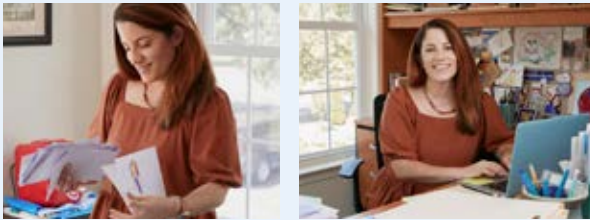


## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Rachel was named a **2022 L'ORÉAL PARIS WOMEN OF WORTH HONOREE!** Project Libertad received a \$20,000 grant to support our mission, and HBO Max produced a **DOCUMENTARY** about our work. Rachel and Board Treasurer Stella Knapp attended the **2022 WOMEN OF WORTH CELEBRATION** in Los Angeles, California, where Rachel and her fellow honorees participated in panel discussions about their impactful work.

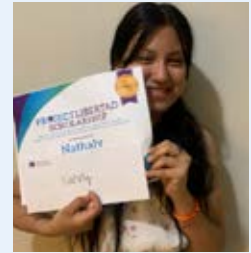
### L'ORÉAL PARIS WOMEN of WORTH



- WE Launched the **JÓVENES FUERTES: STRONG YOUTH PROGRAM** in partnership with **IMMIGRANT PSYCHOLOGY NETWORK**. Jóvenes Fuertes is a culturally-responsive social-emotional learning (SEL) program created by a Latinx immigrant psychologist to **SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF LATINX NEWCOMERS** in schools. The program is offered in collaboration with partner school districts and focuses on teaching newcomer students social and emotional skills, promoting resilience, strengthening assets, and increasing coping skills.
- We launched **JUNTOS PARA JÓVENES: UNITED FOR YOUTH**, a project that **PROVIDES DIRECT CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES** to newcomer immigrant youth and their families in Montgomery

County, PA, who are experiencing barriers to their self-sufficiency, in order to meet a variety of their basic needs that have been caused and/or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These needs include, but are not limited to: mental health treatment, lack of health insurance, food insecurity, housing insecurity, landlord/tenant issues, and immigration legal services.

- We launched a **BOYS' HEALTHY MASCULINITY PROGRAM** for newcomer youth in Phoenixville!
- We awarded the second annual **PROJECT LIBERTAD SCHOLARSHIP** to **NATHALY**, a member of our Immigrant Youth Advisory Team!
- We grew to a staff of four people, up from just one staff member in January 2022! Our team now includes our Executive Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Newcomer Support Program Coordinator, and Case Manager, as well as our dedicated volunteer team!
- We hosted an **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA LEGAL FELLOW, JESSICA ARANA**, who worked on legal cases for children in our **IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S DEFENSE PROJECT!**
- Our **RISE GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM VISITED CABRINI UNIVERSITY**, where they enjoyed touring the beautiful campus and met with bilingual guides to discover what Cabrini has



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to offer. Afterwards, many of the girls expressed excitement about the possibilities ahead.

- We **CELEBRATED** many of our **CLIENTS' HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS!**

*Pictured here, Executive Director Rachel and EJA*



*Fellow Jessica with one of their clients at his graduation celebration.*

- We **EXPANDED** the **IMMIGRANT YOUTH ADVISORY TEAM**, a group of dedicated youth leaders and community members who direct our work.



- We **EXPANDED** our **GLOBAL FOOTPRINT** to serve even more youth from around the world, including Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Haiti, Brazil, Vietnam, China, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Colombia, and more!



## CLIENT STORIES

- In May, we celebrated an **ASYLUM APPROVAL** for our **DESERVING CLIENT!** *This snap was captured at the moment when she learned the good news. Cheers to our client and a new life of safety and security!*



“ Sometimes I stop to think that, thanks to God, I found people like you with good hearts, because otherwise, I would have gone crazy.”

*– Project Libertad client (Immigrant Children's Defense Project and Juntos para Jóvenes)*

“ For me, the information they gave me was very good, thank you for the support you give to migrant families, thank you for everything, blessings.”

*– Project Libertad client (Know Your Rights Project)*

“ Project Libertad made me notice and realize that there are many other people in my same situation, and it makes me feel that I am not alone in this country, that I have the help of someone like them ♥ That's why I like to always participate in the program and volunteer with the program. Thank you for an amazing 2022 with the entire Project Libertad family. There are many other things that I love about Project Libertad, but if I write them I won't ever finish HAHA.”

*– Project Libertad client (Newcomer Support Program, Immigrant Youth Advisory Team)*

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“ My students love the time that is just their own - special - [with Project Libertad’s Newcomer Support Program,] and they often tell me how much they enjoy it. As a teacher, I see the results of their vocabulary lessons, oral practice, games, SEL lessons, community building, and self-esteem practices shown later in my classroom. There is a noticeable change in my students after attending the weekly support groups. [S]tudents report feeling safer, more connected to their peers, and having fun (which we know lowers cortisol levels in the brain and allows them to relax; learn better). Project Libertad is very needed as our population continues to grow and change in beautiful diversity...Project Libertad is essential to our learners and their families... I very much appreciate the help Project Libertad has provided so far and am very grateful for the lives they have affected, including mine.”

– *Christine Gartner, English Language Development Teacher and Project Libertad Board President*

“ Project Libertad has essentially established a Newcomer program within the school district that the ESL department has long desired... This program provides essential support to the ESL department and the student community the district serves, which continues to grow.”

– *Natalie Cohen, Alyssa Johnson, and Susan Horenci, English Language Development Teachers*



“ Project Libertad has been a tremendous benefit in supporting our students with immigration problems, and – in several cases – helping students obtain documentation necessary to continue remaining in the United States and continue their education. Since their introduction to our district, they have supported our ESL students by helping them to understand the legal system of the United States and giving them guidance toward legal information and resources they could use to help their cases... something that none of our staff in our high school are equipped to answer.”

– *Scott Saunders, English Language Development Teacher*



## STAFF AND VOLUNTEER STORIES

“ When I started working at Project Libertad [as a Case Manager] in the fall, one of my first clients had a caretaker who was unresponsive and difficult to reach. In working closely with the family to solve a variety of problems--everything from medical emergencies to school enrollment--we connected with the caretaker, who in turn became increasingly willing to dedicate attention and care to the young people he was responsible for. We celebrate improved relationships, not just with our clients, but also with the adult figures in their lives!”

– *Olivia Knight, MAS, Case Manager*

“ The first day of Project Libertad camp I met 12 year old Miguel (name changed to protect privacy). He spoke no English and responded to us only with a shrug. He appeared sad and scared. We quickly learned that Miguel had only been in the US for 3 months. It had been difficult for him to learn anything at all since it was the end of the school year. He needed English Lessons



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## NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Our Newcomer Support Programs served **232 STUDENTS** across six schools in two school districts. These programs create a **SAFE SPACE** for newcomers to adapt to life in the United States and process their **EXPERIENCE OF MIGRATION**.
- Our **SUMMER 2022 NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAM** grew to serve **37 STUDENTS** and expanded to run three days per week (*up from just 11 students and one day per week in 2021!*)



- RISE:** Refugee and Immigrant Students Excelling Girls' Empowerment Program:
  - 39 IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE GIRLS** participated in this **GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM** funded by the **VALENTINE FOUNDATION**.
- We launched a **BOYS' HEALTHY MASCULINITY PROGRAM** for newcomer youth in Phoenixville, serving about 30 youth weekly.
- We hired a part-time Newcomer Support Program Coordinator!



## MENTORING PROGRAM

- 120 HOURS**
- 12 MENTEES**
- 10 MENTORS**



## JUNTOS PARA JÓVENES: UNITED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

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- We hired our **FULL-TIME CASE MANAGER!**
- We served **13 CHILDREN** from October to December 2022 and made **23 REFERRALS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**.

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## JÓVENES FUERTES: STRONG YOUTH PROGRAM

- Pending numbers from Susanna
- **60 STUDENTS** in the Fall + additional reach to NSP
- Trained **~10 EDUCATORS**



## ADULT ESL

- Our Adult ESL program served **87 ADULT ENGLISH LEARNERS** in 2022.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- We trained **314 EDUCATORS, PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS** on best practices for supporting immigrant youth.



## TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED

- **2047 VOLUNTEER HOURS** served



## TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

- **1006 INDIVIDUALS** served

