



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network (BIIN) promotes the human dignity and well-being of all immigrants in our community by making it easier to access legal, educational, and social services.

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FROM OUR CHAIR

We cannot do the work we do without your support! That is the bottom line.

BIIN has been in existence for 12 years, building on the passion and vision shared by volunteers and contributors, a vision of a more just and care-filled world where nationality and legal status do not divide us.

2022 was a big year for BIIN. We expanded our services even though the number of individual donations slightly reduced. We were very lucky to have a great staff person, Janet Morford, working part-time writing grants. Thanks to her, our revenue from grants was doubled from the previous year. Unfortunately for us, but fortunate for Janet, she has moved on to work for the national Episcopal Migration Ministries. Her talents and caring personality are sorely missed. A volunteer committee keeps working on grants in her stead.

This year also saw the departure of our beloved director, Jaimi Washburn. She has moved out of state but she has left her loving imprint on all aspects of the work we do at BIIN. Thanks Jaimi! and welcome to our incoming director Vanessa Rivera!

Last year, we returned to in-person programs, always using masks and plenty of sanitizer to protect students, teachers, volunteers, and staff. In mid-year we partnered with Region 6 Education Service Center to offer four levels of English classes. The classes are so popular, we have run out of room! Citizenship classes and the Information, Referral and Assistance program are also growing, reaching even more immigrants in our community. And in 2022, we worked hard to bring the Guatemalan consulate to Bryan to provide birth registrations, official copies of birth certificates, consular identifications, and passports. In two long days, a tireless team of volunteers from Santa Teresa Catholic Church and BIIN served 446 Guatemalan citizens! I am happy to report that the Guatemalan Consulate will be coming back in 2023. We hope to convince the Honduran and El Salvadoran consulates to follow suit.

In closing, thank you for being part of BIIN's work! Now let's roll up our sleeves and continue welcoming and working with our immigrant brothers and sisters. There is much to be done and we need you.

In Solidarity,



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MEET A STUDENT

Zaily Meza "Zaelita"

Zaily Meza, known as “Zaelita” by friends and loved ones. Zaily and her family are from Honduras, and she looks back at her time growing up with nostalgic joy. Her childhood and adolescence spent in Honduras were filled with great memories and opportunities, such as going to college. She later moved to the United States with her family in October 2006, at age 17. After 16 years in the United States continuing to establish opportunities for herself and her family, Zaily continues to have big dreams, one of which is to become a United States citizen! She has been attending BIIN’s Citizenship classes in order to prepare for her naturalization interview.

One of Zaily’s first memories in the United States was driving through Galveston shortly after she arrived in the United States. Driving by the beach, she was excited to see more about Galveston and about being in a new country. She later moved to Bryan in 2009 to remain close to her parents, who moved to the area for work. Though Bryan brings a new, flourishing environment for Zaily, her favorite thing about Bryan is that all of her family is nearby. When she’s not working or at BIIN’s classes, Zaily likes to hike, learn about new cultures, and spend time with her family, including her 2 children.

Just like the dreams she has for herself, Zaily has big dreams for her children. No matter what career path they pursue, she one day hopes to see them graduate from college in the future. She wants to emphasize the importance of education, in all of its forms, to them. As her own education has continued to play such an important role in helping her pursue her goals, such as owning a business, continuing to learn English, and becoming a United States citizen, she finds it crucial to make education a vital part of her children’s lives as well. As she learns something new every Saturday, Zaily is grateful for how BIIN’s citizenship classes have provided a chance for her to learn more about the naturalization process and prepare for her interview.

A simple Google Search for “citizenship classes” led Zaily to find BIIN during the Summer of 2022. After registering with BIIN’s office, Zaily joined the English Citizenship Classes in September 2022. One of Zaily’s first memories from starting BIIN’s citizenship classes was the kindness of BIIN’s teachers, volunteers, and her fellow classmates. She likes that the students all learn together and feels that the classes have been very effective for her. Another great aid in the class has been the assistance of BIIN’s volunteers, who Zaily says are very helpful and knowledgeable. She would like to thank them for their contribution towards her learning and to the class. About her experience with the citizenship classes, Zaily said that “Every Saturday [she has felt] like [she leaves class] with something positive in [her] life.”

Recently, Zaily Meza passed her citizenship exam on January 3rd and is now awaiting a date for her ceremony. She described her experience while waiting to take her exam as very nerve-wracking. However she calmed as her turn came, and the test was much easier than she thought it would be.

Zaily expressed that everything she learned at BIIN helped her “open up her mind” and she is thankful that she took both sets of classes. ESL and Citizenship respectively. After becoming a citizen of the United States, Zaily realized how important it is to go through that step and it has been worth it for her. She is now motivating her friends and family to apply because “ [she] feels so happy! It’s so important. [she] used to not think it was not important or necessary to become a citizen and used to be close-minded about it, but it’s really worth it.”

After becoming a citizen Zaily feels safer and more secure, she is also excited because she is able to become more involved in politics as well as vote in elections. Zaily also feels more confident in trying new things career-wise. She wants to open up her own spa one day and finally feels able to contribute more to the community and country. Zaily is also very excited to be able to travel, she dreams of visiting Europe and Spain. The most important thing that Zaily is able to do after passing her citizenship exam is to support her parents. As a citizen herself, she expressed how she will be able to help her parents and the rest of her family through the process.

Although Zaily has completed the Citizenship classes and passed her exam she is still not done with BIIN. She loves the classes and believes that there is always something new to learn so she has continued to come. No matter how busy she is with work or her family Zaily always shows up at BIIN and will continue to do so. Zaily did not know what to expect when she first came to BIIN. What she found was an organization that she fell deeply in love with and now she never wants to leave. She keeps coming back to help motivate others and “[her] advice is for any residents to go ahead and apply. For them to come to BIIN classes and apply to be a citizen. It’s completely worth it.”

She believes that her experience going through not only the naturalization process, but in BIIN’s citizenship classes as well, gives her a unique position to better serve others that will later pursue the same goal she is currently working towards. She hopes that BIIN can serve more people in the Brazos Valley by continuing to provide their Conversational English and Citizenship Classes. She would like to thank the teachers, interns, and volunteers at BIIN for their hard work and dedication towards helping others.

BY THE NUMBERS

One year of Brazos Interfaith's community impact.

855

Immigrants in our community served.

94

Generous people and organizations made a financial contribution.

155

Enthusiastic volunteers helped immigrants learn English, become citizens, and resolve their problems.

\$34,506

In individual donations.

\$36,223

In total grant funding.

\$6,216

In partner contributions.

\$76,945

BIIN's 2021 total income.

144 STUDENTS

Attended our English classes.

54 STUDENTS

Attended our citizenship classes.

211 PEOPLE

Sought BIIN's help in accessing local resources.

446 PEOPLE

Received services during the Guatemalan Consular visit.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the many volunteers who supported BIIN in our English classes, citizenship classes, IRA program, Guatemalan Consular visit and administration.

In 2022, 155 volunteers donated 3,172 hours of service. This is valued at \$94,986.43 in paid labor. The following individuals volunteered over 50 hours in 2022.

Alyssa Mercado
Sydney Williams
Chanwoo Kim
Leslie Gonzalez
Gabriela Lozano
Zach Jones
Bianca Segoviano
Alyssa Ramos Mora
Elisabeth Stewart
Jonathan Cortez

Juliana Menjivar
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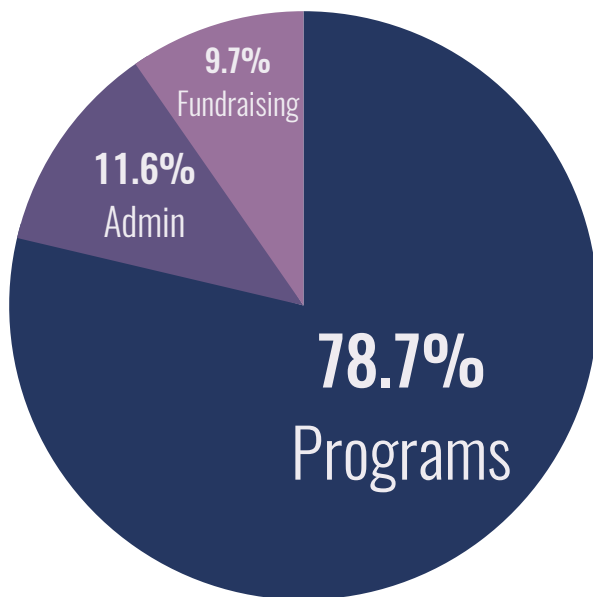




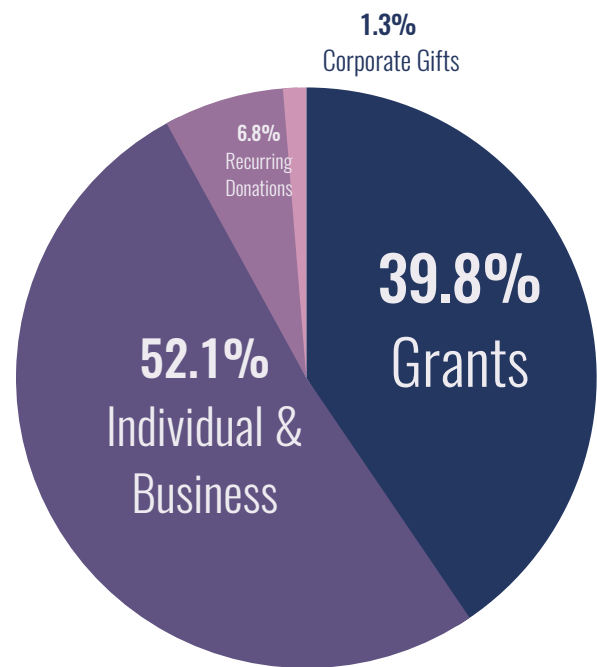
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FINANCIALS



Actual Expenses



Actual Income

Statement of Financial Positions as of December 31, 2022

Assets

Checking	\$40,914.23
Savings	\$65,046.86
Total Assets	\$105,961.09

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$0.00
Payroll liability	\$1,077.99
Refund	\$133.79
Total Liabilities	\$944.20
Net Revenue	\$29,273.48
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$105,961.09

Statement of Activities for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Revenues

Interest	\$65.00
Corporate Gifts	\$1,152.33
Grants	\$36,223.00
Individual & Businesses	\$46,088.73
Recurring Donations	\$6,001.00
Total Revenues	\$89,530.06

Expenses

Program services	\$45,838.55
Management & General	\$6,780.62
Fundraising	\$5,637.41
Total Expenses	\$60,256.58
Change in Net Assets	\$29,273.48

DONATIONS

Donors are the fuel of BIIN's work. The generous monetary gifts we receive each year are utilized to support the ongoing costs of our programs, including English classes, citizenship classes, and our Information, Referral, and Assistance program. We're proud to say that 78.7% of every donation goes directly towards our community building efforts, ensuring your contribution makes an immediate impact.

\$5,000 +

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