

MEET OSMAN:

Osman Aroche Enriquez, a CWS Lancaster client who was eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), was part of a nationwide US Postal Service mistake, causing thousands of DACA applications to lapse, or not be approved for legal status. Although Osman had applied to renew his DACA status in plenty of time, his application, like thousands of others, had been lost. The US government determined that these applications would still be accepted, however this accommodation did not stop U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from arresting and detaining Osman.

Within days of his arrest, CWS secured *pro bono* services from a top legal immigration attorney, released his story through a press conference, rapidly engaged community members through a vigil, and launched a social media campaign that soon went viral across the nation.

Within two days of taking action, Osman was released and his removal case was terminated. CWS Immigration Legal Services program then worked with the government to ensure Osman's DACA renewal application was both accepted and, later, approved.

Thanks to the quick response of this community, Osman was reunited with his family and celebrated his son's first birthday.

YOU WERE WITH US!

CWS Lancaster relies on your support to ensure programs can continue to serve local refugees and immigrants. In FY-2018, CWS Lancaster raised \$316,529, received the support of 12,880 volunteer hours, and spoke at 126 outreach and educational events.

Now, we must keep up the momentum!

Show that #LancasterWelcomes by becoming a monthly donor, becoming a volunteer, or inviting CWS to speak at a local event.

Learn more or make a donation online at cws Lancaster.org.

Thank you, Lancaster!



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CWS LANCASTER IMPACT REPORT

FY-2018 (OCT 2017-SEPT 2018)



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR FY-2018

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

With your support, CWS welcomed 198 newly-arrived refugees to Lancaster. Providing guidance and support to the adjustment of life in the US, CWS offered cultural orientation to 105 adults, and enrolled 79 children into school.

Because of you, 79 refugees were enrolled in CWS Extended Wellness Services. Extended Wellness Services provide ongoing support to refugees and immigrants for up to **5 years** from their date of arrival.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Last year, CWS worked with area employers to provide living wage jobs and self-sufficiency to refugees, immigrants, Puerto Rican evacuees, and individuals granted asylum who are seeking opportunity. Of these, 287 individuals found their first job or received a job upgrade through services of CWS employment specialists.

Additionally, CWS launched the Workplace ESL program, offering the chance for continued economic success among limited English speakers in Lancaster County.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

With your support, CWS launched a *Know Your Rights* workshop series, embarked on Legal Defense Counseling and Representation, and increased advocacy efforts by hiring a Refugee Grassroots Community Organizer.

Your support ensured CWS could provide reduced-cost legal services for 1,984 individual cases, including 238 naturalization applications, 158 Family Reunifications and 30+ educational community events. 24% of cases handled through CWS were *pro-bono*, with no cost to the client.

LANGUAGE BEYOND BORDERS

With the launch of Language Beyond Borders (LBB) in 2018, CWS provided thriving wage employment to 38 refugees and immigrants, through paid professional interpretation and translation services.

Operating as a full-service language provider, LBB follows a “social good” model. All profit generated from LBB services will be utilized to support other CWS Lancaster programs.

OUR MESSAGE OF THANKS:

Refugees and immigrants have faced significant hurdles across the globe this year. While the world approaches record-breaking numbers of people migrating due to war, violence and persecution, the United States Reception and Placement (USRP) program saw the lowest number in history of newly arrived refugees, just 21,000.

Your support ensured refugees and immigrants were provided with consistency in programming within our Resettlement program. Reassurance and clarification of “What is going to happen to my family?” was responded to through our Immigration Legal Services program. And a renewed hope of opportunity and acceptance through integration was offered as a CWS specialist found those first jobs, or job upgrades for newcomers through our Employment Program.

Thank you for providing hope and home to refugees and immigrants in Lancaster County. As we look forward to all that 2019 has to offer, we are filled with gratitude for your continued solidarity.

Gratefully,

Aheila Mastropietro
CWS Lancaster Office Director

Concert for Refugees

Jan 28 CWS, Tellus360, Music for Everyone, Corty Byron, local musicians and LCCF partnered to host a successful benefit concert for refugees and immigrants.



Mi Casa, Su Casa

Apr 19 CWS, Community Action Partnership, and Lancaster City held a night of music to support Puerto Rican Evacuees from Hurricane Maria.



Community Breakfast

May 10 CWS hosted an appreciation breakfast to celebrate all of our volunteers with a word from special guest, Marie Claire Kaberamanzi.



World Refugee Day

Jun 23 Eight teams competed in the Third Annual Refugee & Immigrant Soccer Tournament. Team Ethiopia are the new champs!



March for Humanity

Aug 12 CWS collaborated with Tellus360, Corty Byron, and community partners for a peaceful march and a celebratory show of welcome for all.



Calls for Action

Sept - Oct CWS advocated for the National Refugee Admissions Cap for FY19, resulting in 400+ calls in two weeks!



Extraordinary GIVE

Nov 16 CWS joined the LCCF ExtraGIVE raising over \$71,495 to support refugees and immigrants in our community. Thank you, Lancaster!

