

Newsletter

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HACES CONTINUES TO GROW!



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2022 was another year of growth for HACES! Our Parent Mentor program expanded to four schools in the Waukegan School District, we were able to offer financial aid to help our newest U.S. citizens pay the citizenship application fee, and we expanded our health education programming to include health screenings and health education workshops.



PARENT MENTORS expanded to four schools in the Waukegan School District: HACES' highly effective Parent Mentor Program teaches parents how to strengthen the skills they need to support their children by actively participating in their child's classroom. Building strong ties between teachers, parents, students, and the school community helps to ensure the student's immediate and long-term success. We hope to be able to add a fifth school in the 2023-2024 school year.







NATURALIZATION SCHOLARSHIPS - the application fee of \$725 can be cost-prohibitive for many seeking to become U.S. citizens; in 2022, thanks to grant funding, HACES is able to offer scholarships to those who qualify based on financial need. Since we began offering scholarships in July, HACES has awarded \$43,500 in financial assistance to 60 individuals!



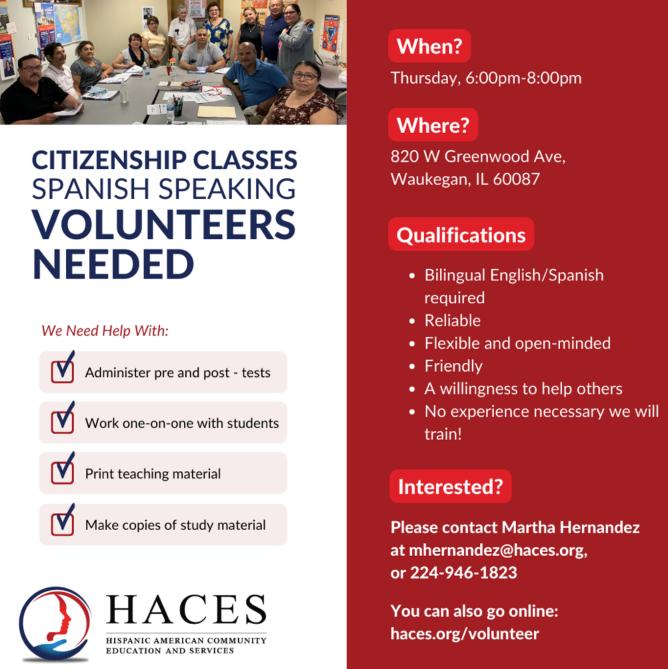
HEALTH EDUCATION - it might not immediately come to mind, but health is a cornerstone of immigrant integration, as much as education and the ability to speak English. Various factors, from lack of access and economic status, to fear of deportation affect our community's health and deter them from seeking care. In order to combat these disparities, HACES offers health education and outreach, bi-monthly workshops, and one-on-one health navigation.



In October, in partnership with Rosalind Franklin's Community Care Connection, HACES hosted a successful flu vaccination clinic. Working with ConnectWaukegan, 14 families were enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity program, which helps households receive affordable internet services. In November, HACES hosted Oak Street Health at our offices, who in turn provided a workshop on healthy food choices and included a recipe demonstration. Over 20 people participated! We plan to continue working with community partners to offer health resource events including YWCA Lake County, Equal Hope, Zacharias Center, and Roberti Community House.

Help Our Clients Achieve the American Dream -Volunteer Today!

HACES is seeking volunteers to teach its Spanish language citizenship classes - being able to successfully pass a citizenship test is a critical step in the path to U.S. citizenship for our clients and we need your help! We are currently looking for an individual/s who can commit to volunteering once a week on Wednesday evenings to teach citizenship classes in Spanish. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help!





If interested, or for more information, please visit our website by clicking the button below.





What do you think, are you ready to invest in the success of new members of your community? The place to do it is HACES.ORG.

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immigrant that walks through our doors gets
accurate and useful information that enables
them to build successful lives. With your support,
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