Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our incredible staff and volunteers, we thank you for your support. For 22 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.

We invite you to learn more about how our programs and services empower the community. During these challenging times for the many immigrant families we serve we will continue to work with our partners to address our community’s needs directly and as swiftly as possible.

As we look to the year ahead, we will keep our focus on being nimble and collaborative, but most of all we will strive to provide hope and encouragement during a time that far too often feels hopeless for our clients.

Thank you for your support and for standing with us to protect and empower immigrant families in Westchester County. We could not do it alone.
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.
Over our 20 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.
CRC BY THE NUMBERS
2019

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED

ADULT EDUCATION 369

PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH CASE MANAGEMENT 2,262

WAGES RECOVERED $27,774

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING 222

CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 313

55 JOBS PLACED

WORKERS ORGANIZED 89

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE WITH HEALTHIER MAMARONECK 325

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS 210

CITIZENSHIP ATTAINMENT 36
WE HAD MUCH TO CELEBRATE IN 2019

OVERVIEW & REPORT

EDUCATION - OPPORTUNITY - GROWTH
Building Our Future is a suite of programs that provides our clients with the tools needed not only to survive, but also to thrive as productive members of the community at large. CRC helps families to attain the skills and self-confidence to secure greater work opportunities and a living wage. We couple basic human services with high quality and relevant educational and job training programs that promote self-sufficiency and economic empowerment. Launched in 2010, CRC’s comprehensive workforce development initiative a unique model in Westchester recognized as a priority project by the New York State 2015. Regional Economic Development Council of the Governor’s Office in 2015. Our quality programs have also been recognized by the Westchester County Board of Legislators. We are thrilled to have expanded our comprehensive programming with our partners Carver Center and Southern Westchester BOCES Harrison, Port Chester, and New Rochelle in the last year.

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WE LAUNCHED OUR COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM

Over the last five years, CRC staff and Board of Directors have increasingly recognized our clients' need for legal services. We know that low-income immigrants face significant challenges in obtaining legal representation because of language barriers and financial obstacles. The demand for free legal services for the immigrant population in Westchester has increased exponentially over the last three years.

**New York State is home to 158 organizations which provide legal services to immigrants**

but the majority of those organizations are based in New York City. Of the 158, only 12 organizations are actually located in the Lower Hudson Valley including Westchester County.

As such, we are one of the few organizations in Westchester our clients can turn to for legal services.

Since 2015, we have steadily grown our legal services. Initially we relied solely upon volunteer and pro bono attorneys to serve our clients. Fortunately, through funding from Senator Shelley Mayer and a special donor family we have been able to fully launch the Community Justice Program and hire full-time staff attorney, Stephanie Ramos.

The newly formalized Community Justice Program will make it possible to provide our clients with culturally competent legal representation. We now have the legal expertise in-house to deliver critical legal services such as:

- immigration screenings and consultations
- quarterly legal clinics for naturalization
- DACA and green card renewals
- special cases such as family petitions, U-visas and SIJS cases
In June of 2019 Governor Andrew Cuomo approved the Green Light Law. For the first time since 2001, immigration status will no longer determine a person's eligibility to apply for a driver's license in New York State. The CRC worked hard to organize our clients and community partners to advocate for the passage of this legislation. We supported this initiative because it’s directly tied to our mission.

For many of our clients, obtaining a license will provide better access to employment opportunities, medical care, and a more seamless integration into community life.
PRAISE FOR OUR DYNAMIC PARTNERSHIPS

We are proud to count on our county-wide partnerships to deliver our mission. Over the course of any given day, you will see our community partners on site helping us to meet the needs of the countless children, youth and adults we serve. This year we were proud to expand our program offerings with the help of Carver Center and Southern Westchester BOCES. We thank all of our community partners for their dedication and collaborations.
In 2016, the Borrero-Espinoza family fled political unrest in Venezuela to start a new life in Mamaroneck. Since their arrival, Mariana and her family quickly connected to the Community Resource Center for English classes, workplace training, and after-school enrichment programs for their children. Today, their family is part of ours. Four days a week, you’ll find Mariana dropping off her youngest son at the Head Start Program next door and then walking into her morning English classes. Her husband signed up for our OSHA (occupational safety training) and immediately was able to secure a construction job. He now knows how to protect himself in his workplace. Their three sons are regulars at our after-school programs like 3D animation, game design, and nature club, and trips—all programs held in partnership with the Rye Arts Center and the Rye Nature Center. Mariana is now an active volunteer at the Center and also supports us with childcare for other mothers to benefit from our programs.

“CRC has integrated us and made us feel included in this community”

~ MARIANA ESPINOZA
Roselia Del Cid

Roselia came to the U.S. with a family as a nanny. She worked 12–14 hour days for $5.50 an hour, under threat of deportation if she complained. On Thanksgiving Day, Roselia’s employer gave her a 2-week notice to leave the home leaving her and her son homeless for three nights. “When I got to the Center, I knew that people were trying to help me and it was comforting to know that I’m not alone here. The Community Resource Center helped me to find a job, an apartment, and furniture. Bettina helped me file a wage-theft complaint and that family now has paid me what they owe for my work. I’m very grateful.”

Martha Ardiano

Martha faced domestic violence in her country. She received help with her asylum case through the Community Resource Center’s Legal Service Program. “Thank God that they have helped me and have connected me with a lawyer to help me with my case and with my children. The Center has given me access to furniture, donation cards, and backpacks. I’m so grateful to God and to the Center for helping me.”
In 2018, our operating budget was $789,492.92. In just one year, we managed to raise an additional $221,998.28 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 22-year old organization and 100% of our Board Members make contributions to the organization with the largest gift at $30,000 in 2018.
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.

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:

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