Most of the adult students Upward Scholars serves have overcome impossible odds before they find us.

- 99% are immigrants
- 100% live at, or below, the poverty line
- 91% from Latin America
- 69% are women
- 70% are parents

This is why Upward Scholars exists.
Research shows that access to education, career development, and English language acquisition are the most critical factors in immigrants moving up the economic ladder.
Upward Scholars gives them that last mile of support that makes the difference between being stuck in low-paying, dead-end jobs or moving up the economic ladder. Here’s a snapshot of the impact we’ve made together.

- 1,000+ students since 2010
- 12,000+ volunteer hours since 2010
- $250,000+ textbook support since 2010
- 250+ laptops since 2015
- 700+ food vouchers since 2018
- $150,000+ transit vouchers since 2013
In 2020, Linda Prieto continued as Executive Director and promoted Milena Miyashiro to Academic Program Manager and Diana Viscarra to Program Coordinator. Additionally, we hired our second full-time employee, Jessica Magallón-Gálvez, as the MoveUp Program Manager.

Revenue by Source

- 64% Individuals
- 32% Foundations
- 4% Corporations

Upward Scholars had $715,576* in income and $529,359 in expenses.

*Includes $115,000 restricted funds to expend in 2021

- 63 student laptops
- 100% ESL students speak and write better English
- 100% students earn more money
- 100% students are parents
- 100% students better able to communicate with child’s teacher
- 96% students help their children more with homework
- 70% students are parents
- 64% students transferred to a 4-year university
- 11 students earned AA/AS degrees
- 10 students earned English proficiency
- 3 students transferred to a 4-year university

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*Returning students are students who have been in the program for at least one other semester.
Our Student Community

Number of students served

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Gender

- Women: 69
- Men: 31

Countries of origin

- Latin America: 91
- United States: 8
- Other: 1

Where students live

- Redwood City: 59
- East Palo Alto / Menlo Park: 16
- San Carlos / San Bruno: 11
- Pacifica / South San Francisco: 6
- Pescadero / Moss Beach: 6
- Other: 2
In 2020, students were dealing with many unexpected effects of the pandemic. Due to COVID-19, more than 80 percent of our students reported loss of employment, housing and food insecurity, challenges with their overall physical, mental, and emotional health, increased domestic violence, and escalated discrimination. Over 50% of them have yet to recover. The severity of the situation caused many to be pushed out of the area altogether. As we experienced a decline in student enrollment, we quickly stretched, retaining 76% of our students by providing additional services. To more holistically and deeply serve our students and their families, we provided the following critical resources during the past year:

**Laptops and Internet Access:**
To ensure students could take classes remotely, we provided all students with laptops and Internet access.

**Remote one-on-one Tutoring or Mentoring:**
We helped half of our students pivot and maintain their weekly virtual one-on-one tutor and mentor sessions.
COVID-19 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Virtual Conversation Clubs and Remote Conversation Partners:
Through these one-on-one or group settings, fluent English-speaking volunteers ensured students continued to practice English and stayed focused on their educational goals.

Career Development Support:
Through the ¡Habla Más! program, we trained students to work virtually as paid Spanish coaches, and hired a full-time Program Manager who developed additional employment opportunities for our students.

Food:
Through donations and partnerships with other local nonprofits, we provided food vouchers, grocery gift cards, drive-thru meals, or food delivery, to our most vulnerable students.

Masks:
Through partnerships with other local nonprofits, we provided more than 600 masks for students and their families.
COVID-19 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Support Groups:
To offer critical emotional and community support, we established online facilitated spaces like Plática Entre Familia and an all-student WhatsApp group.

Partner Referrals:
We referred students to other local partners for services beyond our mission, such as housing assistance, medical care, mental health services, intimate partner abuse support, immigration aid, and summer reading programs for our students’ children.

Transportation:
We continued our transportation voucher program and expanded with donated bicycles and even an SUV to students lacking transportation.

Safety Net Fund:
We created our first Student Safety Net Fund raising nearly $150,000 for financial assistance to relieve and encourage students to persist in college.
For more information or to donate:
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