

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

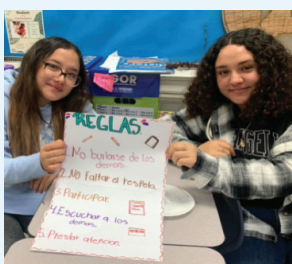
- **GETTYSBURG COLLEGE MAGAZINE** featured our work in their Summer 2023 issue: *A Steadfast Spirit: Turning Advocacy Into Action*.



- The **CHARITY MATTERS PODCAST** with Heidi Johnson featured our work!



- We **LAUNCHED** exciting **NEW PARTNERSHIPS** with Kennett Consolidated School District and Avon Grove School District! (Our Newcomer Support Program at Kennett High School is pictured below).



- In partnership with **IMMIGRANT PSYCHOLOGY NETWORK** and the **SCATTERGOOD FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY FUND FOR IMMIGRANT WELLNESS**, we launched **CONEXIONES/CONNECTIONS**, a bilingual therapy program that matches immigrant youth with therapists who speak their native language and provides youth with therapy services free of charge.

- We **EXPANDED 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. This program connects youth with needed social services, such as mental health support, health insurance, dental care, academic support, mentoring, and more.

- We **AWARDED** the third annual **PROJECT LIBERTAD SCHOLARSHIP** to **JOSÉ**, a participant in one of our Newcomer Support Programs in Phoenixville!



- We ran our most successful **SUMMER NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAM** (AKA, Summer Camp!) ever, serving **50 STUDENTS!**



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- We provided **FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION** to **91 IMMIGRANT YOUTH** at risk of deportation. *(Executive Director Rachel is pictured with one of our clients).*



- Our **RISE GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM** **EXPANDED** to serve middle school girls in Phoenixville!
- Our RISE girls' empowerment program **VISITED WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY**, where they enjoyed touring the beautiful campus and discovering what WCU has to offer!



- **NORRISTOWN PRINCIPAL JULIO NUÑEZ FAJARDO** **SHARED HIS IMMIGRATION JOURNEY** with our middle school newcomers!



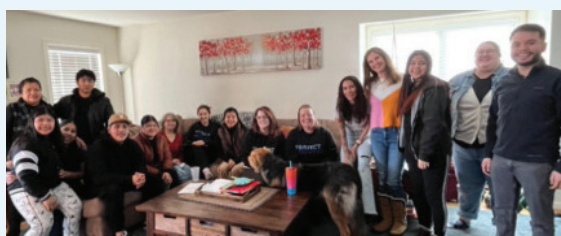
- **BOARD PRESIDENT ROGELIO AYLLON** **SHARED HIS IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE** with our middle and high school students.



- Marian Sosa from Family Services of Montgomery County **EDUCATED** our newcomers about **SEXUAL HEALTH AND CONSENT**.



- We continued to **EXPAND THE IMMIGRANT YOUTH ADVISORY TEAM**, a group of dedicated youth leaders and community members who direct our work.



- **WE GREW TO A TEAM OF SEVEN STAFF MEMBERS**, up from just one staff member in January 2022! Our team now includes the following roles: Executive Director, Volunteer Coordinator/Administrative Assistant, two Newcomer Support Program Coordinators and an NSP assistant, a Case Manager, and of course, **OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TEAM!**
- **WE CONTINUED TO EXPAND OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT** to serve even more youth from around the world, including Nicaragua, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Haiti, Brazil, Vietnam, China, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Colombia, and more!

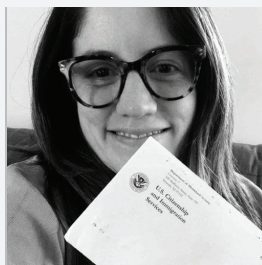


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## CLIENT STORIES

In December,  
**WE CELEBRATED AN  
ASYLUM APPROVAL**  
for our deserving client  
from Honduras, who had  
waited over four years for  
a decision on his case!



Our longtime volunteer and youth leader  
**VALERIA BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN!**



Project Libertad has  
helped Mari receive  
her Special Immigrant  
Juvenile Status, work  
permit, and social  
security number. PL  
also helped Mari find  
stable housing as she  
waits to be eligible for  
her green card.



## SUPPORTER STORIES

“ I support PL because  
I have always wanted  
to be involved in my  
community. I believe  
that being involved in  
the lives of kids gives  
them the foundation  
for success! I am  
proud to be a part of  
PL doing my best for the community! ”

– Joann Seunarine



“ I have volunteered with  
Project Libertad for over  
five years. I have helped  
with the Newcomer  
Support Program, and  
now I help support the  
Mentoring Program.  
I really enjoy working  
with Project Libertad, because it gives me  
an opportunity to raise awareness on the  
unique needs and experiences of migrant  
youth. Project Libertad fosters resilience and  
empowers migrant youth by creating  
an inclusive, compassionate community.  
I am so honored to be a part of that! ”

– Guilianna



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## SUPPORTER STORIES

“ The two main things that drew me to Project Libertad are: First, Rachel’s story; she chose a life dedicated to a non-profit as opposed to what might have been a fortune or even fame as an attorney in private practice. The second is that PL advocates for children at their most vulnerable, in situations where they are literally left to fend for themselves. ”

– Abe Shenoy



“ I support Project Libertad because they care for students and families whom I work with on a daily basis. Children immigrating to the U.S. are impacted by policies outside of their control. PL helps to mitigate these factors, giving kids a chance to build a life in the U.S. ”

– Jess Kilmetz



## IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S DEFENSE PROJECT

- We provided **93 FREE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SCREENINGS** in 2023!

- Represented **91 IMMIGRANT YOUTH** in **139 IMMIGRATION CASES**.\*

*\*Some youth may have more than one legal case opened for them*

### INCLUDING:

- **56 ASYLUM CASES**
- **59 SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS CASES**
- Visas for survivors of certain serious crimes and human trafficking
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (**DACA**) cases
- Legal Permanent Residency (**GREEN CARD**)
- And more!



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PROJECT

- **448 INDIVIDUALS** participated in **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS** trainings



## LEGAL-MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

- Thanks to our Legal-Mental Health Partnership with **IMMIGRANT PSYCHOLOGY NETWORK**:
  - **448 INDIVIDUALS** received **MENTAL HEALTH** and wellness presentations
- Immigrant Psychology Network provided our newcomers with **8 COPING SKILLS AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS**

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## NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Our Newcomer Support Programs **SERVED 423 STUDENTS** total in 2023. These programs create a **SAFE SPACE** for newcomers to adapt to life in the United States and process their **EXPERIENCE OF MIGRATION**.
  - Our Summer 2023 **NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAM GREW** to serve **50 STUDENTS** three days per week.
  - RISE:** Refugee and Immigrant Students Excelling Girls' Empowerment Program:
    - This program expanded to include middle school girls!
- We hired a second, part-time **NEWCOMER SUPPORT PROGRAM COORDINATOR** to meet the growing demand for this program!



## JUNTOS PARA JÓVENES/ UNITED FOR YOUTH CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Our Case Manager **CONNECTED 32 YOUTH WITH RESOURCES** in the community through our Case Management program.



## JOVENES FUERTES/STRONG YOUTH SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM:

- In partnership with Immigrant Psychology Network, we reached immigrant youth in **5 DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS** with this in-classroom SEL program.



## CONEXIONES/CONNECTIONS THERAPY PROGRAM:

- In partnership with Immigrant Psychology Network, we conducted **53 VIRTUAL THERAPY SESSIONS** for immigrant youth.
- We provided therapy services to nine students in Spanish and Portuguese.



## MENTORING PROGRAM

- Our volunteer mentors provided **100 HOURS OF MENTORING** to youth in Phoenixville!



## ADULT ESL

- 84 INDIVIDUALS** received free ESL instruction



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- 49 INDIVIDUALS** received free professional development training about how to best support immigrant youth



## VOLUNTEERING

- 1416** total **VOLUNTEER HOURS** given in 2023
- 51** total **VOLUNTEERS** who volunteered in 2023



## TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

- 1100** total **INDIVIDUALS SERVED** in 2023

