

FY26 PROGRAM REPORT



ESPERANZA CENTER

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN ACTION

SUMMARY

In FY26, the Esperanza Center expanded our services by launching a pilot program to provide English classes at Sacred Heart Parish in Glyndon, MD and added a medical dispensary to our health clinic which allows us to provide some of the most used medicines to our patients free of charge.

Our Immigration Legal Services Program continued to provide critical legal representation to 689 clients and added a new project with support from the Maryland Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to help dozens of clients become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Our Client Services program staff were thrilled to have their space fully rebuilt and improved to create a welcoming space for all.

Our Building Hope Dundalk Support Center placed 29 clients in new jobs and completed 816 need assessments connecting more people to resources and mental health supports.

Lastly, in June, we celebrated the renaming of our first-floor large meeting space to the Gallagher LLP Educational Center in recognition of the law firm's \$2.3 million investment in our educational services.

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
- Legal consultations for immigrants to become naturalized U.S. citizens
- Free prescription medication through Dispensary of Hope for patients in our medical clinic

KEY OUTCOMES

Number of service needs assessments completed through Client Services

2,311



Number of patients who received services in our medical clinic, including 407 new patients

1,316

Number of patients who were served in our dental clinic for a total of 373 visits

144



Number of adult learners who attended 3,051 hours of English instruction, with 98% demonstrating increased English proficiency through assessment (30 hours of instruction per student)

103

Number of current active legal cases

689



Number of individuals who were connected to workforce development services at Building Hope, resulting in 29 individuals acquiring new jobs

KEY GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

Federal Grants:

- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Immigrant Justice Corps for Immigration Legal Services
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Acacia Institute of Justice for Immigration Legal Services
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Johns Hopkins HEAL for Health Services

State Grants:

- Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for Immigration Legal Services
- Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for Immigration Legal Services
- Maryland Legal Services Corporation, MLSC for Immigration Legal Services
- Maryland Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs for Immigration Legal Services

Local Grants:

- Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs for Client Services

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.

PROGRAM NEEDS

Each of our programs has specific in-kind donation needs, from school supplies to food and more. At Esperanza Center, volunteers are welcomed (Spanish speakers particularly needed):

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

If you would like to support Esperanza Center or any of our programs with additional in-kind donations, please visit cc-md.org/in-kind-donations.

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Program Needs

- An additional \$44,000 to hire a dental hygienist for our medical clinic
- An additional \$52,000 to hire a program coordinator to expand ESOL classes into parishes throughout the Baltimore Archdiocese
- Approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000 to renovate the exam rooms in the medical clinic
- Access to a handyman to help with occasional maintenance needs and small projects at Esperanza Center
- Purchase the vacant lot next door to 430 S. Broadway and turn it into a secure parking lot for the center

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FY 26 Key Outcomes

- * 1,316 unique patients received services in our medical clinic including 407 new patients
- * 144 patients served in our dental clinic for a total of 373 visits
- * 103 adult learners attended 3,051 hours (30 hours of instruction per student) of English instruction with 98% demonstrating increased English proficiency through assessment
- * 41 volunteer teachers provided \$47,631 worth of in-kind ESOL instruction
- * Completed 2,311 service needs assessments through Client Services.
- * Connected 229 individuals to workforce development services at Building Hope resulting in 29 individuals acquiring new jobs
- w* 295 legal cases closed