Sacred Heart Center
2019 - 2020
IMPACT STATEMENT

CELEBRANDO CULTURA

CELEBRATING CULTURE

BUILDING COMMUNITY

CREANDO COMUNIDAD
As I enter into my fifth year here at Sacred Heart Center, I continue to be humbled by our community’s resilience and strength, in spite of all of the difficulties that face us. We remain standing – seguimos parados – thanks to all of our program participants, friends, supporters, volunteers, staff, and partners. We realize that we are in the midst of a moment that is uncharted, uncertain, and increasingly difficult as the months pass. We remain committed to upholding our mission of connecting Latino families with tools to thrive and flourish. Without the help of important partners and supporters like you, this would not be possible!

On a daily basis the SHC continues to work in solidarity with our community, deeply impacting the lives of the Latino families and individuals that it touches through our core educational programs and community hub work, in spite of the new methodologies that we are having to use to reach our community. Last fiscal year we served over 19,000 people. This work was carried out through our three portfolios: Adult Education Programs, Youth & Children’s Programs, and Community Initiatives. It is important to note that much of this figure represents emergency response services that we were called on to provide during the pandemic, which all continue on today. We continue to navigate the challenges that come at us, as a community that has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as we navigate social and racial inequities, and as we work to strengthen our structure as a small and growing organization. We have done as the palm trees do – las palmeras – bending in the wind, but we do not break.

On behalf of our program participants, staff, and Board, thank you for believing in our vision of a Richmond that embraces each other in our shared humanity. That vision is now, MORE THAN EVER, dear and important, even while we are apart. And we look forward to the day when we can all be together again, in the safe, welcoming space that is Sacred Heart Center.

If you would like to be more involved, you can become a volunteer, attend one of our classes, programs, or events, or learn more about our work on the internet. Follow us on social media and share the work of SHC with your friends and family! Whichever way you get involved, we hope to see you soon, whether that is virtually or in person. Thank you!

Gracias, de todo corazón,

Tanya Gonzalez
PROGRAM RESULTS

Over 19,000 community members were served at Sacred Heart Center:

ADULT PROGRAMS served over 600 people:

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
408 students received instruction through five different levels to learn English and to help families better navigate their lives at home, school and/or work.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
21 people studied Spanish Conversation to better communicate with our Spanish speaking friends and neighbors.

ABRIENDO PUERTAS
17 parents studied parenting techniques for young children to help raise healthy children.

GED EXAM PREPARATION IN SPANISH
120 students enrolled received instruction in four subject areas to pass their High School Equivalency exam. 10 students received their GED certificates this year, in spite of all of the challenges they faced with the pandemic.

PLAZA COMUNITARIA
7 students received instruction in Spanish Literacy, learning to read and write in Spanish, while working towards a grade school diploma.

CITIZENSHIP
30 adults received instruction to prepare them to pass for their citizenship exam and interview. 5 students passed their exams and became citizens.

LATINO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
5 cohort members from metro Richmond and 7 from Charlottesville received a certificate through the University of Richmond’s School of Professional and Continuing Education to learn how to become leaders and advocates within their community.
YOUTH PROGRAMS served over 350 children:

PASITOS EXITOSOS
57 children participated in structured activities in arts, physical fitness and sciences to prepare for preschool or kindergarten in a bilingual space while their parents studied.

KIDS OF THE CORAZON
134 children received homework help and enjoyed cultural enrichment activities while their parents studied.

COLLEGE & CAREER BOUND
43 students from three area high schools met weekly to prepare for academic and career success.

FAMIGOS (formerly EXCELL)
19 high school ELL students from two area high schools met weekly and received academic and mental health support while participating in outdoor adventure, art and music programs.

CASA LAPIZ
55 middle school students met weekly and explored different art mediums, including drawing, painting and sculpture.

CIELITO LINDO
27 children attended summer camp during two three week sessions, enjoying swimming, science, outdoor adventure, art and dance.

SACRED HEART FOLKLORICO
20 children and youth participated in a traditional Latin American folkloric dance group, performing at events around Richmond.
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES served over 18,700 community members through programs and partnerships hosted at SHC:

FAMILY PROTECTION PROJECT
542 families were served through immigration services, legal clinics, application preparation, and system navigation.

CONSULAR SERVICES
3632 individuals were served by the Mexican, Honduran, Colombian, or Guatemalan Consulates at Sacred Heart Center to obtain birth certificates, passports or other forms of identification from their home countries.

TAX SERVICES
73 metro Richmond residents received free tax preparation in English and Spanish in partnership with United Way.

HEALTH SERVICES
380 patients received free medical services in English and Spanish through the mobile Care-A-Van Clinic/Bon Secours Health System.

263 children benefited through the Virginia Healthcare Foundation bilingual application assistance, helping families to obtain or renew FAMIS/Medicaid for their children, ensuring accessible, affordable health care.

190 individuals received counseling or attended support groups in Spanish in partnership with Safe Harbor, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, the Richmond OMA, and VCU, thus removing language barriers to mental health services.

11,047 Richmond residents received food assistance through Bainbridge Ministries or the expanded food pantry through Sacred Heart Center during the pandemic, combating food insecurities.
53 adults attended a class to prepare for the driver’s license exam in Spanish, in partnership with Reestablish Richmond, to remove barriers to transportation.

2,566 members of the Latino community received emergency aid and support and were connected with resources in the community in collaboration with Family Lifeline and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, including clothing, food, financial assistance, and more.

Over 150 volunteers provided over 3900 hours of service to create a welcoming place for Richmond’s Latino Community!
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