THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

A NEW START

Our Entre Amigas (Among Friends) support group allows survivors to share experiences in a safe space and gain knowledge and tools to apply to their unique circumstances. One of our Entre Amigas participants recently immigrated to the U.S. from a low income, marginalized neighborhood in El Salvador. Seeking a violence-free environment and a fresh new start, the 17-year-old fled from her violent father, and settled in Washington, D.C. with her aunt and cousin, who recommended La Clinica’s Entre Amigas program.

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

In the current political environment, where so many policies and issues affecting immigrants, women, and the LGBTQ community are in flux, La Clinica has made it a priority to advocate strategically as part of our work. One example of our efforts this past year, was seen through our participation with our Washington Interfaith network (WIN) partners to ask DC’s mayor to increase funding for the Immigrant Justice Legal Services grant. Our ask was for $2.5 million to be committed to the grant program (a $1.6 million increase), which won.

ADVOCACY

This important funding provides legal services for the immigrant community and to further extend legal services to immigrants detained by federal immigration agencies.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

La Clinica has identified language services as a priority in order to address issues of health equity and health access. When referred to specialists outside of La Clinica, LEP (Limited English proficiency) patients describe difficulty scheduling appointments, and often wait longer before their providers can see them. In 2018, nearly 18,000 interpretations were provided! La Clinica wishes to expand its Language Access program by increasing the number of medical interpretations provided to low-income and uninsured LEP individuals.

YOUR DONATIONS PUT TO WORK IN 2019

Already in 2019, your generous donations have fueled our work and have given hope, wholeness, and new beginnings to our thousands of patients and program participants. When our community is healthy, we see it thrive. Enjoy some of our favorite highlights and stories from the year; those that keep us wanting to do more!

SPOUTLIGHT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health supports have been critical this year as patients and clients have contended with new policy and rulings that have had dire effects on their stability and sense of place.

MI FAMILIA

Our Mi Familia program includes culturally and linguistically accessible mental health screening, individual and group therapy, and a unique family counseling program with a 14-week psycho-educational curriculum that teaches family members about stress management, coping with trauma, parental support, positive discipline, and effective communication.

MI REFUGIO

Over the 2018-2019 school year, La Clinica served 175 students through Mi Refugio (a 45% increase of students from last school year). One hundred percent of the senior students we served successfully graduated and two of our students were selected to be student leaders for a National Institute of Health (NIH) community outreach program, which targets youth interested in exploring STEM careers. 19-year-old Jese Granados, shared already, in his first semester, at Northwestern High School, “I have been able to get my schedule changed, complete my community service hours, finish my senior testing, and receive my senior package information. With Mi Refugio’s help, I have been able to get on the right track and make sure I am taking the right classes and tests to graduate.” Like Jese, many of our Mi Refugio participants are catching up to school requirements here in the US, and our staff work hard to guide them through a brighter future.
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT

10,019 MEDICAL INTERPRETATIONS

3,938 PATIENTS SERVED

132 WOMEN ATTENDING HEALTH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

120 PLAYERS IN SOCCER TOURNAMENT

54 PARTICIPANTS IN MI FAMILIA PROGRAM

100% HIV POSITIVE CLIENTS CONNECTED TO HIV NAVIGATION SYSTEMS WITHIN 24 HOURS

8,511 STREET-OUTREACH ENCOUNTERS

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH FAIRS, FLYERS DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY FORUMS

100% PATIENTS SERVED

HIV-positive clients connected to HIV navigation systems within 24 hours

Participants in Mi Familia program