

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC



**Annual Report
2016**



Dear Friends of Cabrini Immigrant Services,

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, for whom we take our name, was a woman who experienced a "sense of urgency" to make God's love known in the world - not just with words, but with practical acts of love. Pope Francis echoed this theme when he invited us to a "tangible love" through which we ask ourselves each day - "What does love ask of me, where is love urging me to go?" Cabrini Immigrant Services is committed to this vision. Each and every day we express practical, tangible love through:

- ♦ offering a safe space for our clients to tell their story and to be welcomed with respect
- ♦ providing legal services and help clients to integrate into the USA through ESOL classes, citizen classes, and workshops on current topics
- ♦ operating a food pantry there provides food to over 750 families every month
- ♦ aiding first generation students with College preparation, applications and small grants
- ♦ assisting with DACA applications

Cabrini Immigrant Services is able to provide these services through the generous support of our Sponsor, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through various Grants and donations. Without the support of our benefactors we would be unable to continue our much needed services.

The following pages share our "statistics" but more than statistics Cabrini Immigrant Services offers hope and concrete acts of love to all who come to our door. Thank you for helping us continue this vital mission.

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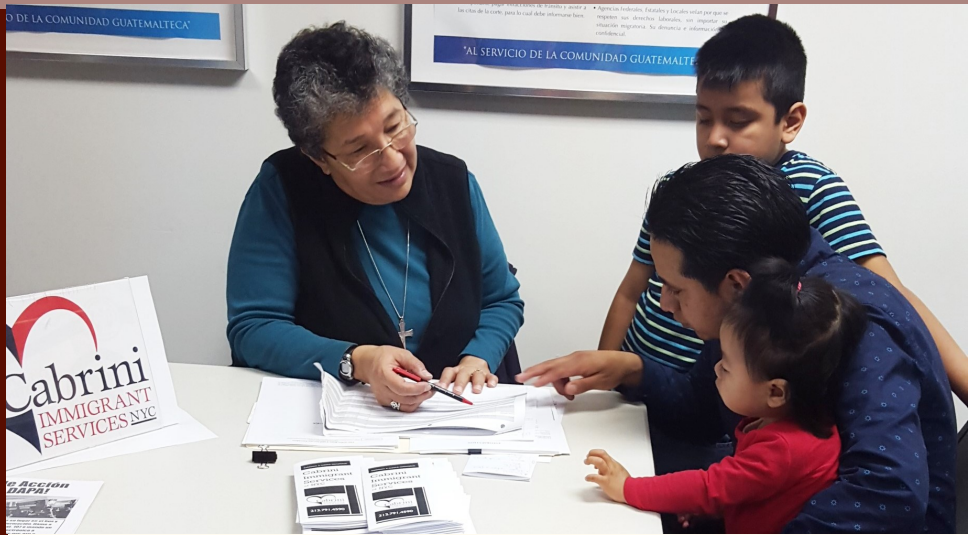
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Immigration Legal Services

CIS-NYC strives to empower the immigrant community with information and access to services. Our legal immigration program serves the most vulnerable people, who might otherwise be targeted by legal predators and “notarios”, and helps strengthen and reunite families. This program is helping to diversify the community in an increasingly global economy and society.



We unite families

- Family petitions
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Residency (Adjustment of Status)
- Application for Employment Authorization

We protect the vulnerable

- DACA applications for immigrant youths
- Screening and Referral for victims of violent crimes (VAWA and U Visa), and for unaccompanied or abandoned minors (Special Immigrant Juvenile – SIJ)
- Asylum Cases

We encourage civic participation

- Naturalization applications
- Certificates of Citizenship



2016 :

Free Legal Consultations: **403**

New Cases: **187**

Employment Authorization: **65**

New Legal Permanent Residents (LPR): **39**

Food Pantry

CIS-NYC's Client Choice Food Pantry serves a diverse population of Lower East Side residents.

The pantry operates every Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and has a client list of 750 families .

Regardless of the season, our food pantry strives to guarantee that the families who rely on our services receive well-balanced, healthy, and culturally appropriate food



2016

Average of
Number of
Families:
750

Bags of
food:
9,686

People fed:
16,224

Volunteers from
the community:
25

Number of hours
served by
volunteers: **1,165**

Justice for Immigrants Campaign

In 2016, we promoted greater awareness about DACA+/DAPA and helped our constituents process their frustration at the programs' ongoing postponement. We also helped educate the community about immigration fraud and ways to protect themselves from predatory "notarios".

JFI 's Steering Committee members (SC) developed and conducted a participatory survey of people who form the group's current and potential base. The survey sought to identify and rank the top concerns of members of the community from which JFI emerges: **immigration reform and access to resources and services for immigrant communities remain important concerns for the people in our base.**



Immigrant Family Program

CIS-NYC provides the immigrant population with a culturally sensitive environment while caring for their emotional and concrete needs .

We guide community members trying to access Public Benefits

- Healthcare and mental healthcare
- Housing
- Food stamps

We advocate for youth and adults seeking to overcome barriers to education

- The College Readiness Program works with clients who express a desire to attend college but encounter issues such as lack of documentation, lack of funds, or a simple lack of knowledge about the college application process.
- Enroll in school and college
- Apply for scholarships
- Adult GED and job training programs
- Navigate NYC educational system

We empower women

- Provide safe space for multi-generational women to come together for activities and dialogue

We encourage youth

- The Angel Fund is a scholarship program offered by CIS-NYC to assist a small group of Undocumented students with school-related costs including tuition, books, etc.

We integrate immigrant families

- Organize recreational family events during the year for the purpose of spending quality time with their families and others within the community, enjoying respite from daily challenges, and familiarizing themselves with traditional American experiences



Angel Fund Scholarship

Students

24

Amount distributed:

\$ 15,390



Family Outings:

Over **50**

Attended the summer family trip,

20 to the Rockettes Show,, and

115 to the community theater – Teatro SEA



Winter Coat Drive:

Approximately

130

families were provided with

350

warm coats and jackets as well as other items.



Christmas Party and Gift Distribution:

More than

270 children received presents.

Number of presents distributed:

400

ESOL / Citizenship / Literacy / Computer Classes

The primary benefit of the ESOL program is an increased freedom and confidence experienced by our students in their dealings with everyday life.

They are able to interact with, and participate in, their local community.

They learn how to communicate with doctors and hospitals without depending solely on translators, how to shop at stores that are not owned by those who speak their native language, how to ask for directions so they can use public transportation and how they can involve themselves in their children's education.



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