**Edu-Futuro - Stronger2 Project**

Founded by immigrant parents in 1998, Edu-Futuro has grown from a dozen determined volunteers to become one of the largest Latino-led grassroots organizations in Northern Virginia. The work of the nonprofit organization focuses on the concept of education as a critical catalyst for positive, permanent change in immigrant and disadvantaged communities. To improve the lives of our families, Edu-Futuro utilizes a Two-Generation service model that allows us to connect with parents and children in the same household simultaneously, always working to assist families break the cycle of poverty.

Each year, Edu-Futuro serves more than 3,200 youth and adults in Northern Virginia, providing students with a “classroom-to-career” path to college through our Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) while empowering parents to navigate the U.S. school system, improve family communication, and obtain better jobs through our Parent Empowerment Services (PES).

No other community-based organization in Northern Virginia provides the comprehensive bilingual services offered by Edu-Futuro. The most tangible proof of the effectiveness of our programs for youth is the success of our 83 ELP graduates in 2021, who despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, were offered $5,557,892 in scholarships and financial aid for their first year of college, and a remarkable $21,468,490 in four-year renewable scholarships and financial aid.

Edu-Futuro responded to the heavily disproportionate public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the immigrant community by mobilizing to become one of the leading providers of direct financial assistance to immigrant families in the Washington region. Since the beginning of the coronavirus crisis in March 2020, Edu-Futuro’s bilingual case managers have stabilized more than 1,200 households, and disbursed nearly $1,000,000 for rental assistance, food, utilities, and other basic necessities.

We are proud to be a Stronger2 Project partner, and will be working closely with the Fairfax County Health Department to create and implement a Public Health Youth Ambassadors Program for high school youth in the Hispanic/Latinx, African American, and Black African and student communities. The goal of the project is to engage and train a 300 youth by June 30, 2023.