



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**Changing lives and
strengthening communities..**

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IMPACT STATEMENT



JOHANNA ROTTA-GENNA
BOARD PRESIDENT



MARTHA MAFFEI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear SEPA family,

As we reflect on the milestones and achievements of SEPA Mujer in 2023, we are proud to present our annual report. This document encapsulates a year of dedication, resilience, and collective effort toward our shared mission.

Throughout 2023, we turn obstacles into opportunities and aspirations into reality. From direct services to organizing for social justice and every endeavor in between, our team, partners, and supporters have played pivotal roles in our success. Together, we have not only met but exceeded our goals, leaving an indelible mark on the communities we serve.

This report goes beyond numbers; it tells the story of lives positively affected, communities strengthened, and the lasting impact of our work. As we move forward, our vision remains steadfast, and our commitment to creating positive change is unwavering.

We express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of SEPA Mujer. Your support is the cornerstone of our achievements, and we invite you to explore this report, celebrating the milestones achieved and envisioning the possibilities ahead.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Sincerely,

Johanna & Martha

BOARD MEMBERS

Johanna Rotta-Genna
Board President

Ron Fisher
Treasurer

Jennifer Brady Cotter
Secretary

Dorothy Q. Thomas
Member

Vanessa Gonzalez
Member

Kevin Gwinn
Member

Isabel Jauregui
Member



A group of diverse women in formal attire, including dresses and a tuxedo, are smiling and posing together at an event. They are standing in front of a wall with various logos and text, including "SEDA", "Design Studio", "OCEANVIEW LANDSCAPE", "HOMMEI", "GLENPORT NEW YORK", "PLUMBING AND HEATING", "HONORING your past", "INC.", "TWIN FORKS TECHNOLOGY", and "Cancer Center".

**WHILE MISSION
STATEMENTS SET THE
DESTINATION,**

**IT IS THE
UNWAVERING
PASSION OF OUR
TEAM AND
SUPPORTERS THAT
SERVES AS THE
DRIVING FORCE
PROPELLING US
TOWARD OUR GOALS.**

TEAM

Allison Aguilar	Daniela Robles	Jessica Taggart	Marisol Lucero
Andrea Antonellis	Diane Linares	Juana Torres	Martha Reyes
Andrea Montalvo	Dilcia Erazo	Karen Torres	Merly Fuentes
Carolina Artigau-	Erika Brooks	Lisette Huayhua	Regina Cabrera
Immoor	Ivan Larios	Ludmila Molina	Stephanie Leon
Daniela Bojorquez	Jasmine Mousa	Marcia Estrada	

INTERNS

Angelina Hernandez	Emma Cerrelli	Jonathan Elizer
Aspen Dagostino	Isabela Betancur	Katherinne Cruz Hernandez
Claudia Sodano	Jasmine Mousa	Kristen Solieri
Elena Benitez	Jenna Zambrano	Marianne Truhan



"AT SEPA MUJER,
EVERY DAY IS POWERFUL, IMPACTFUL, AND
INCREDIBLY REWARDING."

JASMINE MOUSA,
FROM INTERN TO HOTLINE COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERS

Adriana Zhanay
Alejandra Melan
Alin Perez
Allison Bonilla
Ana Archaga
Ana Cecilia Mena
Ana Pat Hernandez
Analia Quisipe
Ashley Paz
Catalina Bentacur
Cecilia Rocano
Deisy Amaya
Delmi Quintanilla
Deysi Amaya
Dunia M. Dominguez
Edwin Lascano
Elizabeth Hamann
Elvia A Cuadra
Erika Venegas
Fatima Rodriguez
Georgina Leon
Helen Reyes
Jackee Galante

Jacqueline Genao
Junette Gunter
Laura Rios
Leorelkys Villar
Lizbeth Marquez
Lorena Ortiz
Lourdes Inga
Luz Estrella Guerra
Luznia Almendorez
Marcia Gachinado
Maria F Lapina Bolanos
Maria Guzman
Maria Morocho
Mariella Suárez
Mirna Silveira
Nadhya Ycaza
Natasha Torres
Noemí Sánchez
Olga Umanzor
Paula Sabando
Reina Erazo
Rhina Mejia
Sandra Calderon

Susana Umana
Vanessa Vargas
Veronica Garcia
Victoria Lopez
Vilma Chavez
Yuliana Rodriguez-Lopez



Gracias

FINANCIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

1,000+

impacted by our direct services

2578+

referrals to additional resources

1813+

calls taken by our main office and hotline

\$141k+

housing & financial assistance distributed

MADE POSSIBLE WITH

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Esperanza United
NYS Office of Victims Services
Town of Brookhaven
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Town of Southampton
US Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
US Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Emergency Food and Shelter National Board
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Southampton High School
NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault

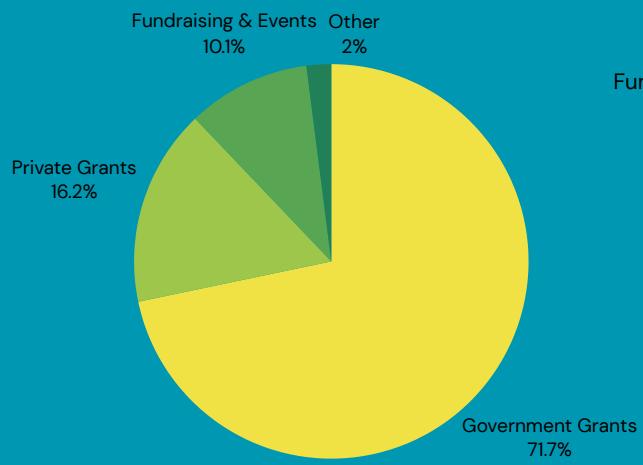
PRIVATE GRANTS

Alpern Family Foundation
Groundswell Fund
Scherman Foundation
Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation
New York Immigration Coalition
NY Community Trust
Unitarian Universalist at Shelter Rock
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork
Long Island Community Foundation
The Daughters of Wisdom Grant Fund
Unbound Philanthropy

CORPORATE GRANTS

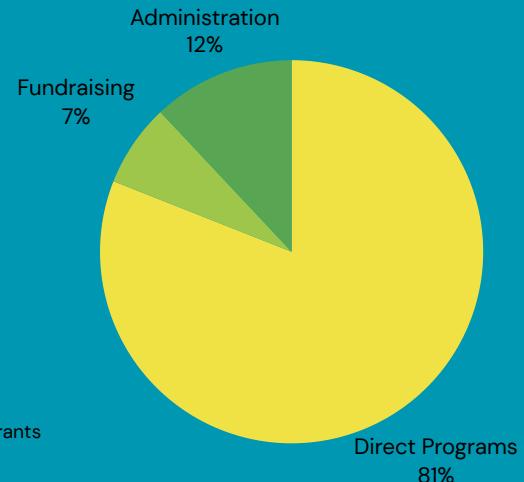
MT Bank
Vanessa Gonzalez Realty
Connect
Fisher Signs and Shirts

REVENUE



FY 2023

EXPENSES





**RAISING OUR VOICES
TOGETHER.**

POWER OF COLLABORATION

REMAP NYS

62,099

Get Out The Vote Texts

1,706

Get Out The Vote Calls

CARE4IF

\$63M

Achieved for Legal & Essential Services

REMAP NYS

A statewide initiative to provide new voter education, voter registration access, and Get Out the Vote messaging.

CARE4IF

CAMPAIGN FOR ACCESS, REPRESENTATION, EQUITY FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Enact the Access to Representation Act in New York through a coalition effort, establishing the right to counsel for all immigrants facing deportation.

UNEMPLOYMENT BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Unemployment Bridge Program compensates workers excluded from standard unemployment insurance, part of an ongoing coalition effort to fill gaps in support systems.

COVERAGE 4 ALL

New York State now offers a state-funded Essential Plan, providing health coverage for all low-income residents, regardless of immigration status. Building on our 2022 campaign, we expanded insurance for birthing mothers and adults 65+. A big win for equitable healthcare access!



Equity & Community Empowerment

130

young people were equipped with the skills and knowledge to become the leaders of tomorrow...

16 emerging leaders graduated from our leadership academy ready to shape the future.

11,200

Community members were connected with informational resources.

235

Community members formed a part of our monthly chapter meetings.

131

Individuals were educated about our services at orientations.



Immigrant women serve as remarkable advocates, tirelessly working to uplift and empower their fellow community members.

Their leadership serves as a unifying force, bridging cultural gaps and creating a sense of belonging for everyone.



BUILDING RESILIENT FAMILIES

58

Assisted through the Migrant Relocation Assistance (MRAP) and Emergency Food & Shelter (EFSP) Programs.

\$50k+

Funds distributed for housing by MRAP

\$91k+

Funds distributed for Food & Shelter by EFSP



ONE VOICE,



MANY STORIES.

HEALING & TRANSFORMATION

Our hotline has been a lifeline for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, wage theft and much more!

12 Hotline
Volunteers

2321+ Total
Volunteer
Hours

Thank you to our volunteers for
making this possible!

234+
independent and
group counseling
sessions were
provided to a
total of 33
participants.

"Today I do not consider
myself a victim.

I am a survivor."

Amy Liriano,
Counseling Participant



175
Thriving Latinas Participants This Year!

Programs Provided:

67+ Knitting our Stories Group Sessions

61+ English as a Second Language Classes

36+ Art Therapy Group Sessions



COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

11,000+

Individuals engaged through
street outreach



FOSTERING HOPE 25

Individuals
Assisted with Case
Management

THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

228.5

Total Volunteer Hours

28

Volunteers



Panel Presentation
about Human Trafficking
at Hofstra University



**FAMILIES
TOGETHER.**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Legal representation for victims/survivors in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, partner violence, human trafficking, and violence against women.

97

persons assisted with legal consultations and/or legal services.

133

U Visa and Violence against women act cases assisted

20

Victims/survivors assisted in obtaining Order of Protections from New York State Suffolk County Family Court.

10

Pro bono citizenship applications prepared.

23

Individuals received legal consultation and guidance on U.S. Citizenship requirements.

34

work permits prepared for new immigrants.

Work permit clinics held at Touro Law School, Brentwood Public Library, St. Hughs Roman Catholic Church, and Brentwood Public Library.



In the News 2023

The Long Island Advocate

Germaine St. Jean, a Haitian immigrant and mother of five, was among the speakers at SEPA Mujer. She has been unable to work as a housecleaner because she suffers from hypertension. She is grateful, she said, because of the funds that she received through New York's excluded worker program, allowing her and her children to keep a roof over their heads.

January 18, 2023

The Long Island
ADVANCE
SEPA to host Health Equity
Summit

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS
SEPA Mujer to celebrate 30th
anniversary gala

April 13, 2023

October 04, 2023

wshu | Public Radio

About 800 migrant children arrived last year and enrolled in Long Island schools according to SEPA Mujer, an immigrant support group. Today, Martha Maffei, the group's executive director, said she receives daily calls from people looking for help that the counties can't provide.

The Long Island Advocate

"Long Island has a tremendous affordable housing problem," said Juana Torres, legal director at Sepa Mujer, a nonprofit organization that works to support immigrant women on Long Island. "For immigrants, you're probably looking at either illegal housing or substandard housing."

May 18, 2023

July 15, 2023

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HUDSON VALLEY

SEPA Mujer celebrates 30 years of
empowering Long Island Latinas

September 18, 2023

Events 2023



Our very first Health Equity Summit



We moved back to Central Islip....



Our second Citizenship Clinic



Our very first Thriving Latinas Expo



Our first series of Work Permit Clinics

We paneled at Hofstra's Human Trafficking Day of Dialogue event



Our first National Sexual Assault Conference



We were honored at the Suffolk County Women in Court's celebration



Our first Culturally Specific Core Advocacy Institute



Girls A.C.T. went to the United Nations



Thriving Latinas at Arts on Terry



We received Cultura Cura training



300

Christmas Toys Distributed

*Thank you to our individual
donors for making Christmas
special for our children.*



220

Thanksgiving Dinners
Distributed

*Thank you to Island
Harvest, Branches Long
Island, & Compare Foods
Patchogue for your support!*

120

Backpacks Distributed

*Thank you to M&T
Bank for your support!*

