







## **CWS** The Impact: FY 2019

Thank you, Lancaster! You bring the welcome that makes our community so special!

- Your **dollars** provide consistency of care to local refugees and immigrants through services in each of our programs.
- Your **in-kind donations** empower newly arrived families as they readjust to their lives in Lancaster.
- Your volunteer hours turn into beautiful, flourishing relationships with newcomers who are securely connected to the community.
- Your show of **solidarity** by attending events, raising awareness, advocating for your refugee and immigrant neighbors, and so much more enable us to continue our work in Lancaster, "America's Refugee Capital".

## **ACCOMPLISHED!** Resettlement **Program Employment** Program

**Immigration Legal** 

**Services Program** 

**Borders Program** 

TOGETHER, LOOK WHAT WE'VE



266

Resettled

Rentals to Refugee **Families** 31

Local

45

Home

Refugee Children 14 lob Upgrades for

84

School

**Enrollments for** 



49

Refugee

Women's

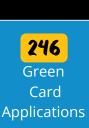
Group



Client **Enrollments** 166

**Employer Partnerships** 296

Refugees 925 Legal Consultations





**Family** Reunification **Petitions** 100

**Naturalizations** and Certificates of Citizenship

**Applications** 



Cultural Diversity **Trainings** 

40 Contracted Refugee and

**Immigrant** 

Interpreters

26 Unique Refugee Languages

400 Interpretation lobs

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Immigration Legal Services Program

**In 2019**, the CWS- Lancaster Immigration Legal Services Program doubled in size. New positions were added, including a Supervising Immigration Attorney, a fully-accredited Legal Representative, and dedicated Know Your Rights staff. With this increase in staff capacity, the CWS- Lancaster office is now able to provide an even wider range of services to the immigrant and refugee communities of the South Central Region. One of the newest additions to our programming is the provision of legal services to unaccompanied minors in ORR custody. This program works with a uniquely vulnerable population of immigrant children who are without a parent or guardian and require the utmost in advocacy.

In addition to the services of the **Immigrant Children's Program**, our team of dedicated staff assists with the following immigration legal matters:



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- Citizenship and Naturalization
- Permanent Residency
- Family Reunification
- Detention Orientation
- Bond Hearing and Removal Defense
- Know Your Rights Workshops
- Provisional Hardship Waivers
- DACA and TPS
- Asylum and Other Humanitarian-based Cases

## Meet: LEONARDO



"I am from Cuba and I lived in Cuba for 30 years. I studied there and got an engineering degree. For my safety, I was given the chance to come to the United States. I received a lot of help from Church World Service. They introduced me to the Lancaster people and showed me how to apply for work. They helped me to improve my English. When I got my permit for work they helped to find me a job quickly. Recently, I applied for my citizenship and they [CWS] helped me with the application. I am an American citizen now!"

"Refugee people are just people who are trying to be happy-- for their family, for their life. They just don't have the opportunity because they are in countries of war or under corrupt government. People want to be in the United States because this is a great country that has given opportunity for all these years. I hope that this doesn't change because I am one of these people that came here and am happy now. I have a really good life."

-Leonardo, Cuban Refugee Resettled by CWS



Committed to serving refugees and immigrants in Lancaster since 1987.

6 New Staff Members

20 Internships Facilitated

Staff Members with 5+ Years of Dedication to the Lancaster Office As CWS embarks on its 32nd year of refugee resettlement in Lancaster, we continue to passionately carry out our mission of providing hope and home for refugees and immigrants. You have shown a deep level of welcome to our newest of neighbors as they have sought to rebuild their lives. For this, we sincerely thank you!

Because of you, people who once had no hope are discovering the means of transforming their lives.

We are truly grateful for all that you do.

Thank you, Lancaster!

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