



About El Refugio, Sanford NC

El Refugio is an organization that improves the quality of life for all in Sanford and Lee County, North Carolina by building bridges between transitioning immigrants and established residents through sharing, learning, and serving our community together while respecting cultural identities.

Our Mission

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.



COVID-19 Community Resources

Need help? Dial 2-1-1 to speak to a 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

ESL and Citizenship Classes

COVID-19 has really challenged the way we bring the learning experience to our students. The Refugio team, along with Central Carolina Community College, have put together a learning platform to continue the learning opportunity for our students in the comfort of their homes. The virtual/online classes are demonstrating a promising success!

We thank our wonderful instructors for putting in hard work and for adapting to our new way of learning during this national crisis.

We have taken full advantage of communication methods such as Zoom meetings, Google Hangouts, Whats App groups, texting and USA Learn. There is no stopping the train to learning.



ESL Classes April 6- May 15-For Returning Students Only

Level One- Sarah Mckenna
Level Two-Dennis Duke

Level Three- Trenee Fennell
Citizenship-Eliana Mendez

EL Refugio will be offering educational opportunities using USA Learn's website <https://www.usalearns.org/>

Please Contact El Refugio for assistance or questions.

"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

RITA MAE BROWN



"Some things have changed since COVID-19. At the beginning it was stressful, but slowly through God and community help we are surviving and overcoming."
- Alexa Escobar, ESL Student



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El Refugio Events

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE NIGHT 2020

El Refugio celebrated its 4th Annual International Culture night on March 3, 2020. This event brought together 25 different countries in a successful effort to educate and expose the community to the diversity of Lee County. It is estimated that more than 1,000 people were in attendance the evening of the event.



Food, music, performances, and exhibits were at the center of this event! The atmosphere was one that demonstrated unity and support! We want to give a huge thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers that made this event successful!

Performances

La Fiesta Latin Jazz Quintet

Bollywood Touch

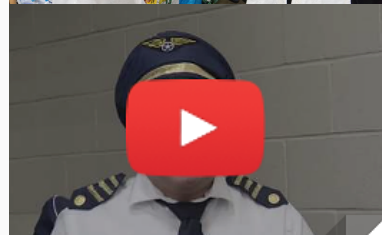
Team Abu- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Magetsi 4-H Dance Group

Phillipines Dance

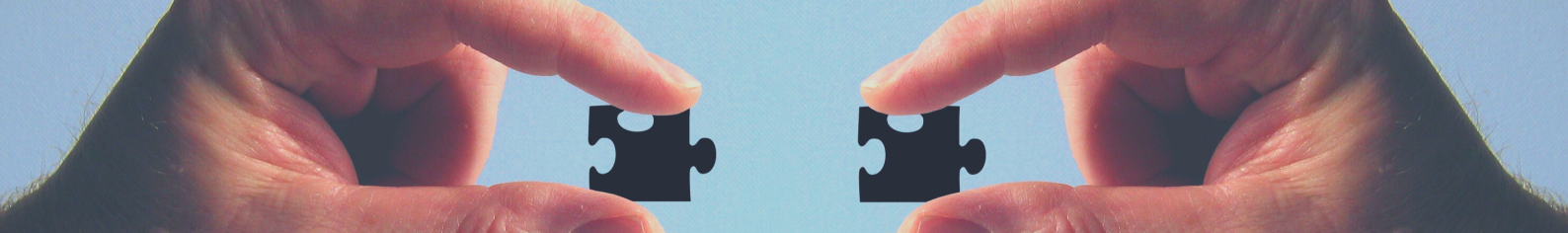
Danza Azteca

Arca de Alianza



Thank you to Brick Capital for creating a video on the event!
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Be sure not to miss out on El Refugio's 5th Annual International Culture Night next year in 2021 and all our upcoming events in 2020!



El Refugio Team and Contact Information

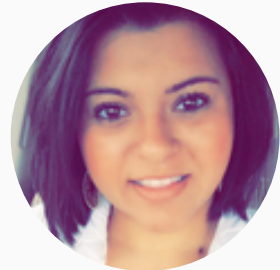
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-Thank you from El Refugio Team

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