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To promote opportunities for interaction between cultures that encourage positive relationships based on sharing knowledge, hopes and experiences. To foster individual growth in Lee County by identifying people's needs and talents, and finding the resources to develop them.

Help El Refugio! Upcoming Fundraiser

This fall we are proud to bring together Second Saturday Virtual Event, in order to make this fundraiser a success we need support from our local businesses. Businesses will have the opportunity to advertise and promote their business on El Refugio social media. A two week event will be held where businesses will be able to promote and share their business. Different levels of Sponsorship are available, for additional information email elrefugioad@gmail or elrefugioed@gmail.com.

El Refugio Community Involvement

In partnership with Morris Chapel Church, El Refugio is pleased to be able to support our neighbors and communities. We love giving back to the community and continuing to support those in need in these times. Members of the Refugio team and Lee County School Farmworker program, delivered boxes to several families. (left to right) Oscar Roberto, Board Director; Sandra Ruiz, Board Member; Oscar Hernandez, Executive Director.



COVID-19 **Community** Resources

Need help? Dial 2-1-1 to speak to an on call specialist 24/7

Text COVIDNC to 898-211 for updates on COVID-19 response and resources

Find pick-up meals near you: Text FOODNC

CUOC Food Pantry distributing hours 2885 Lee Ave Sanford NC 27332

Monday 3:45pm-6:00pm Wed and Fri 11:45am-2:00pm

Locate Testing Site https://covid19.ncdhhs. gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-mytesting-place





Virtual Summer Fest 2020!

This year Summer Fest was brought to the community in virtual format. The Refugio team was able to create an event that through a series of Zoom meetings and Facebook lives. We were able to reach many participants. The Virtual Summer Fest had sessions from community conversations with our Sanford Mayor to Art sessions. Our virtual event was made possible thanks to our El Refugio Team. We would also like to recognize ZSmith Reynolds intern Khadija Bangura alongside Events Coordinator Yanira Scott for making sure the logistics for the event were ready for our kick off. Virtual Summer Fest was held for two weeks, August 27- September 6th 2020 each day commencing from 5pm-8pm, different sessions were held throughout the event, reaching participants of all ages. COVID-19 has impacted the way we engage as a community. While concern for public health changes the way we interact, it does not change our interactions altogether. El Refugio was proud to continue in our tradition providing a fun series of workshops over the summer, this time in a virtual format.





A Special Thanks to Our Virtual Summer Fest Instructors and Guest Speakers 2020!



Chet Mann Mayor of Sanford



David Brown Apex Immigration



Meghan Brown CCCC



Brian Merritt CCCC



Ellmar Benitez Sanford Police Dept.



Sylvia De Baca Lendello Mortage



Heather Hughes Gordon Reality



Jan Smith Seva Yoga, LLC



Sandra Thompson CCCC



Lauren Winkens Kindermusik with Real Great Music, LLC



Amy McKinney Kindermusik with Real Great Music, LLC



Cindy Quiggle SanLee Middle



Lisa Orlando Painted Petal



Monica Monroe Zumba



Caroline Oliveira NCSHP



Black Belt Leadership Academy



Khadija Banjuro Zsmith Reynolds Intern



Kyra Rodriguez Kyra Rodriguez Studio







Civic Class to Prepare You for American Dream!

We have recently been able to offer Spanish classes in addition to our English as Second language classes. We are pleased to say that virtual Spanish learning has been success! We would like to to thank our wonderful instructor, Armando Espinoza, for putting together an amazing Spanish language semester, which ran from May 26th to June 25th. An announcement regarding the upcoming semester will be released soon.

We are also currently enrolling students for the new civics class. We want to help you with accomplishing the American Dream. Let us help you pass the US Immigration Civics test by taking our class. Fill out the attached google form to receive additional information. Someone from El Refugio team will get in contact with you as soon as possible.





El Refugio Team and Contact Information

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El Refugio is a small organization that depends on donations from our community. Please continue to support El Refugio and our mission by making a donation!

-Thank you from El Refugio Team

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