Esperanza Newsletter
Fall 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear Friends of Esperanza,,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like take the time to thank you for your support. We are truly fortunate to be able to count on the compassion and generosity of our amazing staff, volunteers, and donors to continue protecting the rights of immigrant children, families, asylum seekers, and detainees. I hope that you enjoy our fall newsletter which highlights some of the stories and people that have been such an integral part of our work.

Thank you for being a part of the Esperanza Community. For those who are able to give, we hope you will consider supporting Esperanza for Giving Tuesday.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

-Patricia Ortiz
Program Director

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ESPERANZA IS THANKFUL

Here at Esperanza, we are so grateful to have a wonderful staff, clients, and volunteers who support and encourage one another. These are some of the things that they are grateful for this holiday season.

"I am grateful for my health and family. I am grateful that I am able to help immigrant families through my work at Esperanza. It brings me joy to provide them some comfort during the difficult times that they are going through with their immigration cases. Also, I am grateful for the time I have to spend with my family during the holidays and my dog Meeko."
- Albertina, Paralegal

OUR STAFF

"Every thanksgiving I am thankful to be blessed with a loving and supportive family (including my new furry friend Clyde!). I am also thankful to be part of the Legal Orientation Program, where I get to meet and serve valiant individuals who are seeking refuge in the U.S., as well as those wanting a second opportunity to stay in the U.S. Happy Thanksgiving !"
- Jocelyn, Staff Attorney

I was able to get a free attorney that could help me with my case. I am very grateful for her, and Esperanza for this opportunity. I thank God because I am here. I am also grateful because I am doing well here. I am healthy, and have the opportunity to move on with my life. I am safe here."
- Sandy, former Esperanza client from Guatemala

OUR CLIENTS

I am so grateful to Esperanza because without their help, I could not have obtained legal status in the U.S. I am also thankful to God for it."
-Diego, former Esperanza client from Guatemala

"I am grateful that I have the opportunity to help people. I came here when I was 5 and know the struggle and process, so the fact that we are helping families in need makes me very happy. A lady just won asylum and I was part of it!".
-Enrique, Interpreter

*Enrique worked very closely with a pro bono attorney from Arent Fox, and the family was recently granted asylum.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

"The past year of my life has been made richer, deeper and more interesting by my work with Esperanza and especially the clients I have had the opportunity to serve - and I'm grateful for that. Working with those immigrants is a constant reminder of how much in general I have to be grateful for."
-Kathleen Dunham,
Pro Bono Attorney

ESPERANZA'S IMPACT– BY THE NUMBERS

45
Cases placed with passionate pro bono attorneys

188
Legal professionals trained

5750
Hours donated by dedicated volunteers

8000+
Immigrants facing deportation provided with free legal services

Esperanza's Voice in the Community

See our Program Director, Patricia Ortiz's, latest interviews here:

Univision: *Cuestionan regla que obligaría a ICE y Patrulla Fronteriza a obtener muestras de ADN de indocumentados que cruzan la frontera .*
Telemundo: *Crea un plan familiar para el regreso a clases si estás en riesgo de deportación .*

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR GIVING TUESDAY?

Help us reach our goal of raising $10,000!!!

Please help us continue to make a difference in the lives of immigrants in deportation proceedings, and think of Esperanza this ***Giving Tuesday, December 3rd.***

By donating to this campaign, you will help us help 3 additional immigrants in detention get released and be able to return to their families in time for the new year.

You can donate now or give on Giving Tuesday here:
www.esperanza-la.org/donate.
Thank you!