

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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

Greetings from BIIN,

What a year we experienced in 2021. Like so many others, BIIN pivoted and persevered to provide programs and services safely during the pandemic through most of 2020 and all of 2021. Safety has always been an underlying core value of BIIN. As we form relationships with people in the immigrant community, we hope they feel safe — safe to share their stories, their time, and their experiences with us as we work together to become a better and stronger community.

With safety in mind, our volunteers continued to provide English language and citizenship classes online. Meanwhile, we held services that required in-person interaction outdoors. In all, 172 BIIN volunteers safely provided classes, information, and referrals. We also ensured our immigrant neighbors had the resources necessary to assist with rent and utilities thanks to generous donors who contributed beyond program expenses to a fund specifically helping those who did not otherwise qualify for COVID-19 relief. In a world where people were suddenly facing so much uncertainty, BIIN is grateful to all those who made certain our commitment to immigrants in the Brazos Valley never wavered.

Over the past 11 years, BIIN has earned the trust of our immigrant neighbors, our volunteers, and our donors. And, because of that trustworthiness, people in the community turn to us for services and for help in finding services that other community organizations provide. As board chair, I am humbled by those who invest themselves and their resources in impactful programs and people who make our community one that holds promise for all.

With appreciation,



Board Chair, 2021-2022



MEET A STUDENT

Jesús Alberto Pérez Delgado

Jesús Alberto Pérez Delgado grew up in Venezuela where he had a good education and a rewarding career as a manager, administrator and executive, specializing in financial management and human resources. He has five adult children, several grandchildren, and is proud of the lives they have made for themselves. Jesús Alberto loves Venezuela; he had not imagined living elsewhere.

However, in 2018, Jesús Alberto was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He began to receive chemotherapy in Caracas, but he felt that the on-going political and economic crisis limited the quality of the medical care available there. Fortunately, he had other options: one of his daughters was a naturalized U.S. citizen who lived in Texas. Under family preference rules of immigration law, she was able to bring her parents to the U.S. allowing her father to come to Bryan and continue his medical treatment through local clinics. "My last round of chemotherapy was on November 20, 2019," he recalled, "And I'm feeling great!"

Despite the rigors of his medical treatment and the challenge of adapting to a new cultural context, Jesús Alberto knew he needed to work on his English skills. Growing up in Venezuela in the 1960s and 1970s, he had not had much formal training in or exposure to English.

Nonetheless, Jesús Alberto knew that the onus was now on him to make up for lost time.

"I left Venezuela on April 4th, 2019, arrived in Bryan on April 6th, and was sitting in my first English class (at Blinn College) on April 8th," he recalled, laughing.

Jesús Alberto also heard about the English classes offered at BIIN, and began attending them. When talking about BIIN's classes, he gushes enthusiasm and gratitude for the long-time volunteer teachers:

"They are so committed to helping others, and they bring both *cariño* and *conocimiento* (affection and knowledge) to their work." Jesús Alberto takes full responsibility for his own learning, and knows that to make true progress, he needs to seize every available opportunity to practice English. Besides actively participating in classes at BIIN, he reads and watches television in English, and devotes time every day to learning vocabulary through videos and lessons he finds on YouTube. "Every day is important to me," he points out, "And if a class or resource is offered for free, it's even more important to work hard!"

Despite all that he has been through, Jesús Alberto has a deeply positive attitude: "Everyone teaches me, and I learn from everyone," he likes to say. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience, drive, and perspective not only within BIIN's circles, but also in our wider community.

BY THE NUMBERS

One year of Brazos Interfaith's community impact.

342

Immigrants in our community served.

130

Generous people and organizations made a financial contribution.

172

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

\$9,183

Dispersed to 15 families affected by Covid 19 to help pay for rent or utilities.

\$17,000

In total grant funding.

\$76,283

BIIN's 2021 total income.

117 STUDENTS

Attended our English classes.

43 STUDENTS

Attended our citizenship classes.

182 PEOPLE

Sought BIIN's help in accessing local resources.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

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

In 2021, 172 volunteers filled 1,275 volunteer shifts and donated 2,536 hours of service. This is valued at \$100,917 in paid labor. The following individuals volunteered over 50 hours in 2021.

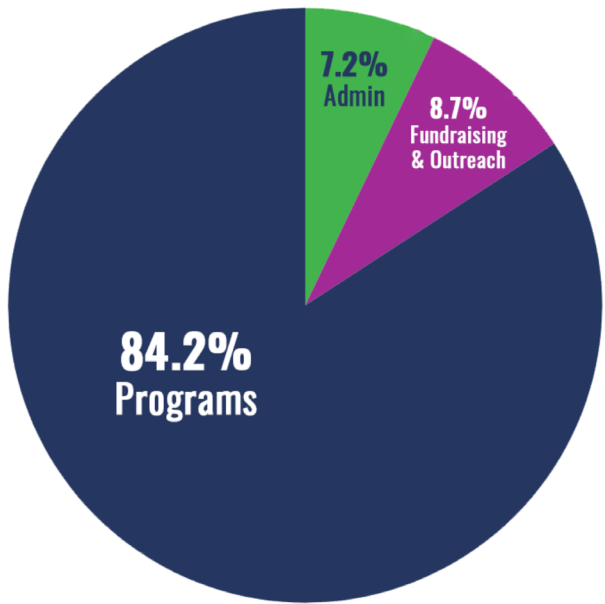
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Susan Dennis
Isabella Beatrice Embile
Miguel Esparza
Mollie Fitzpatrick
Linda Ford
Leslie Gonzalez
Yovanka Gonzalez
Carolina Kane
Sofia Montes

Gerald Morua
Arleth Murguia Chavez
Nicholas Neighbors
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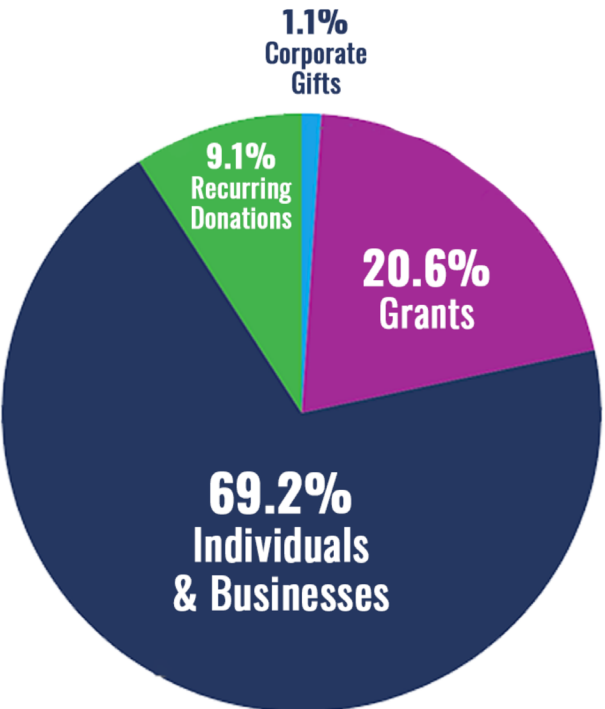




FINANCIALS



Actual Expenses



Actual Income

Statement of Financial Positions as of December 31, 2021

Assets	
Checking	\$12,699.41
Savings	\$64,981.86
Total Assets	\$77,681.27
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payable	\$0.00
Payroll liability	\$963.50
Total Liabilities	\$963.50
Net Revenue	\$4,914.00
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$81,631.00

Statement of Activities for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Revenues	
Corporate Gifts	\$869
Grants	\$17,000
Individual & Businesses	\$57,201
Recurring Donations	\$7,548
Total Revenues	\$82,618
Expenses	
Program services	\$65,399
Management & General	\$5,559
Fundraising	\$6,746
Total Expenses	\$77,704
Change in Net Assets	\$4,914

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 84.2% of every donation goes directly towards our community building efforts, ensuring your contribution makes an immediate impact.

\$5,000 +

Sue Ellen and Fred Davis
Joyce Nies and Peter Witt
First Presbyterian Church
Waldon H and Adele Orr Charitable Trust
Mays Business School's Strategic Philanthropy Community Grant

\$1,000 - \$3,000

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Francoise and Nathan Bracher
Jan and James Hughes
Amy Klinkovsky
Mary Lenn Dixon
Christy and Aaron Becker
John Westover
Carolyn Parsons
Mary Campbell and Jeremy Brett
Kimiye Cabrera
J. Lehmann
Susan and Jon Hillegeist
Cady Engler
Chet Robinson
Rosemarie Swanson
Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley

\$500 - \$1,000

Lisa Halperin and Jonathan
Coopersmith
Rosie and Rich Woodward
Celina Vasquez
Kinsey Cox
Tara Wilson
Cecelia Hawkins
Jackie and Steve Zimmerman
Daughters of the American Revolution
Jessica Scroggins
Linda Fitzwater
Thom Lemmons
Sandy and Jim Petty
Ann and Austin Daily
Harold Boas
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Maria Perez-Patron
Jose Antonio Caraballo
Laura Leon
Joe and Clairece Feagin
Karen Pilant
Nan Reichel
Brittany Perry
Kenneth McIntush
Melissa and George Cunningham
Mary Anne Woodward
Friends Congregational Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

\$100 - \$250

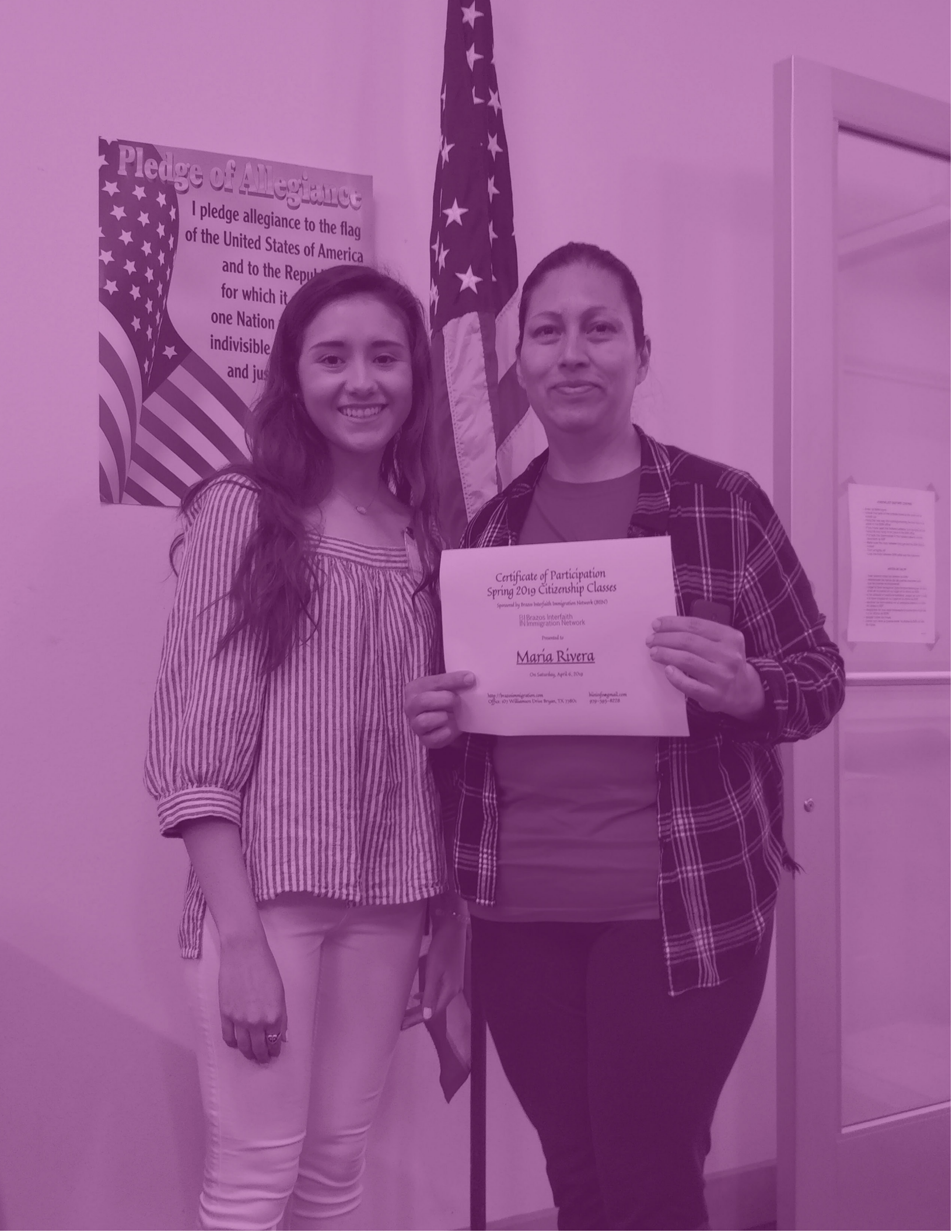
Sarah Rutherford
Alexander United Methodist Church
Mollie and Caleb Fitzpatrick
Pam Cooper and Ralph Blount
John Cole
Melvin Owen
Marilyn Yeager
Viator Gomez
Richard Ginsburg

\$250 - \$500

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Rhoda Segur
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Clotilde Pichon
Deborah Mann
Sandra Mason
Emily Sellars
Melissa and Ed Davis
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