

CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC

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ANNUAL REPORT





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Dear Friends,

In September 2017 Pope Francis announced the start of the two-year campaign "Share the Journey," which calls us to encounter and walk with vulnerable migrants and refugees in solidarity. In these challenging times, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) is inspired by this action of the Holy Father. It is our goal to continue to serve and transform the low-income immigrant community through justice, guided by Catholic social values, as we share in their journey.

2017 was a year of growth, accomplishments, and challenges for CIS-NYC. We grew in staff size as we welcomed a Development and Communications Coordinator and created a position for Social Media Interns during the summer. We continued to offer essential services and guidance to the low-income immigrant population of New York City through our long-standing programs; the ESOL Program, the Food Pantry, Immigration Legal Services and the Immigrant Family Program. Our Justice for Immigrants Program addressed the important challenges that surfaced in 2017 through advocacy and organizing with partners in the community.

We look forward to continuing growth in 2018 to meet the changing needs of local immigrants. Thanks to the generous support of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, individual donors, and grantors, in 2018 CIS-NYC will be able to expand our legal services, better meet the needs of our ESOL students, engage in capacity building and organizational development, and more.

You are invited in the pages ahead to learn more about our clients, our programs, and our partners. With your support, we will continue to build on our successes in the coming year and beyond. Thank you for your commitment to our mission to empower immigrants and their families.

JAVIER RAMIREZ BARON, LMSW
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OUR MISSION



The mission of CIS-NYC is to provide essential services to immigrants in the spirit of Mother Cabrini, patron saint of immigrants and founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since its inception in 1999, CIS-NYC has worked with the immigrant community all over New York City and serves all persons residing in the metro area regardless of age, race, ethnicity, country of origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or immigration status. We are committed to empowering immigrants, their families and their communities through education, access to essential services, civic participation and community building. We strive to work together with the immigrant community to create a more inclusive society by fostering justice, dignity and respect.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

WE ENCOURAGE CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- Naturalization applications, Certificates of Citizenship

WE PROTECT THE VULNERABLE

- DACA applications and renewals for immigrant youth (including emergency renewals and support after the cancellation of DACA)
- Screening and referrals for victims of violent crimes (VAWA and U Visa), unaccompanied or abandoned minors (SIJ), and asylum cases

WE UNITE FAMILIES

- Family petitions, Applications for Employment Authorization, Applications for Lawful Permanent Residence (Adjustment of Status)



IN 2017 WE CONDUCTED **296** FREE LEGAL IMMIGRATION CONSULTATIONS & OPENED **210** NEW CASES.

78 INITIAL DACA APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS WERE APPROVED **132** FAMILY BASED PETITION, NATURALIZATION & OTHER APPLICATIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED.

CLIENTS SAVED MORE THAN **\$273K** IN LEGAL REPRESENTATION FEES BY RECEIVING SERVICES AT CIS-NYC.

MORE THAN **40 families** OBTAINED THEIR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY & WERE FINALLY REUNIFIED AFTER WAITING YEARS TO BE TOGETHER.

107 CLIENTS OBTAINED THEIR WORK PERMITS, ALLOWING THEM TO GET BETTER JOBS, ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS OF FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ECONOMY.



“Thanks to [CIS-NYC] I became an American!....During all the time I have been living in the USA even with a green card I always felt as if someone at any moment could take the carpet from under my feet and send me away, but I’m now an American...I NOW have the right to make my voice count, I CAN VOTE and that makes me so deliriously happy. Thanks to you and to the staff at Cabrini for your support, for creating a welcoming and safe space and for the guidance you provided me during the entire process. Thanks to you I feel lighter and I won’t have to live in fear anymore, **finally I’m free.**”

– Martha, Client of CIS-NYC

IMMIGRANT FAMILY PROGRAM

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 Angel Fund** is a scholarship fund offered by CIS-NYC to assist low-income undocumented students with school-related costs. Recipients are also provided with additional support.

WE INTEGRATE AND STRENGTHEN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

- CIS-NYC organizes recreational family events throughout the year, which allow families to spend quality time together with their community members, enjoy a respite from their daily challenges, and familiarize themselves with traditional American experiences.
- We provide comprehensive case-management and short-term crisis counseling to ensure that each family receives the support and resources they need.

“ My daughter
was
experiencing
serious
depression &
anxiety. After a
family trip with
Cabrini this
summer, we
noticed a
change. The trip
changed my
daughter's life
for the better.”

- Client of
CIS-NYC



ANGEL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

We distributed

\$19,075

to

18

students.



FAMILY OUTINGS

133

individuals attended trips
to Sahara Sam's Water
Park, the American
Museum of Natural
History, Teatro SEA shows
& Radio City Music Hall.



WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION

Approximately

130

families were provided with

400

warm coats, along with
other items such as hats
and socks.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & GIFT DISTRIBUTION

We distributed

Over 1,000

gifts to

277

children.

FOOD PANTRY

CIS-NYC's Client Choice Food Pantry serves a diverse population of Lower East Side residents. The pantry operates every Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm and has a current client list of 654 registered families. Regardless of the season, our food pantry strives to guarantee that the families and individuals who rely on our services receive well-balanced, healthy, and culturally appropriate food. In August 2017, we started a family bag program to better serve the community and provide assistance to our clients with larger households. We also worked with 13 partner organizations throughout the year to bring in additional services for our clients (dentists, healthcare, food stamp applications, etc).

780

AVERAGE NUMBER OF FAMILIES
SERVED EACH MONTH

9,443

BAGS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED
THROUGHOUT 2017

84,987

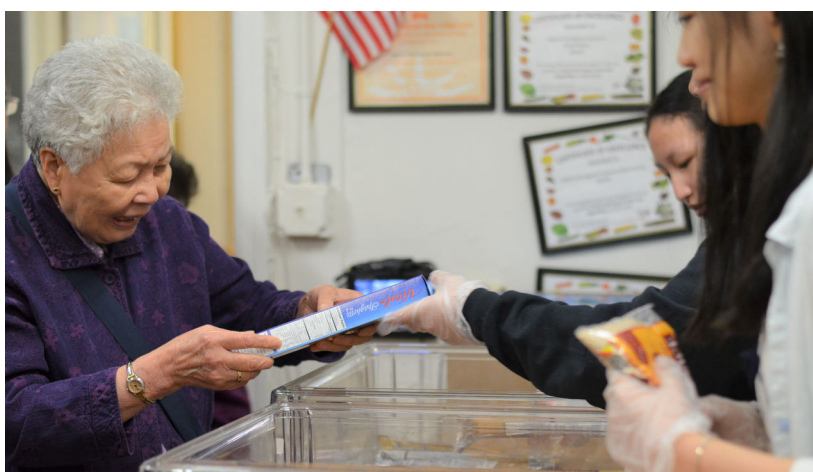
NUMBER OF HEALTHY, WELL-BALANCED MEALS
THAT CAN BE MADE WITH THE FOOD
DISTRIBUTED BY THE FOOD PANTRY IN 2017

116

COMMITTED FOOD PANTRY
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY

3,600

HOURS SERVED BY FOOD PANTRY
VOLUNTEERS (VALUED AT MORE THAN \$86,400)



ESOL, CITIZENSHIP & COMPUTER CLASSES

ESOL students at CIS-NYC report an increase in self sufficiency, confidence and personal freedom due to their new found ability to communicate. They can more confidently interact with their doctors and their children's teachers, shop at different stores, explore new neighborhoods, and participate in their communities.



Two of our Citizenship students became U.S. Citizens. A number of students reported participating, for the first time, in Parent Teacher Association meetings, and a significant number have been able to secure employment. **Thirty-four** students attended **three** plays at the Educational Theater of New York and **fourteen** students went to the New York Historical Society.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED: 90

LEVELS OF ESOL CLASSES: 6

ENGLISH & ADULT LITERACY STUDENTS: 62

COMPUTER LITERACY STUDENTS: 17

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION STUDENTS: 11

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS: 10

HOURS OF CLASSROOM TEACHING: 7,160

“ My daughter was getting married and I didn't know how to dance. I heard that a Community Center was giving free lessons. They didn't give lessons in Chinese, but I learned enough English at Cabrini so I started to take lessons there and was able to dance at my daughter's wedding.

”

- ESOL Student at
CIS-NYC

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS



CIS-NYC's Justice for Immigrants (JFI) program aims to build power and leadership within the NYC immigrant community and to create social and political change in our city and our nation through workshops, civic participation, network building, and outreach. In 2017 we worked to combat growing anti-immigrant policy and rhetoric by giving immigrant leaders the tools and resources to tell their stories and advocate for their communities. We developed resources, held emergency workshops, and mobilized rapidly in response to constant attacks on immigrants. In the end of 2017 we focused on supporting and engaging DREAMers after DACA was cancelled.

IN 2017 APPROXIMATELY

150

INDIVIDUALS LEARNED ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS & ENGAGED IN DEFENDING THEIR COMMUNITY.



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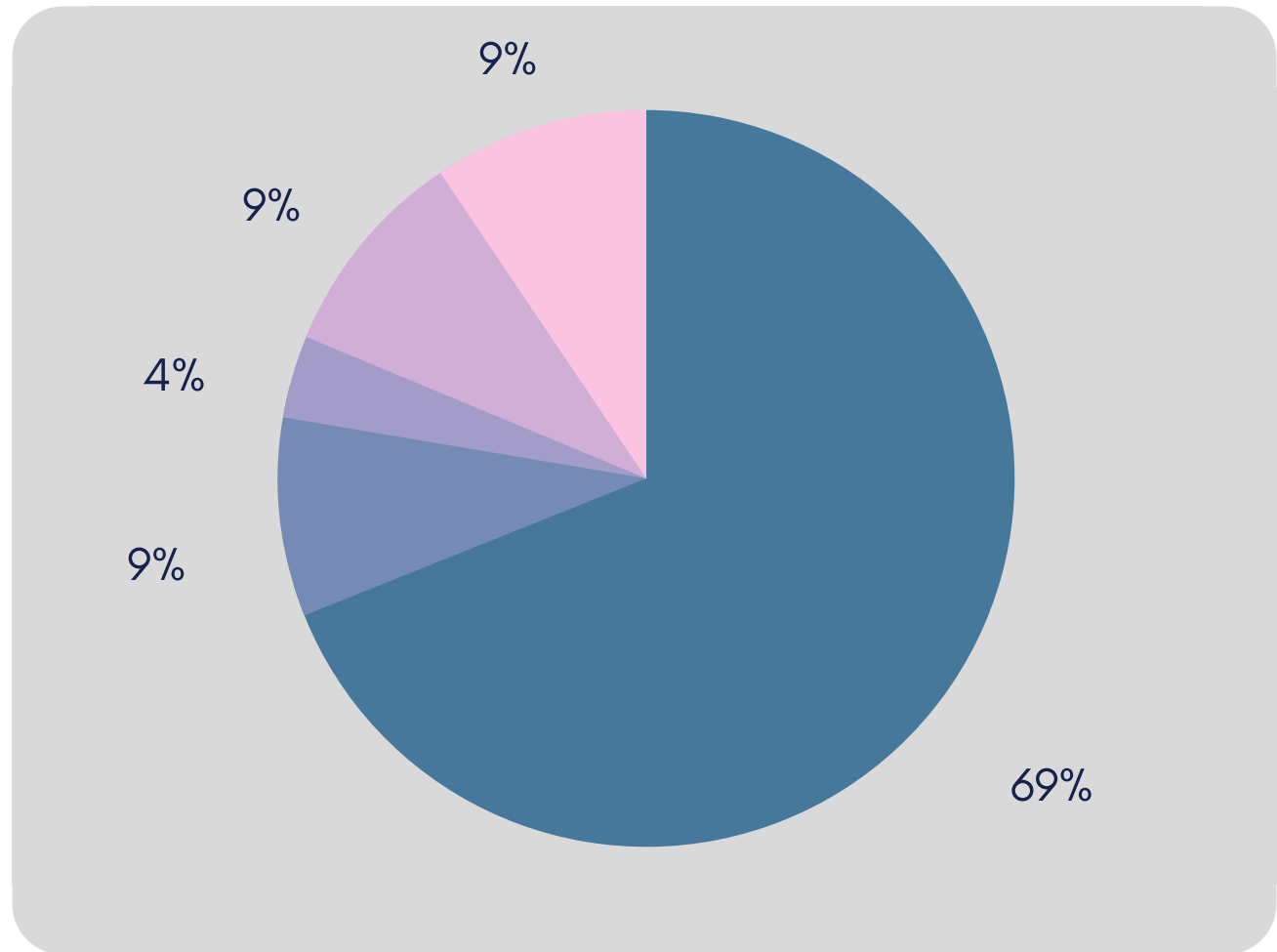
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PRESS CONFERENCES,
RALLIES, ACTIONS, AND
LOBBY DAYS.

17



FY2017 FINANCIALS



REVENUE SOURCE

REVENUE SOURCE %

AMOUNT

● Foundation and Corporation	69%	\$249,450
● Government	9%	\$31,558
● Annual Benefit	9%	\$33,597
● Legal Fees	4%	\$13,095
● Individual Donations	9%	\$34,167

TOTAL:

100%

\$361,867

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