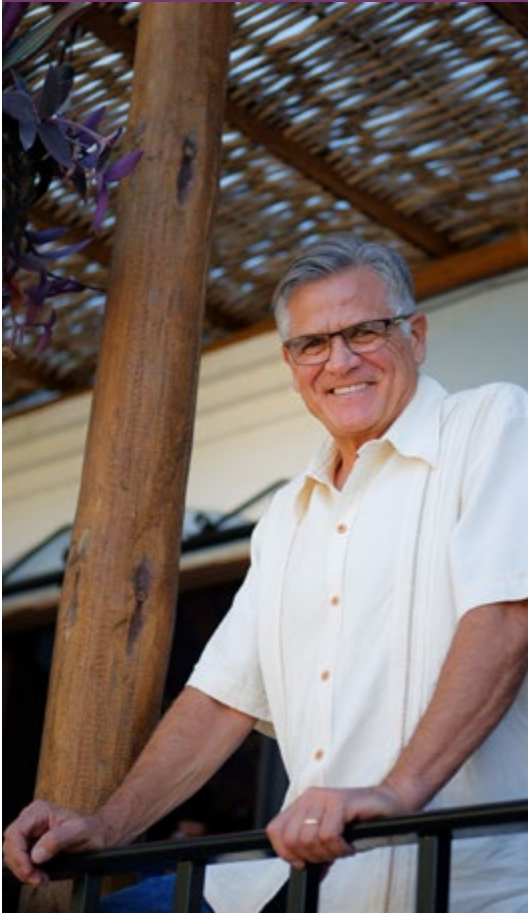




Padrino

ANNUAL REPORT
2021



Dear Padrino supporter,

A year of resurgence comes to mind when thinking back to 2021. The waning of the pandemic provided an opportunity to reflect on the development of our organization and our role in the community.

Our core mission remains to provide health and wellness services to the growing number of economically challenged families in our region. Through your support, Padrino has become the regional leader in providing pediatric medical and mental health services, diagnosing complex neurodevelopmental disorders and rare diseases, and offering therapy for children with special needs.

Underlying this work is a dedication to using every available resource to benefit our patients.

Healthcare systems can be jungles tangled with bureaucracy and inflexible processes. Beyond financial need, our beneficiary families often have low levels of education, literacy, and awareness of public programs. We work to help them navigate the hoops and hurdles of accessing care. We facilitate travel arrangements to specialized care on the mainland of Mexico, a blessing for families that may never have traveled outside our community. We open channels for families to register for existing care programs. When necessary, we assist in applications for birth certificates and medical insurance benefits.

This holistic approach to pediatric care results in faster, more effective, and affordable treatment of the children we serve. In essence, we do not work alone. We are a component in our region's healthcare system. Acting together with public and private services, chances are improving for local children to reach their full potential for health and wellbeing.

With your support, we will continue to provide treatment, seek external resources, and hand hold our beneficiary families across the continuum of care.

I am very proud of the accomplishments Padrino achieved in 2021. Please take the time and enjoy reading about the positive impact donors like you have made possible in our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Cardillo

Chairperson, Board of Directors

2021 Community Impact

133 new patients qualified

258 children served

3,593 services provided

As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In 2021, Padrino developed systematic approaches to identify children with developmental delays and undiagnosed conditions in our community. This was achieved through:

- 24 Whole genome sequencing tests
- 23 Evaluations of Early Childhood Development
- 51 Psychometric evaluations

Reaching out to those with the greatest need

According to 2020 Census data, there are approximately 5,000 candidates for pediatric care in our area.

Since startup and through the end of 2021, Padrino has served 986 patients (about 18% of all local children), which mirrors the reported poverty rate. 70% of our patient families score in the lowest three levels of income according to the AMAI's socioeconomic assessment tool.

Our Team

Clinical Team

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Pediatrician

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Pediatric Psychologist
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Administrator

Board of Directors

Jim Cardillo, *Chairperson*

Jamie Kelly, *President*

Nancy Serfass, *Treasurer & CFO*

Nancy Naigle, *Secretary*

Adali Parks, *Member*



Program Updates

Mental and Social Health

\$50,100 USD expenses

90 children served

908 total interventions

Mental health is essential to well-being. We know that mental health allows our bodies to adapt to challenging situations. Anxiety is a normal and necessary feeling that helps people react to stressful situations; however, when symptoms are intense and significantly interfere with daily life, personalized attention is necessary to restore balance.

José

José is a patient of our Mental and Social Health program. He began experiencing anxiety attacks that affected his emotional stability and academic performance. After requesting psychological care, a therapeutic process was started to promote emotional management and develop an understanding of his anxiety symptoms and the physiology of stress, as well as strategies to be able to deal with these experiences.

José finished his process and support in psychology just as his mother wrote to the team to share his latest school grades, which had greatly improved. "Months ago, he didn't even have the head to think," she wrote. "I really thank you for the work that you have done; it has helped him a lot to go to therapy."

Financial Aid for Medical Services

\$114,545 USD expenses

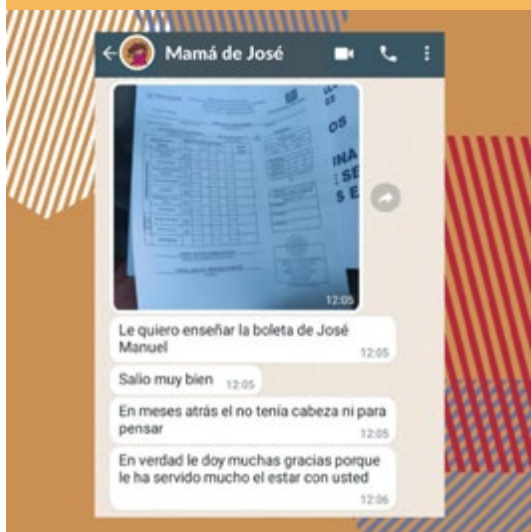
133 children served

1895 total interventions

At the height of the pandemic, Padrino provided relief focused on the essential needs of infants and babies such as diapers, formula, and counseling on potty training and breastfeeding. Thanks to this relief, we connected with more than 400 local families in our region who have young children, many of whom were not previously served by Padrino. In one case, the father had tested positive for tuberculosis, and we helped the family get their baby, Tadeo, tested in La Paz. Historically, we have received few patients younger than school age, so this marks a major shift—for the better! The younger we see children, the better our chances are of providing lasting health improvements.

Raúl Salvador

Raúl has been a patient of the foundation since 2020. He is being treated for congenital heart disease by pediatric cardiologist, Dr Alain Zozoya. He was 1 year and 7 months old when he began his treatment with Padrino. We referred him to Salvatierra Hospital in La Paz to have a cardiac catheterization. The surgery was a success and he continues to receive support from our pediatrician for persistent anemia. Raúl and his family also participated in the early detection program receiving an evaluation of neuro-development.



Children with Special Needs

\$35,954 USD expenses

20 children served

635 total interventions

Padrino offers many vocational therapies that benefit our special needs teen patients. Several children have excelled in our art workshop. In November of 2021, participants successfully planned, organized, and conducted their first exhibition of works in Todos Santos. Each child finished a painting that was revealed in front of a live audience comprised of their relatives, the Padrino team, volunteers, and Padrino supporters. In addition, attendees viewed the premiere of our first short film "A Day with Manuel." The 3-minute film shares Manuel's experience of being in our vocational therapies program.

Manuel

Manuel is a teen in our vocational therapy program. He has attended art therapy for more than 2 years, achieving great progress in his abilities and learning many social and vocational skills along the way. He travels on his own via the public bus from Pescadero for his sessions and for health check-ups with Dr. Mitzy. Despite being very shy, he bravely starred in a film to share his Padrino experience.

[Click here to watch "A Day with Manuel"](#)



Health Clinics

\$11,496 USD expenses

28 children served

155 total interventions

In November 2021, we held our fifth genetic clinic to provide test results to patients from across Baja California Sur with rare diseases. One effective diagnostic study in these cases is whole genome sequencing (WGS), to which most families in Mexico have no access. For the past 4 years, Padrino has collaborated with Illumina, Inc. in San Diego, CA to offer WGS in our region. The results have been transformative for families who gain answers that can help guide more successful treatment. What's more, a successful diagnosis can save years of time and money on unnecessary testing and procedures.

Aislin Nailea

Two-year-old Aislin Nailea has a rare genetic syndrome called septo-optic dysplasia. Her vision is extremely limited due to her developmental delay. "Our experience has been very pleasant, it is an honor for us to be one of the beneficiaries of the Foundation," said Aislin's mother. "We have received gas vouchers, cardiology consultations and studies every six months, as well as consultations with endocrinologists, pediatricians, and therapists. Padrino also supported Aislin in attending CRIT [a therapeutic center in La Paz.] This year we were candidates for the genetic testing and that makes me feel very happy. I know that it is a sophisticated study that few people have access to. Thank you, Padrino, for helping my daughter evolve positively. And thanks also to all the donors who make it possible for our children to have quality healthcare."



Spotlight: Early Detection

Padrino continually analyzes the types of patients who arrive and the services they require. In recent years, we have seen a growing demand for services that treat patients with neurodevelopmental disorders. These abnormalities in brain development can affect motor, cognitive, language, and social skills. We commonly see young patients with disabilities, learning or language delays, attention deficit, and autism spectrum disorders.

We know that the chances of a successful rehabilitation are higher the earlier we identify a developmental problem and intervene. Patients who are not diagnosed in early childhood are at much higher risk of long-term disability.

For this reason, Padrino launched a project funded by Kelowna Sunrise Rotary, in collaboration with a Neurorehabilitation team from La Paz and the University of Tijuana, La Paz Campus. This collaboration allows us to evaluate neurodevelopment in children under five years of age, focusing on high-risk groups. We refer severely impacted children to medical specialists for evaluation. For milder cases, we initiate a series of early stimulation workshops for parents and child. During the workshops, university psychologists teach mothers and fathers techniques to mitigate areas of delay in their little one's development.



In 2021, 23 children were evaluated and 16 families received stimulation training. Over time, this project is expected to prevent avoidable instances of long-term disability in our community.

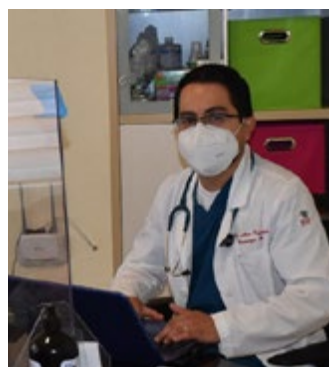


Spotlight: Increasing Access to Specialist Care

When we started operations in 2016, it was impossible for a child to see any type of pediatric specialist in Todos Santos. How things have changed! Today, Padrino makes consultations available from top pediatric physicians across Mexico.

Visiting Specialists

Pediatric specialists in cardiology, urology, neuro-pediatrics, audiology, psychiatry, hematology, and an allergist come from La Paz, Los Cabos, and even Mexico City to see multiple patients at our location during routine “clinic days.”



From left to right: Regional pediatric specialists Dr. Guzman, pediatric psychiatrist, Dr. Montes, pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Alain Zozaya Garcia, Pediatric Cardiologist, and Dr. Medina, Neurogeneticist, holding clinic days in the Padrino office.

Iam Osvaldo

3-year-old Iam Osvaldo has three serious conditions—epilepsy, pulmonary valve insufficiency, and hydronephrosis—that require close monitoring. He receives support from pediatrics, cardiology, urology, pediatric neurology, and psychology.

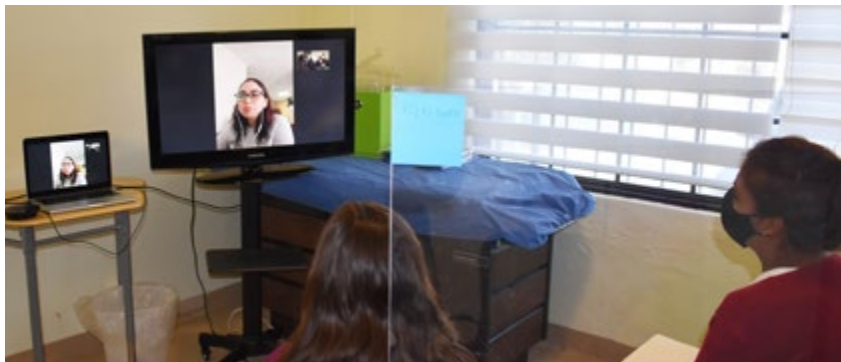
Iam's mother shared, “We got to know the Padrino at the beginning of the pandemic from their food and diaper support campaign. I was a beneficiary of that program and towards the end, I spoke with one of the workers about my son. I described that he was very sick, and I didn't really know what was wrong with him. She helped me fill out a form to interview with the social worker. They have always given us guidance and support in a very kind way. This is how we learned that Iam has grade 3 hydronephrosis and epilepsy. He has received attention from specialists in neuropediatrics, pediatrics, psychology, and cardiology. They have also given us gas vouchers for transportation to appointments and paid for medications.

Belonging to the Foundation has benefited us a lot as a family. With our own resources we would not be able to support Iam's many expensive studies and treatments. I want to thank the Padrino for their excellent work and ask them to always be such big-hearted people who love their work and support our community.”



Telemedicine and Travel to Specialist Care

Living in BCS limits access to pediatric specialist care, which has forced us to get creative! We now invite specialists such as endocrinologists and nephrologists from across Mexico to consult with our patients via telemedicine! When necessary, we provide support for children with complicated cases to travel to Mexico City for surgeries and other complex care.



Consultation with Pediatric endocrinologist, Dra. Neiba Lujan, in Mexico City.

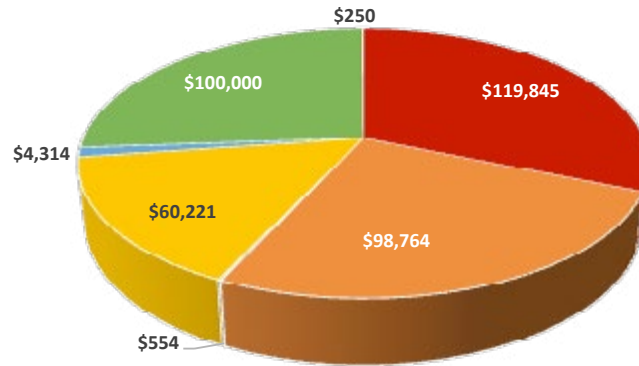
María Alejandra

Antonia Ruiz, our social worker, has worked with the family of María Alejandra for several years. The family came to Padrino because little “Lita” needed surgery on her right arm to correct a birth defect known as brachial plexus palsy. Although it may seem like a simple procedure, looking closely at this success story reveals the complications families face when seeking care.

Padrino helped by scheduling medical appointments and making calls to the Shriners Hospital in Mexico City to coordinate needed studies and consultations. Nearly all members of the Padrino team members from administration, social work, pediatrics, and psychology participated. There were several unsuccessful initial attempts to schedule the surgery due to Lita’s low weight and COVID restrictions. However, our pediatrician helped get her weight up and she received the surgery. Lita must return to Mexico City for follow-up and continue rehabilitation therapies in La Paz, but we are thrilled to see her regaining mobility in her arm.

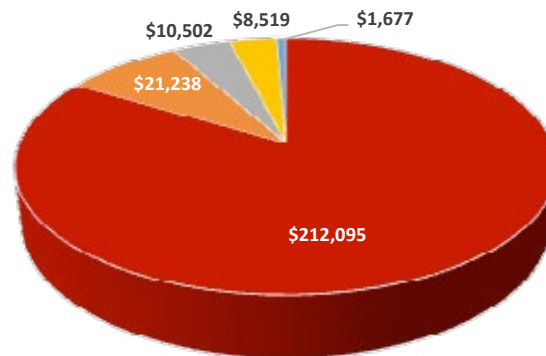


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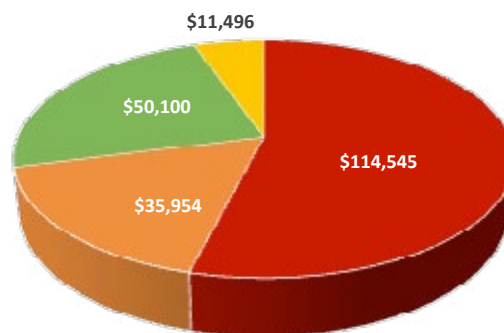
2021 Revenue by Source (USD)

- Individual Donations
- Corporate Donations
- Beneficiary Donations
- Grants
- Fundraiser Revenue
- Future Development Fund



2021 Expenses by Type (USD)

- Operational
- Future Development
- COVID
- General and Administrative
- Fundraising



2021 Expenses by Program (USD)

- Medical Services
- Children with Special Needs
- Mental and Social Health
- Genetics and Clinics



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