

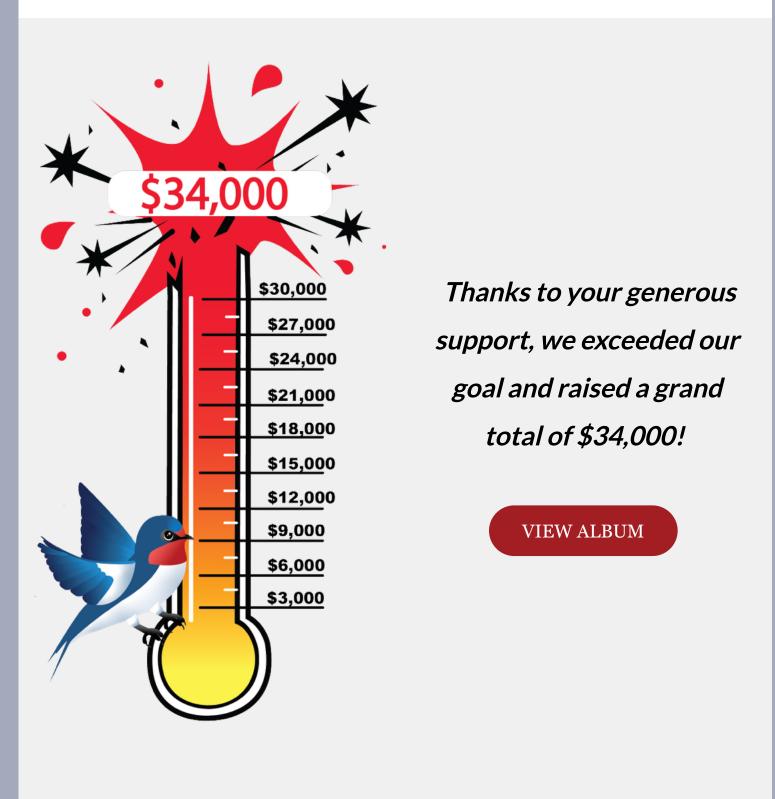
## Newsletter



## **Connected by Threads of Hope**

DONATE **Support Your Community** 

For 20 years, our organization has championed the strength of human connection and resilience. We have dedicated ourselves to addressing critical community challenges, focusing on key areas that shape people's lives: immigration, poverty, healthcare, and education. Our core mission is to empower both immigrants and citizens, providing the support, resources, and knowledge needed to overcome obstacles and fully participate in our shared society. By bridging gaps and creating opportunities, we help individuals transform challenges into pathways for personal and collective growth.



Thank you to everyone who celebrated and joined us. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you. A special thank you to all of our sponsors!



Every success we've had is a result of our collective effort. Together, we've made a lasting impact on the lives of countless community members. Let's take a moment to reflect on our journey.

In the last several years, HACES has received the following awards and recognition:



Recognition

Congressman

2025

Senator Adriane

Programs

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**Proclamation Honoring** the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

HACES by Illinois State

Johnson highlighting

DACA and Citizenship

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Bradley S. Schneider HACES receives DOJ accreditation, allowing the organization to practice immigration law and assist immigrants with navigating the immigration system. HACES is staffed with DOJ-accredited representatives who offer legal assistance.

In celebration of the HFNLC's 15th anniversary, the foundation awarded 15 grants to organizations that expanded, added, or creatively adjusted programming to address healthcare access needs or health equity issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HACES received this award for its New Americans Initiative (NAI) program, which made a significant impact in 2022 by helping 200 immigrants secure scholarships. The award also recognized the exceptional quality of HACES' immigration services. The NAI program provides comprehensive support to immigrants, including: legal screenings, application processing, citizenship test preparation, and DACA renewal application assistance.

For three years, HACES and United Way of Lake County have partnered with the Waukegan School District to operate an innovative Parent Mentor program. The initiative empowers parents by providing specialized training that equips them to serve as mentors and develop critical skills in literacy. In 2024, the program successfully engaged 53 parent mentors, demonstrating its growing impact and commitment to community education and empowerment.

This award was presented to HACES in recognition of our outstanding contributions to peace, justice, and equality. It was an honor to be recognized as a leader who empowers the community by embodying the values set forth by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Recognizing HACES as a pillar of the 10th district providing valuable service to immigrant families, helping them navigate and integrate to a new life in the United States through education, legal assistance, and dismantling barriers to healthcare. Special recognition was given to the naturalization program and HACES's commitment to uplifting their communities.

Recognizing HACES for 20 years of empowering, advocating for, and supporting immigrant and Hispanic families. HACES has been instrumental in promoting civic engagement, providing immigration legal services, and expanding access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities to thousands, fostering a more inclusive society.

## **Support Our Mission**

To mark our 20th Anniversary milestone, we're offering a special way for you to carry



HACES' 20th Anniversary Gala

Honoring 20 Years of Impact

We had the honor of attending HACES' 20th Anniversary Gala, celebrating two decades of empowering Latino and immigrant communities. This organization has been instrumental in providing education, career support, and leadership opportunities, and we were proud to stand alongside them in recognition of their impact.



## **Our Commitment to Dignity and Inclusion**

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HACES is dedicated to treating every individual with respect and empathy, fostering a welcoming environment free from judgment. We celebrate cultural diversity by providing culturally competent services that honor each client's unique background.



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