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# CENTRO'S IMPACT REPORT

# MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

It is with great joy and excitement that I present to you our annual impact report for 2022. This year was one for the record books, filled with so many incredible moments and achievements that we can't help but celebrate!

Are you ready for this? We absolutely smashed last year's record for clients served, with over 5,990 individuals and families benefiting from our direct services and programming. That's right, we made a huge impact in the lives of our fellow community members, gracias to the amazing work of our staff and volunteers.

But wait, there's more! Our fundraising efforts were also off the charts. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and community partners, we raised more than ever before, which means we can continue to expand our reach and help even more people.

We couldn't have done any of this without our incredible team of staff, volunteers, donors, and partners. You all rock! So, let's give ourselves a big round of applause and celebrate all the hard work we put in to make 2022 such a success.

As we look back on this amazing year, let's remember the impact we've had on the lives of so many people in our community. And let's keep pushing forward, with the same energy and enthusiasm, to continue fostering intentional change for immigrant families, learners, and entrepreneurs in Nebraska.

¡Gracias por todo!

Karina Perez



# MEASURING PROGRESS

More than 5,990 individuals  
served in 2022

280  
CASES

## IMMIGRATION

Our immigration legal service program provides legal assistance and representation to immigrants in navigating the complexities of the immigration process. In 2022, our DOJ representatives opened 280 new and unduplicated cases.

352  
STUDENTS

## EDUCATION

Our adult education program offers a range of courses to support individuals in achieving their educational goals. We want ensure that students have the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in today's workforce. In 2022, we had 12 GED graduates!

294  
PARTICIPANTS

## BUSINESS

Our business program supports and encourages the growth of small businesses in Nebraska. We provide assistance and guidance to new entrepreneurs, including resources for business planning, access to funding, and mentorship.

1,048  
FAMILIES

## FAMILY OUTREACH

Our family outreach program provides vital support to families in need, offering both monetary and resource assistance. We provide assistance with essential needs helping families overcome financial challenges and achieve greater stability.

4,016  
INDIVIDUALS

## WELCOMING & BELONGING

Our Welcoming and Belonging program strives to create a welcoming environment for all members of our community. We also work to encourage voter participation and civic engagement, ensuring that every voice is heard in our communities.

# A LOOK AT 2022

## Highlights of annual events & community partners



Welcoming Week strives to foster a greater sense of belonging and community among all members of our diverse population. Mayor Bulkley declared a proclamation for the week of September 16, 2022 to commemorate the celebration.



Our Networking Breakfasts in collaboration with the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce bring together individuals allowing them to build meaningful relationships, share resources, and support one another in their businesses.

# MORE FROM CENTRO



In 2022, the Back to School Bash in collaboration with Platte County's T4C distributed 250 backpacks with school supplies to students. We served more than 560 servings of food. Thank you to our sponsors: Hy-Vee, Cargill-Columbus, NPPD, and Columbus Nebraska Professional Firefighters - Local 1575, and Alpha Media.



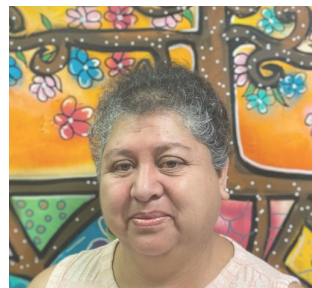
The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive distributed 250 packed food bags that contained a turkey, fresh produce, dairy, and a pie for families to enjoy over the holiday season. Thank you to our sponsors: Cargill-Columbus, Center for Rural Affairs, Hy-Vee, Columbus Nebraska Professional Firefighters - Local 1575, Great Plains State Bank, and Alpha Media.

# TRANSFORMATIONAL WORK

Collaboration  
with community



The annual Hispanic | Latino Youth Summit hosted by the Nebraska Commission on Latino-Americans brought in 508 students from 35 different schools across Nebraska! Centro Hispano sponsored 4 teacher scholarships that provided dollars to schools to implement welcoming & belonging programming!



Centro launched a storytelling series in 2022 called "Semillas del Destino" that followed the stories of individuals who have made Columbus home. These individuals share their journey of leaving their native countries and pursuing their dreams in the United States. You can find these stories on our website: [www.centrohispanos.com](http://www.centrohispanos.com).

# FUNDRAISING

Centro Hispano Comunitario de Nebraska worked diligently in 2022 to fundraise dollars to help meet the needs of our growing communities. Our fiscal year runs from January 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022.

At our Annual Fundraising Gala Centro fundraised \$59,232 in 2022.

## 2022 Sponsors:

- Nebraska Public Power District
- One United Federal Credit Union
- Family First Dental
- Columbus Community Hospital
- US Bank
- Camaco LLC.
- Re/Max Realty, Inc.
- Charter Title & Escrow
- Great Plains State Bank
- Nebraska Community Foundation
- Multicultural Coalition
- Pinnacle Bank
- Gene Steffy Ford
- Lotto Nebraska
- Hy-Vee
- Grace Jewelry
- Bank of the Valley
- Century 21 Realty Team
- Northwestern Mutual - Estela Griffiths
- ALLO Communications

\$750,000

\$649,666.00

\$606,141.74

\$500,000

\$250,000

\$0

Every dollar counts in making a difference in the community

REVENUE

EXPENSES



# CENTRO'S TEAM

## Staff

Katherine Lopez  
Nancy Lopez  
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Adult Education Director  
Adult Education Instructor  
Programs Director  
Executive Director  
DOJ Accredited Representative  
Welcoming & Belonging Director  
Operations Director

## Board

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Member - Re/Max Realty



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# CHANGE CATALYSTS

These are the **individuals who bring forward and articulate a new or different idea.** They are the ones who are creating the conditions for change.

COOPER FOUNDATION  
JOHN & DIANNE SCOTT  
NEBRASKA PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION  
SHERWOOD FOUNDATION  
WEITZ FAMILY FOUNDATION

Thank you to  
all who contribute to  
fostering **intentional**  
change.

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