

ANNUAL REPORT | 2024

Solidarity Knows No Boundaries

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Dear Friends,

SEPA Mujer is proud to present our 2024 Annual Report, a testament to the unwavering dedication of our team and the invaluable support of our Board of Directors. This year, we were honored to support hundreds of newly arrived immigrants, refugees, and asylees. We provided essential services including safe housing, legal representation, financial assistance, and direct support. We also celebrated the invaluable contributions of women and immigrant families to our communities.



Ron Fisher
Board President

Despite navigating a period of uncertainty under a new administration, we remained steadfast in our commitment to equity and justice. SEPA Mujer continues to be a beacon of hope, empowering the immigrant community to stand tall and unafraid in their pursuit of social justice.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our team, the generosity of our donors, and the passion of our advocates. Together, we will continue to build a more just and inclusive future.

Thank you for your commitment to building a stronger Long Island.

A photograph of a group of women in traditional, colorful, multi-layered skirts dancing in a room. They are wearing matching headbands with orange and yellow flowers. The skirts are primarily red, orange, and yellow with intricate patterns. The background shows a room with wooden floors and walls, and other people are visible in the background.

OUR MISSION

STATEMENT LIGHTS THE PATH
FORWARD, GUIDING US
TOWARD OUR GOALS

YET, IT IS THE STRENGTH,
COMMITMENT, AND PASSION
OF OUR TEAM AND THE
UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF
OUR COMMUNITY THAT TRULY
MAKES OUR VISION A REALITY

TEAM

Abigail Esquivias
Alex Sulca
Anahi Sanchez
Andrea Antonellis
Angie Pena
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Jessica Taggart
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INTERNS

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Andrea Rivas
Angelina Hernandez
Aspen D'agostino
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Jenna Zambrano

Jessica Guardado
Jonathan Elizer
Julia Caruso
Keyri Contreras
Kristen Solieri
Priscilla Ramirez
Rossy Bran Euceda
Samantha Nunez

Gracias VOLUNTEERS

Adela Prado
Allison Bonilla
Ana Archaga
Ana C.Mena
Ana Romero
Analia Quispe
Andrea Rivas
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Angie Lopez
Argenis Osorio
Arnold Cifuentes
Ashley Paz
Benjamin Davis
Brittany Jones
Carmen Caiza
Cecilia Rocano
Delmi Quintanilla
Deysi Amaya
Edith Moran
Eduardo Castillo
Elda Noriega
Elvia Cuadra
Emily Adamo
Emily Vasquez
Erika Venegas
Estela Lopez
Fabiola Cahill
Gabriela D Llanes
Lorenzana
Georgina Leon
Irma Melina Tapia
Valverde
Jacqueline Genao
Jacqueline Genao
Jacqueline Romero
Jisela Hincapie
Jomayra Lliguin
Jonathan Elizer
Jordyn Ferguson
Junette Gunter
Lina Pereyda Ramirez
Lourdes Inga
Luz Estrella
Marcia Gachinado
Maria Castillo
Maria De Jesus Pinedo
Maria Guzman
Maria Sanchez
Maria Santos
Mariella Suarez
Marina Criollo
Martina Gamboa
Mayra Azusena Cruz
Melida Vargas
Mercedes Montero
Nancy Aleman
Narcisa Lliguin
Orbelina Felipe
Paula Sabando
Ruby Porras
Ruth Herencia
Salome Acevedo
Sofia Argueta
Sofia Tenezaca
Susana
Tania Maza
Trisha Chin
Vanessa Vargas
Veronica Garcia
Victoria Lopez
Vilma Chavez
Yolanda



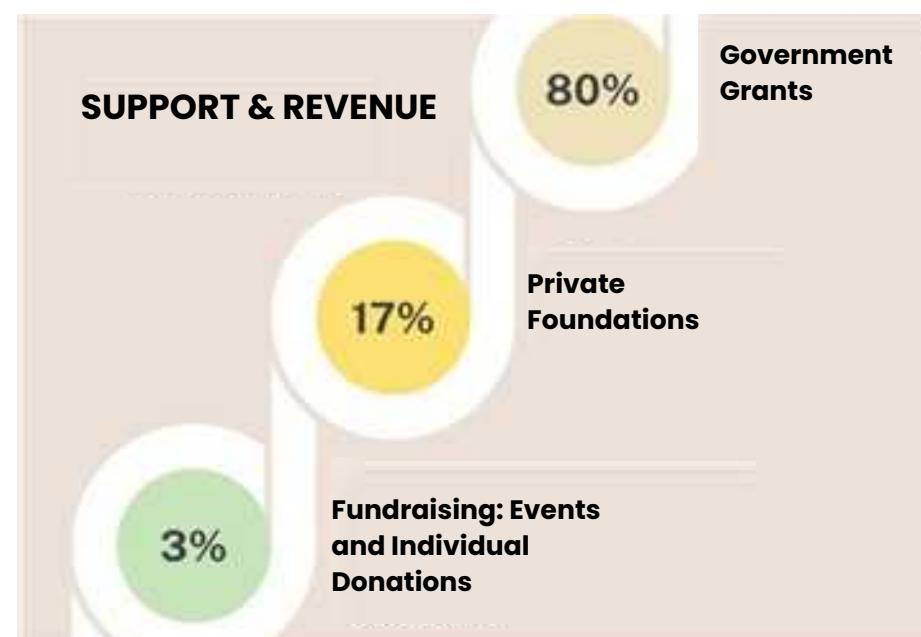
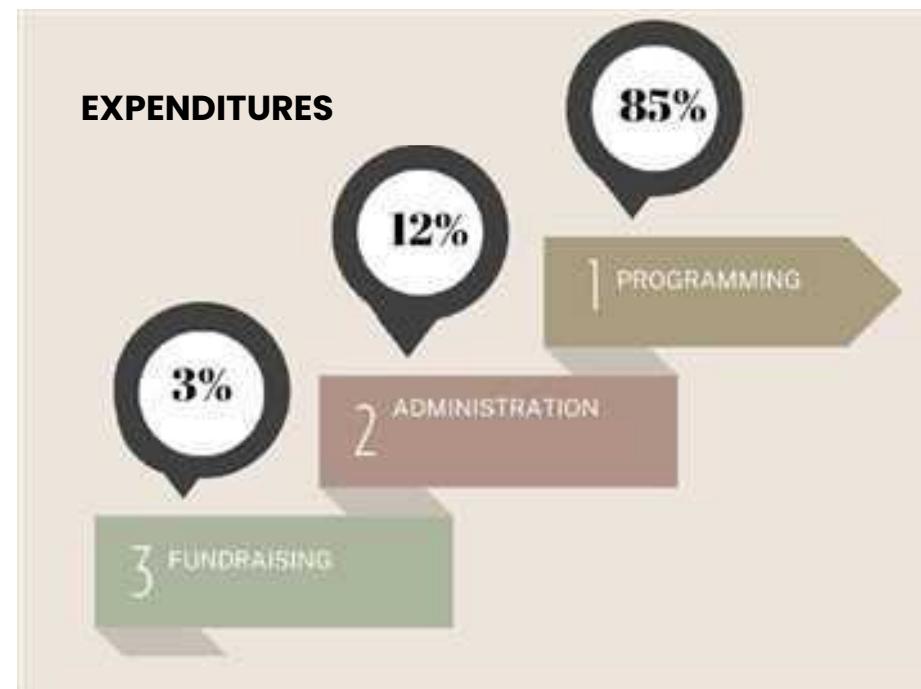
MADE POSSIBLE WITH

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Coordinating Council
Emergency Food and Shelter National Board
Esperanza United
NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
NYS Office of Victims Services
Southampton High School
Suffolk County Criminal Justice
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
Town of Brookhaven
Town of Southampton
US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
US Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
US Office on Violence Against Women (OVW):
Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV)
Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (CSSP)
Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program (SASP)
Transitional Housing Assistance Program (TRAN)

PRIVATE GRANTS

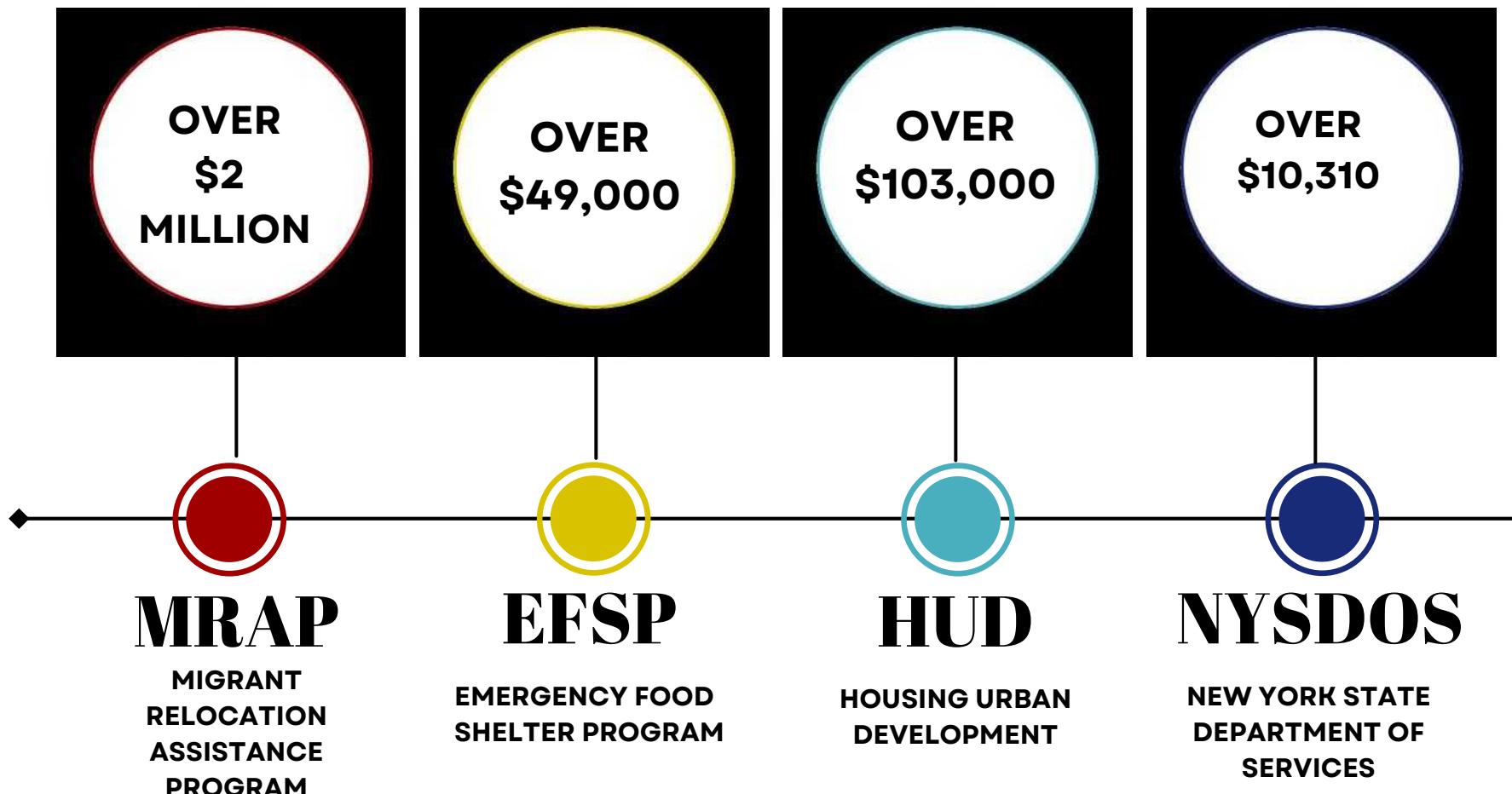
Allstate Foundation	Rauch Foundation
Alpern Family Foundation	Riders Alliance Grant
Amalgamated Charitable Foundation	The National Association of VOCA
Assistance Administrators (NAVAA)	The New York Community Trust-Long Island
CITI Foundation	Unitarian Universalists Veatch Program at Shelter Rock
Daughters of Wisdom	Workforce Development Institute
Good Neighbor Initiative	Worker Justice Center of New York Inc.
Grant Workforce Development Institute	
Hispanic Federation	
Island Outreach Foundation	
Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation	
Mother Cabrini	
New York Immigration Coalition	



OVER \$2.4 Million Distributed in Cash Assistance

Distributed Cash Assistance in direct financial aid, supporting rent, utilities, and essential needs for individuals transitioning from shelters to safe and stable housing.

OTHERS: ESPERANZA UNITED AND DRIVER LICENSE FEES: \$807





Delivering Justice *for all*

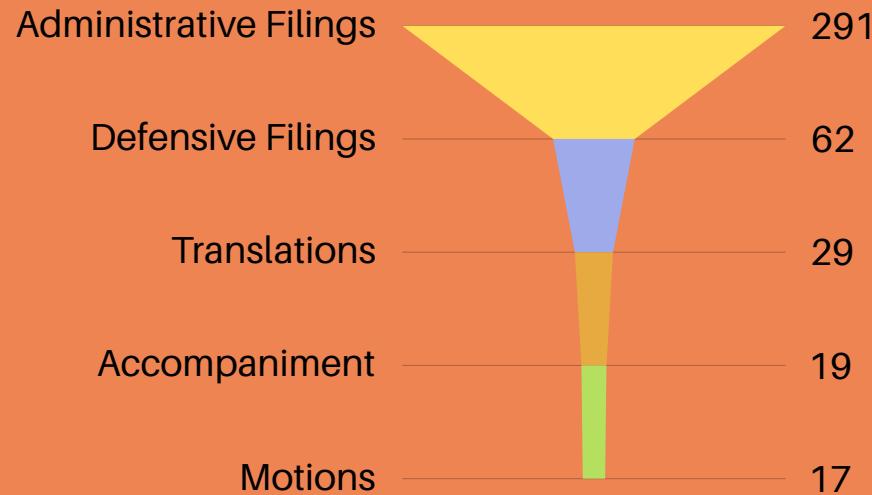


LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED

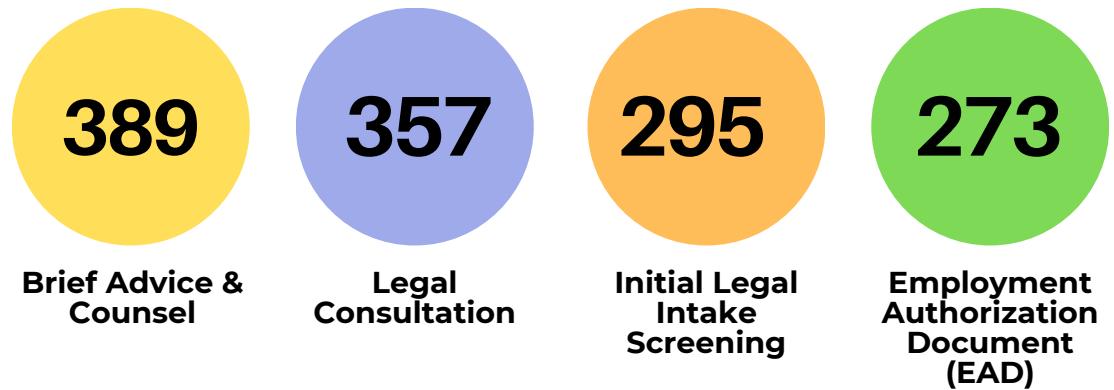
The five-person Legal Unit operates three key legal programs funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) under the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office for New Americans (ONA) through the Hispanic Federation, and the Migrant Relocation Assistance Program (MRAP) administered by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).



TYPE OF LEGAL SERVICES



LEGAL SERVICES AREA PROVIDED



*Workshops: Know Your Rights (KYR) and monthly orientation and others: Eight (8)
*EAD (Early Dispute Resolution)

Empowering Suffolk County Families Together



Migrant Relocation Assistance Program (MRAP)



SUPPORTING FAMILIES, BUILDING FUTURES

MRAP PROGRAM

Empowering Communities through Relocation and Workforce Development

184 ADULTS SUPPORTED

177 CHILDREN SUPPORTED

107 FAMILIES RELOCATED

WE PRIORITIZED STABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT



OPENING DOORS TO FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

60 ADULTS SECURED FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

37 ADULTS ENGAGED IN PART-TIME ROLES

3 ADULTS WORKING PER DIEM

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



laboration and learning
transformation.

8 Monthly Orientations & Meetings with Families.

5 Workforce Workshops.



14 FAMILIES GRADUATED
FROM PROGRAM

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Food pantry information
- Enrolling children in school
- Applying for daycare
- Obtaining health insurance
- Opening bank accounts
- English Classes
- Processing drivers license
- Obtaining social services
- Transportation assistance
- Assistance with paying utility bills
- Food cards

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SEPA Mujer truly became a family for us. It's hard to put this into words. In the face of challenges in life, when we didn't know what to do, knowing that there were people we could rely on... This thing gave us strength and peace. I will never forget this kindness, this warmth, for the rest of my life. Perhaps SEPA Mujer was the strongest reminder to me that there is still goodness in this world.

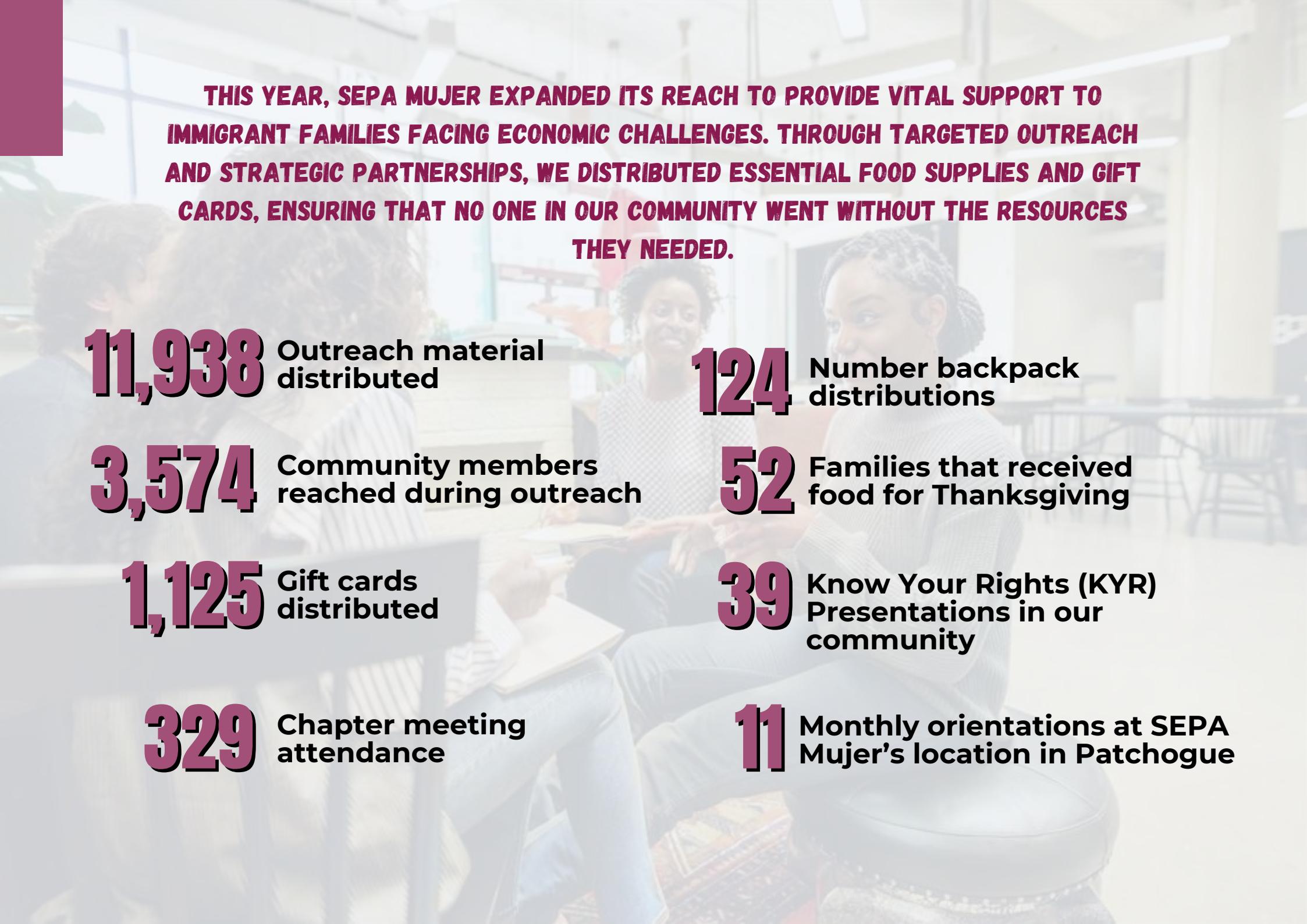
education

social leadership

growth

EQUITY AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT





THIS YEAR, SEPA MUJER EXPANDED ITS REACH TO PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT TO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES FACING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. THROUGH TARGETED OUTREACH AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, WE DISTRIBUTED ESSENTIAL FOOD SUPPLIES AND GIFT CARDS, ENSURING THAT NO ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY WENT WITHOUT THE RESOURCES THEY NEEDED.

11,938 Outreach material distributed

3,574 Community members reached during outreach

1,125 Gift cards distributed

329 Chapter meeting attendance

124 Number backpack distributions

52 Families that received food for Thanksgiving

39 Know Your Rights (KYR) Presentations in our community

11 Monthly orientations at SEPA Mujer's location in Patchogue

CASITA PROGRAM

Casita is a rapid rehousing program for survivors of domestic violence that is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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**Families that have secured
stable housing**

This year, the CASITA program provided safe and secure housing for seven families in need. By ensuring a stable home environment, SEPA Mujeres helped these families move forward with dignity and peace of mind, reaffirming our commitment to creating pathways to safety and stability.



AYUDA LATINA PROGRAM

1,530

Volunteer hours

3,782

Calls taken by our main office

3,000

Calls taken by our hotline

1,195

Clients impacted by our services

2,639

Clients impacted by direct services

30

Clients that received housing and financial assistance



THRIVING LATINAS PROGRAM

94

Knitting our stories
group sessions

68

English as a second
language classes
completed

79

Participants since
January

13

Art therapy group
sessions

Client Testimonials

"I am deeply grateful for all the support you have given me in all the classes I have attended, both personally and professionally. Thank you to everyone who is part of Thriving Latinas and to all the staff at SEPA Mujer."

"I am very grateful to SEPA Mujer and its Thriving Latinas program. Since joining, we have been welcomed with so much love and affection. The change in each and every one of us is very evident, both personally and emotionally, as they have empowered us to become valuable women. Thank you very much to the Thriving Latina's team!"



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM: THE FREEDOM PLAN

Empowering Survivors, Restoring Freedom, and Building Resilience

4,409

People engaged through on
the street outreach

21

Presentations to the
community

23

Individuals assisted with case
management

624.35

Volunteer hours

The Freedom Plan addresses the urgent needs of human trafficking survivors, providing critical support, advocacy, and resources to help them regain control of their lives. By combining survivor-centered services with strategic partnerships, we create pathways to safety, healing, and independence.

The SANAR program served 46 participants this year, offering a holistic approach to healing through Mindfulness Groups, Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, and Promotoras Training. Each component equips participants with the skills and support to overcome challenges and thrive.



S.A.N.A.R Program: Healing and Empowerment

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Community Championship Soccer
Inauguration



Latina Bosses
Networking Event



Annual Gala at
The Waterview in Port Jefferson



Latino Conservation Day
on Fire Island



Hispanic Heritage
Parade in Patchogue



Walk 4 MOM



200 TURKEYS DISTRIBUTED

Thank you Island Harvest
for your donations!



124 BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED

Thank you to M&T Bank
for your support!