

El Zócalo Immigrant Resource Center

Serving the immigrant community of Central Arkansas



2016 Year In Review



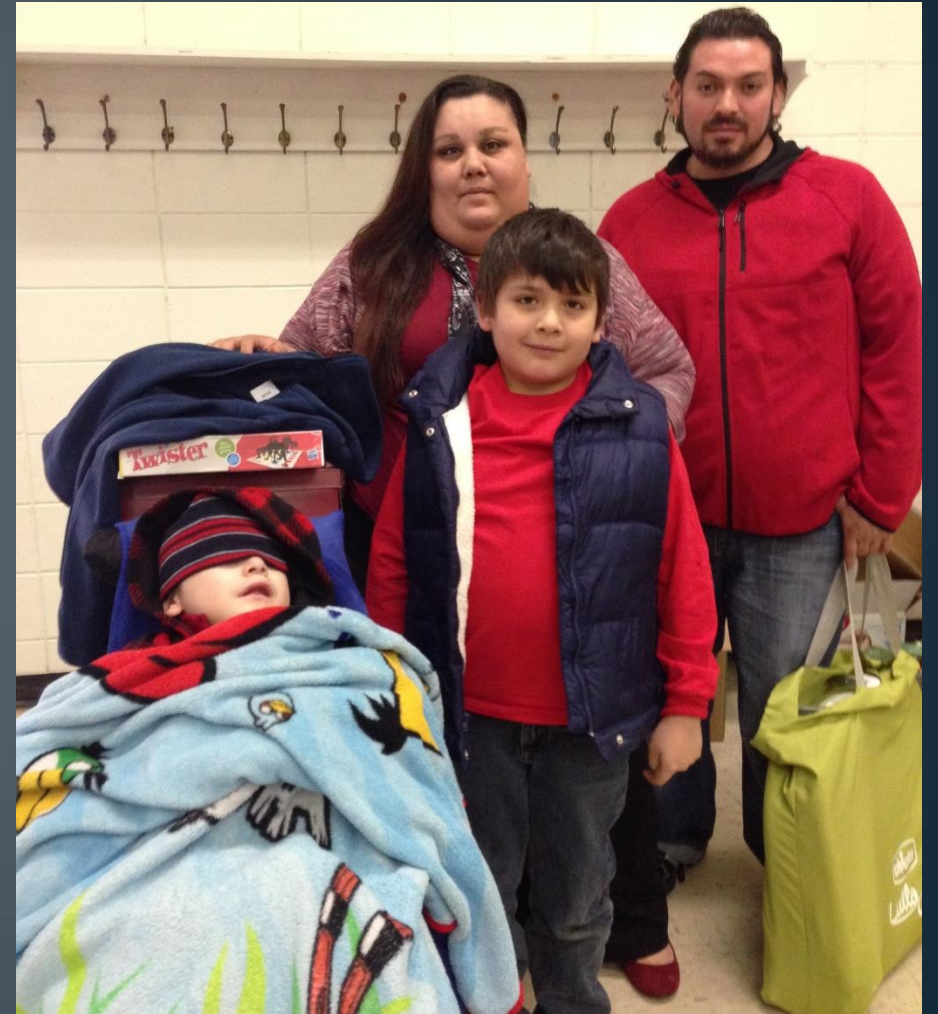
Serving the Immigrant Community of Central Arkansas



Our clients are succeeding in the face of insurmountable odds. They have endured violence and loss of loved ones. They battle poverty, illness, hunger, and feelings of isolation. After a year of difficult public dialogue surrounding our immigrant neighbors, we are thankful for our supporters, who join us in seeing their humanity, dignity and strengths, and their enduring desire to create a better life for their family in their new community and country.

Mission

- To promote a dignified life for immigrants in Arkansas through connecting families to services and foster community-wide understanding through education



Values

- SERVE ANY IMMIGRANT regardless of nationality, age, gender, immigration status, or religion
- LISTEN to the voices, strengths and needs of the people serve to shape our programs
- Engage entire FAMILIES in our work
- WORK TOGETHER with diverse community partners
- EMPOWER immigrants with skills and information to navigate difficult situations



Programs



Food &
Health

Education

- ESL & Life Skills for Immigrants
- Promote understanding with broader community

Social Services

Food & Health

Provide food to those in need & Improve health and wellness

Dispensa de alimentos y apoyo para familias de bajos recursos



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➤ Food Pantry

➤ Health & Wellness Education & Support Programs



Food Pantry

441 clients
served



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Gracias!

Second Presbyterian Church, Pulaski Heights UMC, Geyer Springs UMC
Arkansas GardenCorps, Mabelvale Middle School Garden,
Dunbar Community Garden, and Vang Family Farm

Twice Monthly Pantry

Clothing Closet

Household Items and Furniture, as available

Christmas Toys & Special Gifts

Fresh, Local Produce



Health Education and Outreach

60 clients
served



Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings

Cooking Matters Nutrition Course

Dental Hygienist Presentation

Help finding clinics & doctors

SNAP Application Assistance



Women's Group for
Self Expression & Support

Gardening Workshops

Zumba Class

Gracias!

UAMS, Harmony Health Clinic, AR Foodbank, ConnectCare, St. Andrew's UMC, Mabelvale Middle School Garden, AR Hunger Relief Alliance, Flannigan's Dental, Rocio Richard, & Amanda Kuwagakhi

Education for Immigrants

Goal: To empower immigrants with language and life skills for life in Arkansas



ESL Classes
Skills Workshops
Family Literacy
Storytelling Workshops

English & Skills Classes

30 students
served



Weekly Classes

Basic English Skills

Practical Information, Skills and
Languages for Life in the U.S.

- Opening a bank account,
- Reporting an incident to the police
- Accessing health care
- Healthy Living
- Participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Finding Housing
- Finding Work

Gracias!

Central Arkansas Library System & Dee Brown Public Library

ESL Classes in Jacksonville, AR

28 students
served



Students participating in our Spring and Fall courses come from Mexico, Laos, China, South Korea, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Peru, Thailand, Japan, Puerto Rico, Cameroon & Turkey

Classes taught in partnership with the Esther D. Nixon Library



Family Literacy

12 students
served



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- Inaugural class with parents at Chicot Primary
- Teaching immigrant parents tools to help their children succeed in school
- Valuing multi-language literacy and linking cultural assets to learning
- Encouraging intergenerational literacy activities

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Chicot Primary, Little Rock Adult Education Center, & Colleen Zaller

Storytelling Workshops

65 people
served



- Puppetry and language exercises to guiding immigrants in telling their stories.
- Workshops co-facilitated with UALR's Theatre and Spanish departments at El Zócalo, Esther D. Nixon Library, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church's ESL classes, Chicot Primary School's Newcomer classes, Little Rock Adult Education Center's ESL & Civics classes

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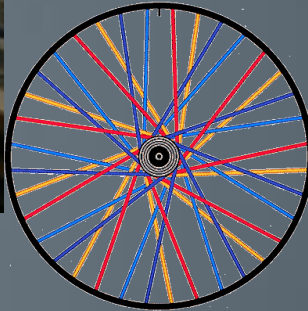
Client Social Services

Goal: To connect immigrants to needed services

100 clients
served



- ▶ Bilingual Immigrant Community Resource Guides
- ▶ Hotline
- ▶ Case Management



Gracias!

Second Presbyterian Church, Catholic Campaign for Human Development,
Our many community service provider partners.

What We Help With



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HEALTH:

- Find a clinic or doctor's appoint
- Interpret for and navigate health care system
 - Obtain insurance
- Find counseling and emotional support

EMPLOYMENT:

- Search for jobs
- Complete job applications
- Prep for interviews

EDUCATION:

- Enroll children in school
- Explore options for college education

BASIC NEEDS:

- Complete SNAP Application
- Obtain furniture

CIVIC LIFE:

- Register your home with the city
- Report a crime to the authorities
- Study for driver's license test

EVENTS & BUILDING BRIDGES



Engage the community at large in our work,
Bring diverse people together
Inspire Understanding

This years ' events were Tacos & Tianguis, The Halloween Tree, and our Thanksgiving Event

Tacos & Tianguis



Summer 2016



Gracias!

Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Casa Mañana, La Hacienda, Mariscos El Jarocho, Brenda's Tortilleria, La Potosina, Little Rock Society of Friends, & Maria Galacia

RAY BRADBURY'S
"THE HALLOWEEN TREE"



The Conway Symphony Orchestra
In partnership with the
University of Central Arkansas Schedler Honors College
and El Zócalo Immigrant Resource Center
Presents a shadow puppet adaptation of
Ray Bradbury's "The Halloween Tree"

October 7-8, 8:00 PM
UCA's McCastlain Hall Ballroom
UCA Campus, Conway
Tickets: \$15.00 for general public,
\$10 for students
For advance purchase call Reynolds
Performance Hall Box Office
501-450-3265
<http://tickets.uca.edu/conway-series>

October 27, 7:30 PM
Pay-What-You-Can performance to
benefit El Zócalo (\$10 suggested)
6:30 PM Craft Market Place
CALS Ron Robinson Theatre
100 River Market Avenue



"The Halloween Tree" is produced with the generous support of the Mid-America Arts Alliance,
National Endowment for the Arts, the Arkansas Arts Council, the UCA Foundation,
the UCA Schedler Honors College and the UCA College of Fine Arts and Communication

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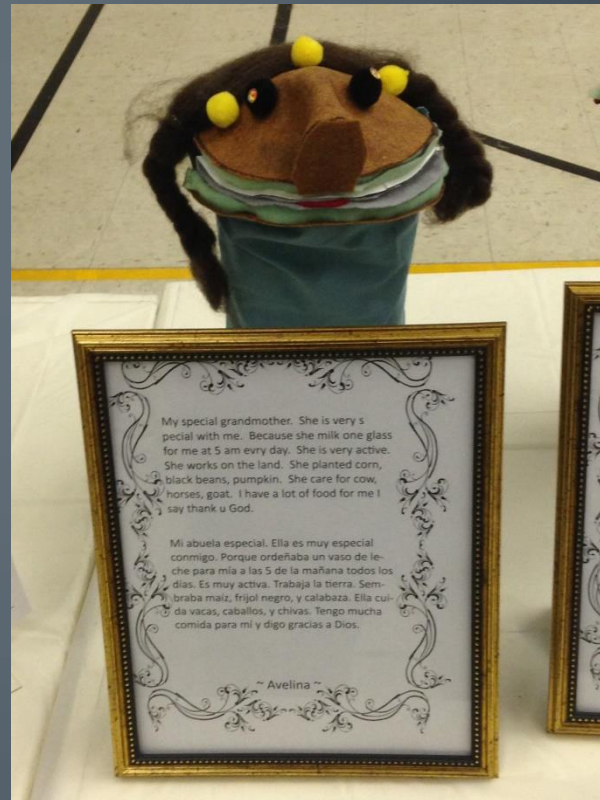


Thanksgiving Event

- Cultural Potluck
- Storytelling Puppet Exhibition

Exhibition displayed 30 puppets created by immigrants during our workshops to represent special people in their lives and tell their stories.

Virtual exhibit can be viewed online:
[Virtual Puppetry Exhibit](#)



Our 2016 Team

- Staff: Kelsey Lam (Director)
Douglas Ponce (Food Pantry Coordinator)
Valerie Christensen (Case Manager)
Jessica Barrientos (summer Case Manager)
- Board:
Benji Hardy
Abigail Valentin
Humberto Zarate
Martha Bernardino
Edma Delgado
Forrest Goss
- Interns:
Emily Fendley,
Anna McConaghie,
Forrest Goss & Valerie Christensen
- Our Awesome Volunteers



Thank you to everyone
who supports our work!!!

