HACES
HISPANIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SERVICES

Newsletter

August 2024

HACES First BookBag Giveaway is a success!

Support Your Community DONATE

Our first HACES Bookbag Giveaway was a success! **In total we distributed 107 bookbags and had over 100 families attend!** Thank you United Way of Lake County and the Brushwood Center for the book bag donation. We were so happy to serve our community! Thank you also to our community members for joining us.

100+
FAMILIES ATTENDED

107
BACKPACK DISTRIBUTED

Families who attended met 17 community organizations and learned about the resources each offers. Each community organization brought giveaways for the families. Thank you to each of our community partners who united with us to serve our community.

Families receive books from Waukegan Public Library's mobile library.

The Chapel brings clothes for families.

In addition, families enjoyed snacks like popcorn and shaved ice and were able to participate in fun activities!

HACES welcomes this year's Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep Interns!

In January 2024, HACES welcomed their first intern from Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep, John Paul M. (CRSM '25). Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep is a private catholic high school located in Waukegan, Illinois. The school follows a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, integrated with a work-study program. Students go to school four times a week and work one day of the week. Once a month, they work two days a week.

24th ANNIVERSARY CRISTO REY ST. MARTIN COLLEGE PREP

During the spring semester, John Paul joined the marketing department as a Marketing Intern working closely with the Marketing & Development Coordinator, Diana Galarza. John Paul has been a valuable asset to the HACES team! He's helped in numerous marketing projects such as helping onboard new staff members by providing them with marketing materials, keeping the website updated, creating a visual heat map, creating a volunteer tracking system, and much more! Way to go John Paul!

As we begin the fall semester, HACES is happy to welcome three Cristo Rey St. Martin Interns: John Paul M (CRSM '25), Dana (CRSM '25), and Allan (CRSM '27). John Paul will continue his work as a Marketing Intern. Dana is joining us as a Legal Intern working closely with the Asylum Program Manager, Lupita Canales. Allan is joining us as a Human Resource Intern working closely with our Director of Human Resources, Sharron Harris.

We are excited to see what the interns accomplish in this upcoming semester. Welcome interns!

Uniting for Impact: United Way of Lake County, Lake County Workforce Development and HACES Empowering Futures Together

The Parent Mentor Program continues to grow thanks to our partners, United Way of Lake County and Lake County Workforce Development!

Last school year, the Parent Mentor Program expanded to six elementary schools in the Waukegan School District with the help of United Way of Lake County. Additionally, from November 2023 to April 2024, HACES was able to hire 9 Parent Mentor Interns with the help of Lake County Workforce Development. After the completion of the internship, two of our parents, Zuleima and Yolanda were hired by the Waukegan Public School District as paraprofessionals!

Zuleima

Yolanda

To read more about Zuleima and Yolanda, and the partnership between HACES and the Lake County Workforce Development, click the button below.

LEARN MORE

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in your child's education? We are recruiting Parent Mentors! To participate in the program, you must have a child who attends one of the following six elementary schools: Carman-Buckner Elementary, Glen Flora Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, Lyon Magnet School, North Elementary, and Whittier Elementary. Immigration status, education level, and language skills are not a barrier to your involvement. No previous experience is required.

BECOME A PARENT MENTOR

Honoring Our Board Members and Staff: Celebrating Leadership and Community Impact

On Tuesday, August 27, Board Members and staff gathered for our Annual Meeting to reflect on our successes last fiscal year. Due to the collective efforts of our staff, Board, and volunteers, our accomplishments in FY24 are highlighted in the information below.

Cash Assistance and Stipends

Includes DACA & Citizenship scholarships, cash assistance for immediate needs, and Parent Mentor stipends.

FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
$234,691	**$819,722**	**$888,416**

Fiscal Year Comparison

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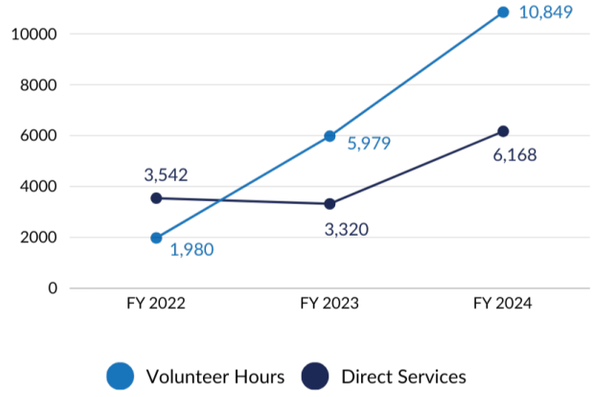

PROGRAM SUCCESS REPORT

Legal Services

260 Applied for U.S. Citizenship

409 Dreamers renewed their work permits

1,000+ Legal screenings

$222,960 Scholarships Awarded to assist with the cost of applying for U.S. Citizenship and renewing DACA work permits

Health Services

319 Individuals approved for emergency cash assistance

354 Clients received health related information

918 Individuals connected to community resources

1,000+ Obtained linkages to medical and nutritional benefits

Parent Mentor Program

53 Participants during the 2023-2024 School Year

1,100+ Students benefited from having a Parent Mentor in their classroom

9 Parent Mentors were hired as temporary part time HACES interns

3 Parent Mentors were hired by the Waukegan Public School District as paraprofessionals!

Our Board drives HACES' growth through strategic support and fundraising initiatives. Our board members for this upcoming fiscal year are:

Ivan Hernandez-Arizmendi, *Chair*
Ronaldo Boeving Silva, *Vice Chair & Marketing Committee Chair*
Angie Sauer, *Secretary*
Faith Lawler, *Treasurer & Governance Committee Chair*
Nicole E Totoni-Meléndez, *Fundraising Committee Chair*
Lisa Meggs, *Director*
Cynthia Vargas, *Director*
Rocio Mena, *Director*
Maria Nava, *Director*
Auxillary Board Members
Yuridia Ruiz, *Director*
Mark McQuiston, *Director*

Thank you to our dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, and donors for making this past fiscal year a success!

Help us Help More People!

We appeal to everyone who supports our mission, like you, to help us to do more by donating to our cause. Please check out what´s new on our website at https://haces.org/donate/ and give what you can. We appreciate it and so does the community we serve!

DONATE

Fabiola (Left), Tamara (Right)

Goodbye Tamara & Fabiola

We want to extend our heartfelt farewell to Tamara, our Citizenship Case Worker, and Fabiola, our Summer Program Intern, as they embark on their fall semesters at college. While we'll miss them, we wish them all the best in their academic journeys.

HACES is Growing!

As HACES continues to grow, so does our need for qualified staff! We're seeking professional and community-focused individuals to join our team. If you are passionate about serving the community and like to work in a fast-paced environment apply today!

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Upcoming Events

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