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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".

**TOGETHER, LOOK WHAT WE'VE
ACCOMPLISHED!**

**Resettlement
Program**



266

Resettled
Refugees

45

Home
Rentals to
Refugee
Families

84

School
Enrollments for
Refugee
Children

49

Refugee
Women's
Group
Members

**Employment
Program**



202

Refugee
Client
Enrollments

31

Local
Employer
Partnerships

14

Job
Upgrades for
Refugees

12

Workplace
ESL
Enrollments

**Immigration Legal
Services Program**



166

Family
Reunification
Petitions

296

Naturalizations
and Certificates
of Citizenship

925

Legal
Consultations

246

Green
Card
Applications

**Language Beyond
Borders Program**



100

Cultural
Diversity
Trainings

40

Contracted
Refugee and
Immigrant
Interpreters

26

Unique
Refugee
Languages

400

Interpretation
Jobs

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



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"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

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Committed to serving
refugees and immigrants
in Lancaster since 1987.

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New Staff Members

20

Internships Facilitated

14

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!

Aheila Mastropietro

