

## ESPERANZA CENTER

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN ACTION



### SUMMARY

The Esperanza Center is a comprehensive resource center whose mission is to welcome immigrants by offering hope, compassionate services, and the power to improve their lives.

Esperanza Center's impact for clients and the community in FY24 was significant. Patients and clients across our programs represent over 40 countries of origin and reside in more than 120 distinct Maryland zip codes. Immigration Legal Services launched a partnership with Baltimore Medical System (BMS) Yard 56 and Johns Hopkins Centro SOL to establish Terra Firma Baltimore – a new, integrated, medico-legal service for unaccompanied immigrant youth. Esperanza Social Services joined with Global Refuge and Asylee Women Enterprise to provide dignified case management support to asylum seekers in the region. And, in response to the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, Esperanza Client Services quickly pivoted to provide intensive support to the 29 surviving family members directly impacted.

### KEY OUTCOMES



Number of individuals connected to critical services and resources

**2,888**



Number of unaccompanied children who received family reunification support

**194**



Number of clients who received immigration legal services

**1,161**



Average monthly number of uninsured patients provided free high quality primary care

**293**



Number of students educated and enabled to reach English language goals

**194**

### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Immigration Legal Services, defensive and affirmative
- Primary care health and dental services
- English classes
- Comprehensive case management and goal setting
- Community resource navigation and referrals
- Notary services

## KEY GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

- Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC)
- Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention & Policy (GOCPP)
- Maryland Community Health Resource Commission (MD CHRC)
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- State of Maryland

*In addition to the grant support from key government funders, we extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals, corporations, community partners, and foundations that support our work. Their generosity provides life-changing opportunities for families and individuals in need.*

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
- Baltimore County's Office of Immigrant Affairs
- Johns Hopkins Medical System
- Baltimore City Health Department
- HEAL Collaborative
- Maryland Health Connection
- Pro Bono Resource Center
- University of Maryland Law School
- University of Baltimore Law School
- Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Patrick Pastorate
- Cristo Rey High School
- Latino Providers Network

## PROGRAM NEEDS

**Types of volunteers, Spanish-speakers particularly needed:**

- Attorneys
- Medical professionals
- English teachers (no certification or Spanish required)
- General operations support
- Interpreters

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