



121 Main Street Shelbyville, KY 40065

2016 – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement

To advocate for the rights and well-being of the Hispanic/Latino people and others in need, particularly the most vulnerable, through partnership, education, commitment to justice, service and empowerment in Oldham, Shelby, Henry, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky.

Dear Friends,

One of the rewards of preparing an annual report is that it gives one a chance to be grateful for all that has been accomplished. The 2016-2017 year was filled with both opportunities and challenges. Our Board Members, Staff, Volunteers and Donors continue to be dedicated and wonderful individuals.

Our purpose was to walk in solidarity with the impoverished immigrant community in order to educate, enable and empower members of the community. We play an important role assisting the undocumented Latino community in this five county area. The vulnerable people we serve face unique challenges. Nevertheless the Latino immigrants have an unwavering commitment to the well-being of their families, although they live in fear of being jailed and deported. The ministry of Centro Latino brings encouragement, hope and a certain amount of relief to the families who need the services we offer.

We face the challenges of seeing the lack of justice experienced by our constituents; the difficulty created by poorly paid jobs, lack of jobs and wage theft; the depression of the women caused by isolation and fear; the difficulties caused by having little in the way of English language skills; the dilemma children with academic troubles face with no parental help available because many parents had little or no opportunity for schooling.

The important lessons we have learned are that the majority of our constituents find that in spite of all the trials and tribulations they face in the U.S., this is where they want their children to be. With their input we can provide services of definite benefit to them, although finding the finances to do this is very

difficult. By inviting others to work with us on various programs, projects and services, we provide a way for them to meet some of the Latino community and assist us with the operation of Centro Latino.

Some highlights of the year were as follows:

- Distributed 16,451 units of food to families plus served 3,579 people with clothing, shoes, etc.
- Hosted monthly Women's Meetings with reflection time, an educational speaker, a hot meal and child care to help the women develop new life skills and social competency
- Provided a Thursday morning English class for Hispanic women to learn more English
- Held summer camp to tutor academically at-risk Latino elementary school children hiring Latino teenagers as tutor/counselors to help train these young adults in basic employment skills
- Hosted a Legal Clinic for families to complete *Power of Attorney* forms so that the legal, medical and educational needs of their children can be taken care of by others if they are deported
- Provided backpacks filled with school supplies needed by 102 children of local families
- Provided a Spring Break Feeding Program with 20 duffle bags of food for needy children
- Enhanced our Advocacy Program to better assist families with very difficult problems
- Collaborated with volunteers, board members and churches at Christmas to gift families in need & their 203 children with clothing, toys, food and Kroger gift cards
- Assisted the Latino community by helping them to obtain immigration lawyers
- Helped some families with rent and utility funding when this was possible
- Provided three translators for the June, 2017 Men's Health Fair at Jewish Hospital in Shelbyville
- Collaborated with Walgreen's for flu shots for more than 70 people in the fall
- Provided day laborers with coffee, snacks and a place to rest while waiting for work
- Hosted a Silent Auction Fund Raiser in June, 2017 at the new Jephtha Creed Distillery
- Worked with 26 magnificent volunteers to provide these programs and services

- Continued writing appeal letters and grant applications for funding our services.

For your support and assistance, we are very grateful.

-Sister Pat Reno, OP
Executive Director

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The following is an overview of Centro Latino’s income and expense for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

REVENUE

Contributions and Grants	\$111,738.08
Investment Income	1,551.36
Other Revenue – Fund Raising Gross Revenue, Rent, In-Kind Item	63,283.54
<u>Total Revenue and Support</u>	<u>\$176,572.98</u>

EXPENSE

Total Program Service Expense	\$141,236
Management and General Expense	6,065.00
Fund Raising Expense	5,521.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$152,822.00</u>

<u>Net Income Via In-Kind Revenue</u>	<u>\$23,751.00</u>
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Father Mike Tobin, Chairman	Fielding Ballard, Board Member
Rosemary Riggs, Board President	Debby Magan, Board Member
Paula Fangman, Board Secretary	Anna Pennington, Board Member
Vance Simmons, Board Treasurer	Linda Snyder, Board Member

Martha Groene,	Board Member	Dan Feeser,	Board Member
Deacon Bob Hart,	Board Member	Stanley Fister,	Board Member
Sister Pat Reno,	Board Member, Director	Yvonne Fox,	Board Member
America Wayne,	Assistant Director, Board Member		

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