



# La Casa Hogar

## Cultivating Seeds Of Success



### 2015 IMPACT REPORT

Your support changes lives in your Yakima Valley.



**Adult Education:** includes English, pre-GED, Spanish literacy, computer literacy, drivers' education, women's support groups, health & nutrition.



**Early Learning Center (ELC):** educates children ages 2-5 and their parents using the Creative Curriculum and STEM learning.

*"One of my favorite organizations is La Casa Hogar. They do more with a dollar than any organization I know. The dedication they show is very inspirational. If you have never seen La Casa Hogar you should visit."*

-Friend and Supporter of La Casa Hogar

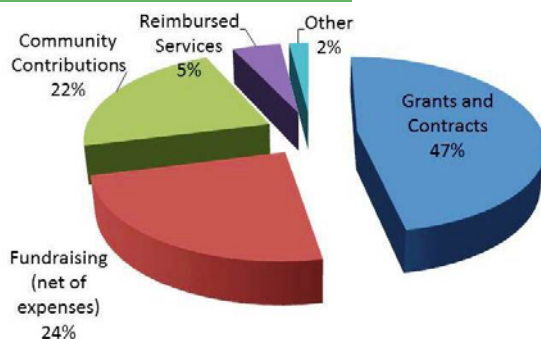
#### Quick Facts

- In 2015, **906** individuals walked participated in one or more classes.
- **116** people became U.S. Citizens.
- **98%** of La Casa's students have less than a 12th grade education in their native countries.
- **72%** of students have lived in the U.S. for 10 years or more
- **100%** of students are motivated to cultivate education and skills for success.

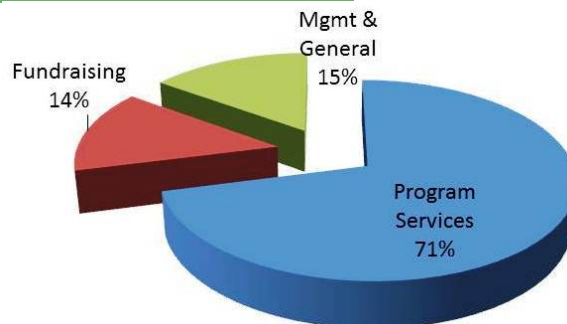


**Citizenship Education and Naturalization:** a BIA-recognized organization, La Casa offers citizenship education and naturalization legal services. Over **460** people have become U.S. Citizens since 2012.

#### 2015 Income: \$304,079



#### 2015 Expenses: \$253,617





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ONE OF MANY SUCCESS STORIES

SPRING 2016

Last December, Adriana shared her gratitude for La Casa Hogar's U.S. Citizenship classes, but she hadn't obtained her citizenship... yet. Now, Adriana has an update to share with you...



*“When I have a goal, I focus on it, and I accomplish it...always.”*

My goal was to become a citizen because I wanted to vote... in the U.S. if a person does not vote, her voice is not heard, and I wanted my voice to be heard. I went to La Casa to sign up for citizenship classes in Yakima.

All the students and the teacher welcomed me. I committed to attend every class, which meant finding childcare for my children and making time to study at home. I knew all my hard work would be worth it at the end.

*“I knew the effort I had put in to prepare, so I felt confident in myself.”*

When I was ready, La Casa Hogar supported me to complete my citizenship (N400) application which I submitted this past winter. I was scared because the interview was in English and my first language is Spanish. But I knew I was prepared, so I felt confident in myself. The community at La Casa Hogar believed in me too; everyone reminded me of my dedication and gave me encouragement. So I went into that interview, and this winter, **I became a U.S. Citizen.**

*“Desire is power. If I can do it, others can do it too.”*

Now that I am a U.S. Citizen, I plan to vote. I plan to take pre-GED classes and continue with English classes. I want to be an example for my family, my children and for other students who want to make the U.S. their home. It is powerful when you really want to accomplish something. *Querer es poder. Si yo pude hacerlo, otros también pueden lograrlo.* Desire is power. If I can do it, others can do it too.

**Adriana,  
U.S. Citizen**

### A Note from our Executive Director...

Your investments of time, energy, and hard-earned dollars create a healthy, strong and educated Yakima Valley. Yakima is unlike any other community I know— your level of ownership and dedication is astounding. Thank you for partnering to create a Yakima community that all people call 'home.'

