In the fall 2019 cycle, we served 1,768 participants from 47 countries.
Bridget Meehan, Mercy Center’s Director of Immigrant Services, accompanied a participant to her naturalization interview and exam. Bridget accompanies anyone who needs a bit of additional support. They had to wait for over four hours, but as you can tell from the smiles on their faces, all went well. We’re happy to introduce you to Juana, one of this year's new citizens!
Adult Education & Workforce Development

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classrooms were packed with culturally diverse groups of participants. While they may have very different backgrounds, all are united in their commitment and dedication to improve their English language skills.

"Although I can't speak English fluently yet, I feel like I understand a lot more than before when someone speaks to me in English." - an ESOL student

"I keep coming to keep improving in the United States and because I'm treated well." - an ESOL student
“Sessions with my Mercy Center family worker have helped me with communication, understanding family dynamics, and understanding myself. A financial literacy course with Qualitas taught me not to be afraid of credit cards and the importance of saving money. Individual financial coaching helps me feel accountable to keeping the goals I’ve set. Mindfulness sessions with Tanya Valle have helped me to calm down, to center myself. Overall, Familia Adelante has connected my family and connected us with other families.”

Stephanie
Youth Programs

Mercy Center has been a part of our South Bronx for years. It is a great community where you can come and express your feelings. Mercy Center is a peaceful and nourishing community where they help you and other people to try to make the world a better place. They try to bring new activities every time so we can have fun like robotics, crocheting and Fiver Club. Overall Mercy Center is a great place with great people and good things.

Surina, grade 6

Mercy Center has an after school for kids K-6. Mercy Center is the best after school ever. We do robotics, go to the park, have girl talk with 4th grade girls, and always have yummy snacks. I go to Mercy and do fun things. I love to go to Mercy Center camp because we go everywhere in the world to learn more and have fun.

Estrella, grade 4
"Culture Day" was held for the first time ever at Mercy Center on October 11th. The gathering of almost 50 participants was a celebration of diversity that began with a shout out of countries and ended with food and music!

One-on-one sessions with a social worker and educational community activities address many of our participants' needs.
We celebrated Mercy Day on September 24th, commemorating the founding of the first House of Mercy in 1824 by Catherine McAuley, RSM, and reflecting on the charism of Mercy. Mercy is central to the work of Mercy Center; this core value is at the heart of all we do.

We offer yoga, spirituality groups, support groups, and stress-reduction groups as part of our holistic approach. They complement our educational, family, and youth programs.
Special Events

Our Yankees fundraiser on Friday, July 19 was a success! Party City Party Suite #6 provided food, drinks, and refuge from the sweltering heat, while nearly 50 attendees cheered the Yankees' 8-2 win over the Colorado Rockies.

The shotgun start was VERY early at 7:30am on a chilly September 13th morning at Leewood Golf Club, but the coffee was hot, the sun was shining in a clear blue sky, and the golfers were eager and ready. The winning foursome shot an impressive 73!
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