

Dear Friends of the IECA Foundation,

This is a difficult time for all of us. We at the Foundation want you to know that we are thinking of you and your families as we navigate hardship and uncertainty. We are in this together.

For almost 25 years, the IECA Foundation has been committed to supporting programs that have a significant impact on under-served students. And over the years, we have received emails with feedback that are a joy to read.

Unfortunately, this year has been different. The coronavirus pandemic has radically affected the programs we support and the communities they serve. Programs have had to adapt to a national lockdown and change the way they operate. They are struggling to adapt and survive.

At the IECA Foundation, our approach has been to support small organizations that have a big impact—organizations off the radar screen of major grant makers. For many years, we've had the pleasure of watching these organizations thrive. Now, we are seeing that they are uniquely vulnerable.

We are determined to help! Ordinarily, the Foundation sponsors one major grant cycle annually, with recipients announced in the fall. This year, to assist organizations in desperate need due to the pandemic, we are coordinating an additional round of grants.

We are keenly aware of the difficult times everyone is facing. Loss of income, illness, and having to adapt to a radically different way of life are taking a toll on us all. We have always strived to help the under-served and vulnerable populations. Now, we need to do that more than ever. If you are able, we ask for whatever amount you can give to support students and families who need help the most. Your generosity in this difficult time will allow us to sustain organizations in need and continue to fulfill our life-changing mission.

Our goal is to award up to \$20,000 in grant funding to past recipients whose programs are most in need. To cover this additional round of grants, the support of our donors will be absolutely essential. We ask that you help us reach our goal by contributing *any* amount you are able. [Click here](#) to donate.

If you are unable to make a financial contribution at this time, there are other ways you can support our mission at the Foundation. Please consider nominating a fellow IECA member for our Katz Award, or sharing our appeals on social media. More information can be found on our [website](#).

Please know that your generosity is deeply appreciated and that it has a far-reaching impact. Please accept our sincerest thanks.

Be well,  
Krissy Naspo, IECA Foundation Board Chair