



# Annual Report 2020

## Moving Forward Seguimos **Adelante**

*With thanks for helping us to keep moving forward*

# Our Historygram

## 1995-1999

Sr. Laura Reynolds of St. Vito's Church reaches out to Martha Lopez-Hanratty to start organizing the Hispanic community and help move day laborers from Halstead Ave to Columbus Park under the name Voz y Vida.

Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont & Mamaroneck is incorporated (HRC).

## 2000-2004

Day laborer hiring site is opened at Strait Gate Church and other essential services are housed at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Zoe Colon, HRC's third Executive Director, is hired. HRC moves into its first prominently located office in the heart of the village.

## 2011-2016

CRC continues to expand its footprint in the County under the insightful leadership of Jirandy Martinez, current Executive Director, who jumpstarted her career as an ESL volunteer in 2008 and Janet Rolon, Deputy Director, who started with the agency as a day laborer organizer in 2004.

## 2017-2018

Washingtonville Housing Alliance hosts meetings and serves as fiscal sponsor under leadership of Ellen Levy.

Harold Lasso is hired as the first Executive Director.

HRC moves to its first office space on 200 W. Boston Post Road. Case Management services and English classes begin.

## 2006-2010

Generous local donors make it possible for HRC to purchase a facility under the vision and leadership of Liz Liscio, Board Chair. HRC purchases the CAP Center, expanding its services site significantly and housing the local food pantry and Head Start and early childhood programs.

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## / Message from Co-Chairs and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire CRC staff, we thank you for your support. Even during this incredibly difficult year, the spirit of our community could not be destroyed. From day one of the pandemic, neighbors stepped up, organizations teamed up, and the community worked together to ensure the most vulnerable among us made it through.

For 23 years our organization has proudly served and strengthened the immigrant community in Westchester County. We are proud of our accomplishments and recognize that we could not have delivered on our mission without you.

Because of your support we have been able to directly respond to our clients' needs during this incredibly difficult time. We ramped up vital case management and legal services for families at risk, particularly by establishing our Emergency Response Fund.

Even while our own team members were sick and quarantined, we found ways to respond to the crisis and continue much of our traditional programming. We accomplished this adapting our core educational programs virtually and creating socially distanced work-force development programs. We strengthened our partnerships with community advocates and allies to ensure our clients received the help they needed. But most of all we provide hope during a time that feels hopeless for so many of our clients.

Thank you for your support and for standing with us to protect and empower immigrant families. As we look to the future, we know we face many challenges ahead but we are confident we will meet those challenges head on, and we will do everything we can to keep moving forward!

In Solidarity,

Kelly Grayer

Carol Pouchie

Jirandy Martinez

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**"We are moving forward... Because of the great work by CRC staff during a most difficult time... And because of the services by our honoree The Coalition for Community and others who pulled together to help us reach our goals in 2021!"**

Kathleen Savolt  
Leonard Aubrey







**“Heartfelt thanks to the CRC staff and Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work!”**

Liz Liscio

## / Our History and Background

Over our 23 years in existence, CRC has grown from a community initiative designed to act as a clearinghouse of information and referral services, to a leading immigrant service organization that provides comprehensive direct services and programs. We provide a host of educational programs, case management and referral services and advocate for immigrants and low-income families in need. In the past year, we served nearly 4,000 adults and children in three primary areas: Case management services; Educational programs and workshops; and a Worker Center that offers job placement and career development support for men and women seeking employment.

Our holistic services and programs are specifically responsive to the needs of low-income immigrants many of whom are vulnerable due to their immigration status. From our inception as the Hispanic Resource Center, CRC has been dedicated to social justice issues and has supported the poor and marginalized members of our community through advocacy, as well as through direct programming and services.

We work closely with houses of worship, volunteers, and other social service agencies to empower the new immigrant community to create a better life for themselves and their families. While our center is based in Mamaroneck, CRC serves many individuals from surrounding communities as well. Nearly 98% of CRC clients reside in Westchester County, with the majority from Mamaroneck: 30%, New Rochelle: 16%, Port Chester: 8%, and White Plains: 11%, Mount Vernon: 4%, Harrison: 4%, others: 27% (Elmsford, Ossining, Sleepy Hollow, Peekskill). CRC’s families tend to be isolated by inadequate transportation options, lack of education in their native language, limited English language skills and underemployment. These factors make our clients much more likely to be victims of wage theft, poor housing conditions and other socioeconomic challenges.

## / Our Mission and Vision

Community Resource Center empowers new immigrants in Westchester County. Our 501 c (3) organization was founded in 1998 as Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont and Mamaroneck. We work to strengthen new immigrants in our community through:

- cultural integration
- economic engagement
- professional development
- and holistic advocacy

in order to prepare new immigrant families to become self-sufficient and active members of the community.

Community Resource Center’s (CRC) vision is that through our work and effective networking, the Mamaroneck community and Westchester County will celebrate and benefit from its cultural and economic diversity.



**“Congratulations to the leadership, staff and volunteers for their tireless commitment to the immigrant community.”**

John Cuddy and Nina Recio





“We are always proud to support CRC and its staff and especially this year for everything you do for those in need.”

Jenny Geer  
Guillermo Bilbao

## / Moving Forward Together

With your support CRC was able to provide much needed emergency assistance to families hard hit by COVID. With partial closings due to the pandemic, CRC addressed the surge in housing and food insecurity by providing much needed support in those areas. Funding made it possible for families to have housing and food at a time of desperate need. As a result of your support and through an emergency assistance fund, CRC was able to provide help to 300 families in Mamaroneck, Larchmont, Port Chester, New Rochelle, and White Plains. The eviction crisis has been a particularly difficult hurdle. Of the 300 families we've helped, more than half of them needed help to pay back rent or rental arrears. Some families owe 2-3 months others as many as

6 months. The high rental rates that we see in our collective communities are unaffordable to many, and put our clients in need of thousands of dollars per household. While some are starting to work slowly, their job shifts are nowhere near what they were working pre-pandemic. Fortunately, as a result of continued community discussions with local elected officials and other local organizations, we have established a community coalition that is dedicated to protecting against eviction- the Mamaroneck Coalition for Affordable Housing. The last thing we want is families to end up displaced, homeless, or leaving our community.

# The Coalition for Community

Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force  
Coalition for Understanding Racism through Education  
First Methodist Church  
Larchmont Avenue Church  
Larchmont Friends of the Family  
Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force  
Larchmont Temple  
Mamaroneck-Larchmont PTA Council  
STEM Alliance of Larchmont-Mamaroneck  
St. Augustine's Catholic Church  
St John's Episcopal Church  
St. John's Lutheran  
St Thomas Episcopal Church  
Washingtonville Housing Alliance  
Village of Mamaroneck  
Town of Mamaroneck  
Village of Larchmont  
Westchester Jewish Center

The COVID-19 Crisis brought together many different partners and collaborators forming the Coalition for Community, But so many other supporters contributed to all these efforts along with us.

We give you a special salute and thank you for everything you did to donate and fund special supports to our community.

BlackRock  
Briar Foundation  
Catholic Charities Community Services  
The Grayer Family Foundation  
The Greene Family  
Furniture Share House  
Hispanic Federation  
Hudson Valley Justice Center  
Impact100 Westchester  
Larchmont Avenue Church  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Larchmont Temple  
Larchmont Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center  
Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club  
LMC Media  
Mamaroneck High School Original Civic Research & Action Program  
Mamaroneck United Methodist Church  
Masks for Money  
The Master Family  
MVP Health Care  
Nancy & Frank Pierson  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Day Laborer Organizing Network  
Neighbors for Refugees  
North Star Fund  
Open Door Family Medical Center  
Rotary Club of Larchmont  
Rye Presbyterian Church: Women's Association  
The Sadler Family  
Stone Point Capital  
School of the Holy Child  
United Way of Westchester and Putnam  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Westchester Community Foundation  
Westchester Jewish Center  
Westchester Residential Opportunities  
The Wiener Family Philanthropy  
Woman's Club of Larchmont  
Anonymous Donors





**"In appreciation of the important work CRC is doing."**

Tom and Meira Fleisch

## / Client Testimonial

"For a few weeks it was hard to pay the rent. The CRC helped us a lot because there wasn't much money around. I stayed indoors for two months straight, but then we would walk in the forest as a family in nature where everything was unscratched. Everything looked the same- the trees, the birds, the insects, the worms--everything looked perfect. Even though everything might seem negative, there are a few positive things. When it first happened, I knew how to navigate the internet and have learned math a different way. I used to be involved in lots of activities at CRC like Nature Club and 3D Animation. I really hope they do it again. I want to go back to school and play sports without a mask. I just want to be myself--like before."

Edison Miranda  
12 years old

## / Challenges Ahead

Our work is far from over. CRC will continue to tackle the eviction crisis looming after years of unaffordable living in Westchester County and the effect of the pandemic on our community's economic sustainability. The recent change in political administration means our communities are safer but must also adapt to potential opportunities and pathways to citizenship. It is more critical than ever to ramp up our legal immigration services available through our Community Justice Program to meet this demand. While the rest of the country heals with access to COVID-19 vaccinations, it is critical that we continue to ensure access to vaccinations that will keep our clients safe and working to secure their future post-pandemic.

Join us in our fight for justice this year!



### CRC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

VISIT: <https://www.crcny.org/donate.html>

CALL: 914-835-1512

EMAIL: [info@crcny.org](mailto:info@crcny.org)



# / How Can You Help!

As we continue to grow and respond to our community's needs, funding for capacity-building and programs is vital. It will allow us to strengthen and sustain our organization during some of the most trying times for the immigrant low-income community we serve and advocate for.

Join us in supporting our work. No donation is too small or too large! You can donate via <https://www.classy.org/give/264800/#!/donation/checkout> or by mail at 134 Center Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Consider making a major gift or contributing to an endowment to help us sustain our programs long term.

## VOLUNTEER

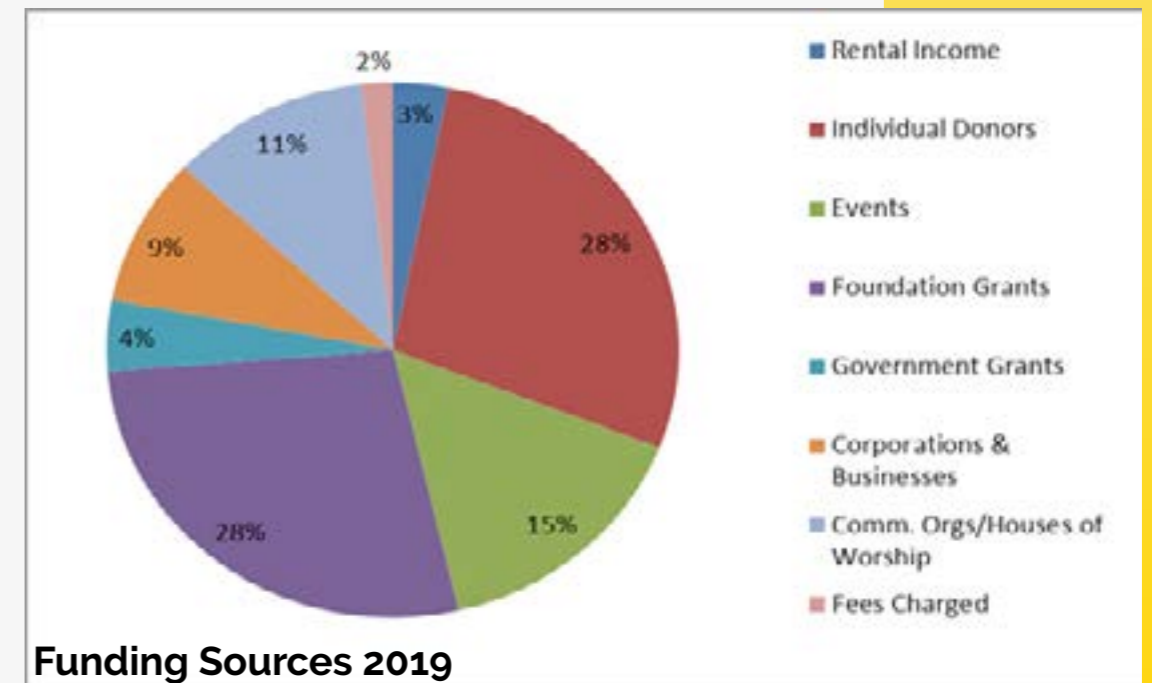
Our volunteers are important members of our team. You can volunteer to teach ESL, translate documents to English, assist at a legal clinic, or help us with administrative tasks. We find that our volunteers continue to work with us over the years because of the fulfillment they get out of having such a direct impact on people's lives. We could not offer such a wealth of programs without the support of our valuable volunteers.



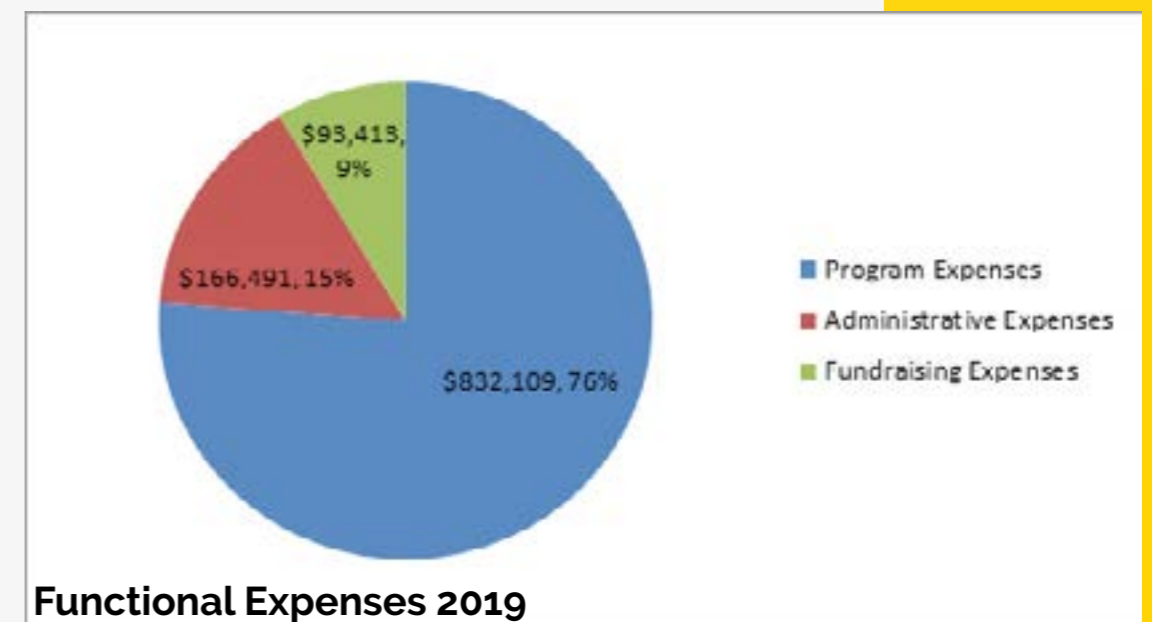
For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact: Marco Bohorquez, Manager of Programs and Workforce Development at (914) 835-1512 or [mbohorquez@crcny.org](mailto:mbohorquez@crcny.org)

# / Financials

In 2019, our operating budget was \$884,519.73. In just one year, we managed to raise an additional \$207,493.27 from well-respected institutions and through our long-standing individual supporters. We understood our community's need and set out to secure the funding sources needed to respond effectively to our community. We are proud to report that our Board of Directors continuously strides to secure the sustainability of our 23-year old organization and 100% of our Board Members make contributions to the organization with the largest gift at \$30,000 in 2019.



Funding Sources 2019



Functional Expenses 2019





# Moving Forward

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