100% of parents increased their awareness and understanding of children's physical and developmental growth.



## Results from Donation

Thanks to the generosity of the George Lucas Family Foundation, CASL has been able to implement the following changes:

Outcome	Pre Funding	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Families served annually	32	45	49	84
Days open per week	3	5	5	5
Monthly field trips	0	2	2	2
Monthly outreach activities	2	13	17	22
Program waiting list	0	8	17	18

- Return to programming 5 days a week ACHIEVED
- Add staff capacity to FALREC
  - 1 full-time teacher ACHIEVED
  - 1 full-time, organization-wide quality improvement specialist ACHIEVED
- Create marketing materials (dual-language flyers) ACHIEVED
- Community outreach ACHIEVED
- Web and social media marketing ACHIEVED
- Increase cultural activities in the classroom ACHIEVED