



El Refugio

The Refuge

Centro de Recursos Familiares, Iglesia Metodista Unida Jonesboro
Family Resource Center, Jonesboro United Methodist Church

BUILDING CULTURAL BRIDGES IN OUR COMMUNITY

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2020

YOUR GIFT HELPS EL REFUGIO

- Nurture and Advance Opportunities
- Strengthen Cross-Cultural Appreciation
- Continue FREE Resources That Benefit Newcomers and Established Residents



To thrive as a community, we all need opportunities to grow, work, heal, serve, earn, lead and excel. That's what El Refugio provides.

- Deb Taylor, Board of Directors

Nurture and Advance Opportunities

El Refugio is all about building community between newcomers and established residents. When people come together to share, learn, enjoy good things—and also to acknowledge and explore solutions to challenges—quality of life thrives for all.

Our year-round program serves local residents with language and citizenship classes, learning activities for kids and families, healthy living initiatives, information sharing, resource connections and cross-cultural community events.

The COVID-19 crisis has challenged the organization’s usual programs and inspired new approaches to continue serving your community. While our mission has not changed, today we meet it by providing virtual education, creating family-oriented online events, directing individuals to resources, ensuring access to critical health and community information, and partnering with local organizations to serve those in need.

Donate today.

More than ever, your donation is needed to continue and grow El Refugio’s important work. Financial responsibility and transparency are among our core values. We use donors’ funds carefully! Our overhead is incredibly low, thanks in large part to Jonesboro UMC’s generous hosting of our classes, office and events. We also maintain strong community partnerships, such as the one with Central Carolina Community College that ensures top-notch instruction and evaluation for El Refugio classes.

Our annual budget totals more than \$100,000, and we could do even more with additional funds. All these monies are used in the most efficient ways possible to serve people in the Sanford and Lee County communities. This year is crucial as we work toward more local funding and less dependence on time-limited grants.



El Refugio is trusted and accepted among the Latinx and wider communities to serve as a resource connection. This has never been more true than right now.

-Oscar Hernandez, El Refugio Executive Director





Strengthen Cross-Cultural Appreciation

El Refugio provides ways for people from different cultures to share experiences as we learn from and with one another. That's how positive relationships are built, and that empowers all of us to grow and succeed.

The cross-cultural events provided by El Refugio are completely free of charge to the public. This would not be possible without the support of donations from our supporters.

3 Major Cultural Events

International Culture Night

showcases local diversity

Community Summer Fest

builds cross-cultural relationships for all ages

Festival Latino

celebrates Latinx culture and contributions

El Refugio's commitment to diversity, cultural appreciation, and education create better individuals within communities!

To continue providing these cultural events free to your community, we need your financial help and partnership.



Continue FREE Resources That Benefit Newcomers and Established Residents

Questions and uncertainty are daily realities for people who are new to the community, have different cultural experiences, or aren't confident in their understanding of the English language. Our community's current situation has intensified these needs, and El Refugio is there with FREE resources provided in welcoming, supportive ways.

We want to be here for years to come, just as we have been since the organization launched seven years ago. That's where you come in!

When it can operate at full in-person capacity, El Refugio's language program provides 900 hours of education each year! The 300+ students in our English, U.S. civics, and Spanish classes prepare students to participate more fully as workers, consumers, family members, neighbors and leaders. They go beyond grammar to explore the customs and situations people encounter every day outside the classroom. And, they bring people together across languages with guest speakers, celebrations and seminars.

El Refugio collaborates with the College and Career Readiness department of Central Carolina Community College to address our shared purpose of helping students achieve their personal and career goals. Building on the college's instructional and evaluation expertise, El Refugio's enhanced language program also provides free child care, child enrichment activities, youth leadership experiences, individual citizenship tutoring and special events.

- English as a Second Language (4 levels + independent study)
- Spanish as a Second Language
- Citizenship Class and Tutoring
- Free Child Care
- Child Enrichment Program
- Youth and Adult Leadership Opportunities
- Seminars, Healthy Cooking Classes, Guest Speakers, Celebrations

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Through English classes I learned to express myself, but through El Refugio I felt safe, confident, and empowered. Students will notice over time that learning English will make their lives easier.

-Sandra Ruiz, El Refugio Student and Community Leader

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10-WEEK SESSIONS (3 EVENINGS PER WEEK) 3 SESSIONS PER YEAR



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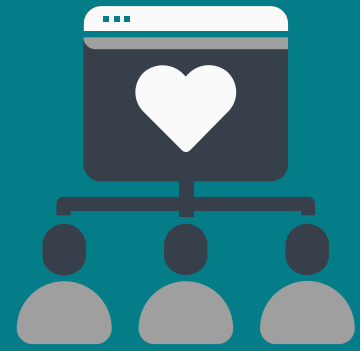
Help us continue to rise above this crisis to meet the needs of the community.

Nurture and Advance Opportunities

Your gift ensures continued response to the community's needs and helps El Refugio remain stable and strong.

Strengthen Cross-Cultural Appreciation

El Refugio is fully committed to continuing cross-cultural programs to strength ties within your diverse community. Your support helps us continue to connect people through shared fun and exploration.



International Culture Night

showcases local diversity

\$500 covers international food samples for an event that brings in an audience of diverse cultures and all ages to enjoy performances, interactions, and exhibits, performances, exhibits, arts, and food from people from countries and cultures around the world that now call Sanford home.

\$200 provides an honorarium for a local or regional artist performance

\$50 provides supplies and samples for a student-created 'country highlights' table

Community Summer Fest

builds cross-cultural relationships for all ages

\$600 supports planning, promotion and technology for an event that brings together people with diverse backgrounds to learn and share through a week of workshop sessions

\$15 supports one participant with a supply kit and instruction in the bilingual Summer Fest art class

\$10 supports one participant with music kit and instruction in the bi-lingual Summer Fest music class

Festival Latino

celebrates Latinx culture and contributions

\$4,000 supports presentation of an event that honors and teaches about Latinx cultures while entertaining residents

\$500 contributes to a Festival Latino performance

\$60 supplies a booth involving children in Latinx cultural games and activities

Continue FREE Resources That Benefit Newcomers and Established Residents

\$800 supports an average of 20 students for a 10-week session of Spanish classes for adult who wants to communicate better with family members, co-workers and neighbors

\$35 supports a summer session of 'Spanish for Educators' for one local teacher

\$20 supports six hours of free child care and enrichment activities for a child whose parent is learning English or civics



Your gift provides opportunities to the community.

Amounts reflect the average cost. Programs and events are subject to change.

The current COVID-19 epidemic has brought challenges to our community, but El Refugio's mission to serve the community and foster individual growth has not changed. The epidemic highlights the organization's strengths in adapting to current needs for the good of the community. With your support, El Refugio will continue to be a strong organization others can turn to for help!

EL REFUGIO'S CAMPAIGN GOAL : \$10,000

Help us continue to make a difference.

Donate today.
El Refugio appreciates your gift.

<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2ElRefugio>



100% of your
donation will be
used to meet needs
of your community.

El Refugio Mission

El Refugio/The Refuge Family Resource Center improves the quality of life for all in Lee County by building bridges between transitioning immigrants and established residents through sharing, learning and serving together while respecting cultural identities. We promote opportunities for interaction between cultures that encourage positive relationships based on sharing knowledge, hopes and experiences. We help identify needs and talents, and connect people with the resources to develop them.

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