SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Addressing Educational Disparities in Los Angeles since 2015

IMPACT REPORT 2025

What did you think about your tutoring sessions?
You can share what you liked, didn't like, or anything that stood out to you.

I liked tutoring because I got a lot better at my skills during tutoring session. I felt very comfterble around my tutor.

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About SCF

Our Vision

SCF envisions a world where every student, regardless of background, has equal access to opportunities that empower them to realize their full potential, excel academically, and create positive change in their communities.

Our Mission

Southeast Community Foundation's mission is to provide personalized and consistent high-dose/high-impact tutoring and social-emotional support that empowers students from all backgrounds to achieve their goals. We are committed to fostering equal opportunities and equipping learners with the skills and confidence to make a positive impact in their lives and their communities.

Our Guiding Principles

SCF was established to address the educational inequalities within the communities of Los Angeles with our programs and level the playing field for our students.

When we succeed in inspiring children about their abilities and their education at a young age, they are more likely to be excited about learning. We believe that students learn best when they are in a caring, supportive community of learners where their academic needs and social-emotional needs are addressed.

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A Message from Executive Director Cassandra Petersen-Harris

Dear Friends,

When I think about 2025, I don't first think about numbers — I think about faces.

I think about the second grader who said, "It was fun, and now I can read." I think about the student who finally raised their hand with confidence. I think about the families who trusted us with their children.

Yes, this year we delivered 5,409 hours of high-impact tutoring, and 85% of our students improved their assessment scores. But what matters most is that students are beginning to believe in themselves again.

Our expansion into LAUSD this fall was a powerful milestone, and the results affirmed what we've always known: when students receive consistent, small-group, relationship-based tutoring, they grow — academically and personally.

I am deeply grateful to our tutors, school partners, staff, Board, and supporters who make this work possible. Because of you, opportunity is not just a word — it is something our students experience every week.

With gratitude,

Cassandra Petersen Harris
Executive Director

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2025 Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors brings vast knowledge and experience to governing the foundation. They have extensive experience in the worlds of higher education, business, law, government, technology, health care, the arts, the civic sector, not-for-profit and nonprofit management.

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Our Program

Southeast Community Foundation is a non-profit organization specializing in high-dose/high-impact tutoring since 2015. We are dedicated to supporting students in the Los Angeles region to secure their academic success. We are a group of passionate teachers, tutors, and professionals who have strong ties to Los Angeles and want to better the communities where we live.

SCF focuses on those who need help catching up after the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our tutoring programs:

- Include up to 2 hours of tutoring a week
- Are built on research-based methods
- Are tailored to each student's needs
- Are built around no more than 1:4 tutor-to-student ratio

We work with schools and school districts to identify students who can most benefit from our targeted approach.

SCF has years of experience tutoring in math and ELA in grades K-12. Our methodology of high-impact tutoring has been tested through Stanford, Brown, and Johns Hopkins Universities. SCF routinely works with some of the top tutoring experts in the country to ensure our program's high standards and effectiveness.

Our team is made up of college graduates, current and retired teachers, substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. We require tutoring experience or experience working in an educational setting. We have a rigorous training program and ongoing professional development to maintain our highly-effective program.

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Our 2025 Impact

High Dose/High Impact Tutoring is the cornerstone of our program. Our program supplements, not replaces, students' classroom experiences, but with individualized attention. Our students make substantial gains they otherwise would not achieve in their class. We offer continuous support to our tutors and our programs are free of charge to all students and their families.

5409

hours of high-dose/high-impact tutoring

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Spring 2025 Results

In Spring 2025, SCF partnered with three school sites in Southeast Los Angeles to tutor students who were at least one year behind in either English Language Arts (ELA) or in Math. Our tutoring program resulted in at least 80 % of students making at least three months of improvement and raising their assessment scores by the end of our tutoring cycle.

Southeast Community Foundation has a strong track record and history of achieving results and improvement working with students in Los Angeles. Every student goes through pre-, mid-, and post-assessments to measure improvement over the course of a tutoring cycle. This data is combed through during and after each cycle to evaluate and improve our tutors and methods.

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Summer 2025 Results

In Summer 2025, SCF partnered with the City of Huntington Park in Southeast Los Angeles to tutor students at a local community center for four weeks. This was the second year in a row that SCF was asked to create this invaluable program for Huntington Park families. This program was free to any Huntington Park resident.

Once again, our tutoring program resulted in over 80 % of students making at least three months of improvement and raising their assessment scores by the end of our tutoring cycle.

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Fall 2025 Results

In Fall 2025, SCF began our partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District in district-run school sites to tutor students who were identified by the school to be at least one year behind in either English Language Arts (ELA) or in Math. In our first semester of implementing our tutoring program, we had an overall result of 90% of students raising their assessment scores by the end of our tutoring cycle.

In Spring 2026, more LAUSD schools have chosen to bring SCF to their campuses, more than doubling our presence in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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Overall 2025 Results

Southeast Community Foundation has a strong track record and history of achieving results and improvement working with students in Los Angeles. We are proud of our consistent ability to help a high majority of the students we tutored in 2025. Overall, 85% of our students improved their assessment scores because of the work Southeast Community Foundation tutors did with them.

Percentage of students who improved their assessment scores in all of our 2025 high-dose/high-impact tutoring programs

All students - Math and ELA

"I liked it and would do it again. I want you to come back!"

Second Grade Student

"It was fun, and now I can read!"

Kindergarten Student

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Testimonials

Our work truly changes lives. More than just score improvements, our students report more confidence after attending our tutoring cycles. One high school student, when asked how tutoring impacted them, said:

> "In English class it helped, when we have to read aloud I was able to do it with more confidence, rather than staying silent and not putting my hand up. "

Educators and parents also love our programs. In surveys we sent out to teachers, administrators, and parents at schools we work with, we find that our results continue to impact students in classes long after our cycles end.

Percentage of school staff who would recommend SCF programs to other schools

Percentage of parents who would recommend SCF programs to other parents

> "I'm very happy with the growth of my students' reading skills. I really hope you'll tutor for us next year."
>
> Second Grade Teacher

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Partnerships

Southeast Community Foundation has a history of partnering with community entities to strengthen our ties to the people we serve. Here are just a few of the partners we worked with.

LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT

LAUSD UNIFIED

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Innovate Public Schools

us bank Foundation

Vernon CommUNITY Fund
Vernon Means Business

AltaMed
Your community health network

Accelerate

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