



La Plaza's mission is to strengthen Central Indiana by advocating and preparing Latino students for educational success and by connecting Latino families to health and social services.

**La Plaza Programs & Services
2018 Highlights**

MEETING OUR MISSION THROUGH 2 AREAS OF FOCUS

Access

- Connecting the community with essential health and social services, including focused services for Latinas who are victims of domestic violence.

Education

- Supporting students, parents and schools to improve high school graduation rates of Latino youth and increase enrollment rate in post secondary education opportunities.



DIRECT SERVICES

- Emergency Assistance (rent, utilities, food, clothing)
- Interpretation/Translation
- Income support (food stamps, employment opportunities)
- Basic financial assistance
- Holiday Assistance
- Dyson Project

CO-LOCATED SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- WIC Clinic
- Health Insurance Enrollment
Covering Kids and Families
(Medicaid, Eskenazi Advantage, referrals to Health Net)
- STD/HIV Testing (Bellflower Clinic)
- Research Studies (IU Dental Study, Purdue University School of Education)

La Plaza served 1892 unduplicated clients in 2018

In addition over 7000 calls and over 700 face to face walk-ins quick connection or referral (individual not signed in as client) to information about our internal services and referrals to outside agencies.



VOCA SERVICES



ADVOCACY

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Assess clients' needs and goals
- Identify programs that match clients' needs
- Provide adequate resources and referrals
- Follow-Up

- Crisis intervention
- Safety planning
- Education about domestic violence
- Assistance with Protection Orders
- Assistance with the U-Visa process
- Assist in navigation of criminal and civil justice system
- Referral to counseling (outside agency)

Two year grant 2018-2020 – goal 100 Hispanic women each year. Assisted 95 in first quarter (Oct – Dec 2018)

Share success story



Access

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Thanksgiving

- Food basket donations from Holy Spirit Parish at Geist
- Food voucher donations from The Caring Place

Feliz Navidad Program

- Holy Spirit Parish at Geist, Lilly Endowment, La Plaza Donors and Board Members adopted families
- Radio one held a fundraiser and Pacers Foundations donated money for toys which were distributed to families in need and children for all ages.

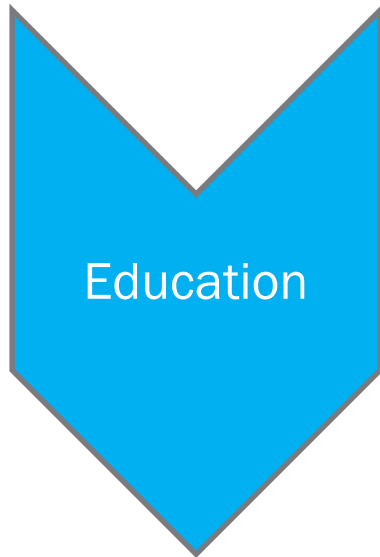


2018 Feliz Navidad Program assisted 249 families including 379 adults and 662 children

Share story about 2017 recipient who gave back in 2018

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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In fulfilling our mission to advocate and prepare Latino students for educational success we offer different education programs throughout the year.

- Summer Discovery – K - 6th grade
- LILY- Leadership Institute for Latino Youth- 9th graders
- Tu Futuro- 9th grade until first year in college

Targeting first generation low income Latino Students and their families

SUMMER DISCOVERY

5 week program designed to improve academic skills for students entering 1st-6th grade focused on math, reading, and technology (to prevent summer learning loss). In the afternoon, offers activities promoting leadership, personal development, healthy living arts and culture.

Highlights:

- 90% of students improved language and art skills
- 100% of students learned new ways to express themselves through writing and art
- 100% of students participated and completed the summer reading program (read 20+ books. Dollar General funding for 2 free books)
- 100% of 5th and 6th grade students gained knowledge about career and college opportunities (workshops at Butler University)
- 100% of students attended college visits (butler)

Education

88 students enrolled in 2018



June

July

- **Summer Discovery has been around since 1990, almost 30 years old**
- **2019 Summer Discovery @ Brook Park Elementary school**
(Lawrence Township 5 minutes from La Plaza)

LILY – LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR LATINO YOUTH

5 week program is designed to help 9th-12th grade Latino students gain the skills to better prepare them for high school, college, career, and life skills. It is a project-based program that includes:

- Hands-on engagement in STEM
- Academic enrichment and support
- College visits and career exploration
- Leadership Development
- Community Service and Field Trips
- Community Partner Presentations
- Physical and health education

2018 Highlights

63% demonstrated improvement in English skills

90% demonstrated improved understanding and application of STEM skills

95% identified a career path and academic life plan

90% demonstrated increased awareness in college readiness career preparation

Education

38 students enrolled in 2018



June

July

June/July 2019 LILY@ Brook Park Elementary School



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TU FUTURO- Redesign

In order to make a greater impact in education and our Latino students – the program was redesigned to offer a program in which we work long term, in focused areas with the same group of youth and parents to reach the ultimate goal - our Latino students graduating and attending college.



Part of La Plaza education programs since 2005





Tu Futuro – Follows a cohort of 9th grade students and their parents until graduation and first year in college. By offering a variety of educational and cultural experiences thereby developing a well rounded successful graduating senior.

Our 1st cohort: 40, 9th graders from Lawrence North. Attending weekly 2 hr. after school workshops and outside field trips. The following themes are threaded throughout the curriculum:

Study and organizational skills

College admission requirements

College visits

Leadership

STEM

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Career exploration

Advocacy

Tutoring in math, English and history

Mentoring (in career or personal development)

Currently recruiting new cohorts from two other high schools





LA PLAZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Night of the Americas Annual Dinner

- Awarded 5 scholarships in the sum of \$40,000.00



THANKS TO OUR 2018 FUNDERS

- United Way
- Lilly Endowment
- Clowes Fund
- Walton Family Foundation
- Women's Fund
- VOCA & FVPSP (federal grants)
- Walmart
- Pacers
- Indianapolis Foundation
- Strada Education Network
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- SYPE
- Lilly Endowment Capital
- Otto Legacy Fund
- Ayres Foundation
- Noyes Foundation

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