



Center for Citizenship and Legal Immigration (CCLI) ANNUAL REPORT

A Landmark Year for Champions of Hope and Community Integration!

On behalf of MCOHA, I would like to thank our family of donors, advocates and ambassadors for their generous support to our community, and especially to the **Center for Citizenship and Legal Immigration (CCLI)** this past year.

The Center opened its doors in August 2014 and since then has been filling an important gap in services available to Morris County residents. Each year, CCLI assists hundreds of residents seeking legal help and support services to navigate the complex and costly immigration process with rates that are affordable, reduced or waived for individuals and families who demonstrate financial need.

CCLI is transforming the lives of our residents, strengthening their abilities to pursue economic independence, enabling them to increase their roles as consumers and taxpayers, and supporting strong families and strong communities.

Whether your passion is ensuring that our residents have access to affordable, accessible services, or helping to build a future where all residents are fully active participants in the social and civic life of our communities, everyone can be part of this great cause. Thank you for being a champion of hope and community integration.

Sincerely,

Xiomara Guevara, MPA, JD
MCOHA Executive Director

OUR VISION

Assist qualified residents in achieving legal status and economic self-sufficiency.

Support the residents on their journey to becoming fully active participants in the social and civic life of our communities.

Keep families together while inspiring hope and building new lives.



Help build a community that promotes cultural heritage while ensuring that everyone is respected, self-sufficient, and engaged in making a difference.

In **2016**, we made advances in the delivery of affordable legal services and furthered the evolution of the *Center*.

159 Cases Processed



423 Consultations Completed



850 Children Helped



1,692 Family Members Served



2016 also brought about several new opportunities to spread the word about the important services provided by **CCLI**. This past year staff members of the *Center* participated in community forums with the goal to share information about the Center and to discuss the most recent immigration developments and the resources available to area residents.

IMMIGRATION FORUM

MARCH 4, 2017
 11:30 to 12:30 P.M.
 Fairleigh Dickinson University-
 Petrocelli College Auditorium
 150 Kotte Place
 Hackensack, NJ

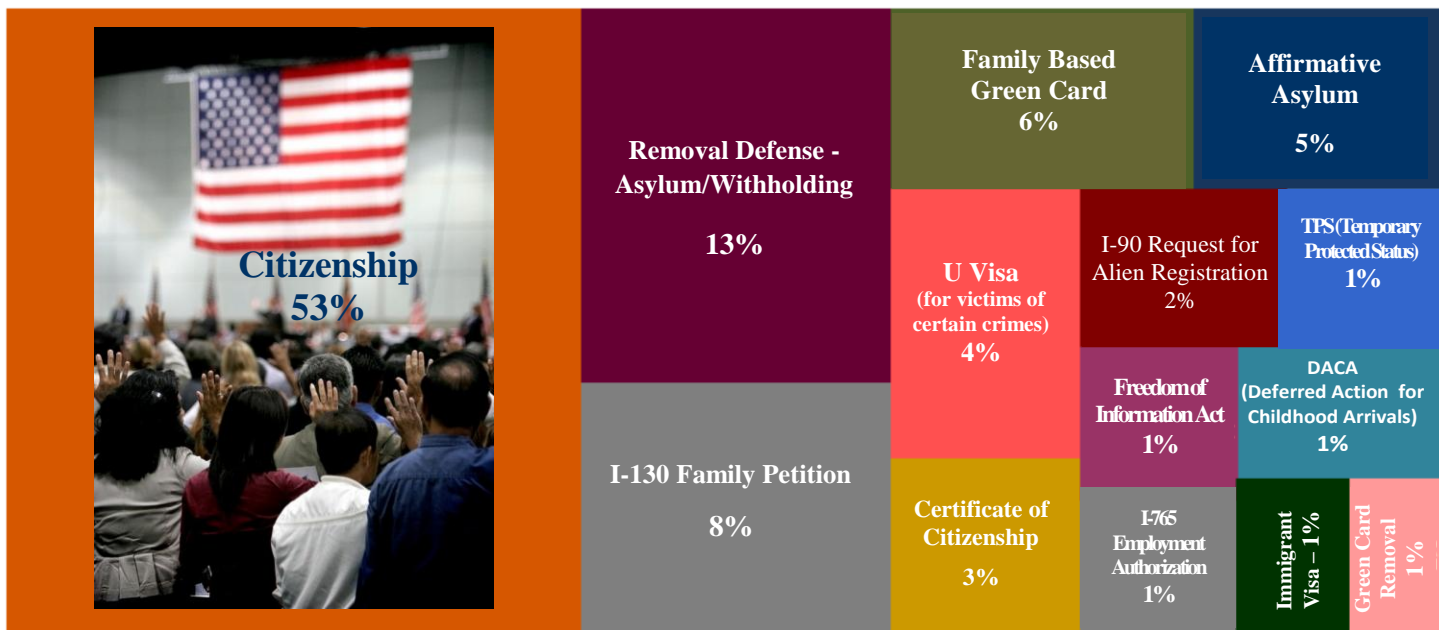
Come Join Us as we discuss your Latest Immigration developments, your civil rights and Immigration resources.
 Special Remarks by:
 Fernando A. Alonso Esq.,
 PAF Director
 Panelist include:
 ▶ Johanna Calle, New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
 ▶ Janice Perez-Rojas Esq., Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs-Center for Citizenship and Legal Immigration



DAPA-DACA
TOWN HALL MEETING & PANEL DISCUSSION
JUNE/2016
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEWARK

IMMIGRATION FORUM
MARCH/2017
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
PETROCELLI COLLEGE - HACKENSACK

OUR SERVICES MADE A MAJOR IMPACT IN 2016



CCLI BEYOND THE NUMBERS

More important than the raw numbers of people guided through the legal process is the **IMPACT** CCLI has made on the lives of the people it has helped.

Alberto completed his residence process with the help of the Center. "The services were outstanding and very professional" Alberto said. "Now I feel peace because I completed my process and I will not have to separate from my family. My wife traveled to Colombia every year and I could not accompany her to see the family. This Christmas we will all be together. Now I will be able to meet my grandchildren in Colombia."

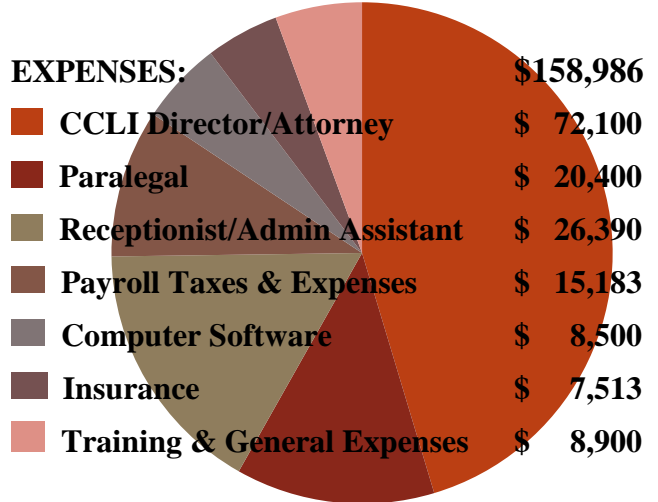
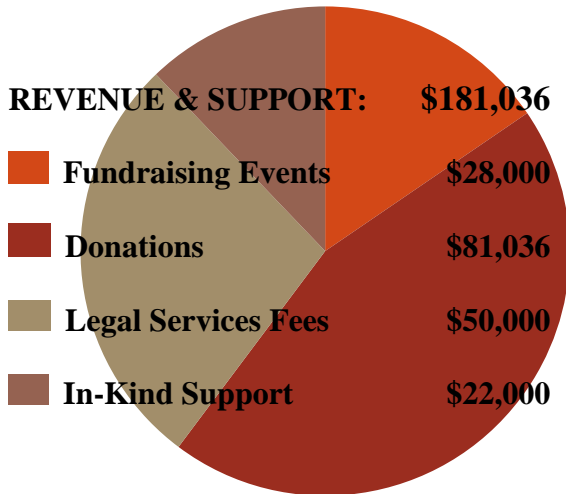
"The services offered by the Center for my case were excellent" said Betsy, a victim of violence who was able to obtain an affirmative asylum through CCLI. "The Center is helping me so I can go to college and work. I recommend the Center's services to everybody."

"My husband and I did the citizenship process with the Center and thanks to that we feel more secure here in the United States" says Maria, a permanent resident who wanted to become a citizen. "We are very grateful. We have already referred the Center's services to other people because we know they are professional and can be trusted".



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

During these unprecedented times, and despite the difficult immigration climate, CCLI made significant positive achievements in the past year giving our residents the opportunity to achieve legal status and economic self-sufficiency while keeping their families together. CCLI improved the lives of hundreds of residents pursuing the American dream and in doing so has strengthened the bonds that unite us as a community. It is through the collective efforts of our family of donors and Ambassadors that enable CCLI to fulfill its mission to inspire hope and promote community integration.



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