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April is **National Volunteer Appreciation** month, and we would like to express our gratitude to all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to help HACES thrive! Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, without their selflessness, we would not be able to serve as many people as we do. From assisting with events, to helping with day to day administrative tasks, and teaching and tutoring our citizenship students, our volunteers have contributed in countless ways and we are deeply grateful for their support.

We know that volunteering is not always easy; our volunteers have shown a level of dedication that is truly inspiring. To all of our volunteers, we want to say **Gracias!** Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to HACES!

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, click the button below to fill out an online form.

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In her own words...

My name is Angela, I am currently a Master's in Social Work candidate at Loyola University and have been working with HACES as an Intern since September 2022. I have been working closely with the New Americans Initiative program, where I have learned the "ins and outs" of the Citizenship application process. Throughout my time here, I have learned how to complete the tedious and complex process of filling out the N-400 application, assisted with gathering the required information and documentation from the clients, and have followed through until the clients participate in their Oath Ceremony. I have also assisted in facilitating HACES' Citizenship classes in Spanish, where I helped students in preparing for their citizenship exam.

Along with my past work experience, my experience with HACES has reinforced the notion that policies are always changing and it is important for us who work closely with populations being affected to be aware of these policies so that we can provide adequate support and services to our community.

As my time with HACES comes to an end, I have come to reflect on my appreciation for this organization as I believe the work being done is of great value to the Latinx community. I have witnessed how the clients not only appreciate the guidance of such complex processes, whether it be applying for citizenship or for public health benefits, but also the support and comfort they receive from the staff members at HACES. Along with HACES, I hope to provide a similar level of support and comfort to the Latinx population in the future.

Thank you Angela for the great work that you did with us this school year, we look forward to the amazing things you'll accomplish in the future!



Celebrating Success: Highlights from Our Recent Event!

Between January 1, 2022 and April 14, 2023, HACES helped 214 people achieve U.S. citizenship through assistance with the application process and citizenship classes that we provide at no cost to our clients. On Saturday, April 22, HACES hosted its 1st annual New Citizen Celebration, designed to honor our country's newest citizens, and to thank our citizenship class volunteers; the event was held at the Warren Newport Public Library.

We had over 75 people in attendance, including: U.S. Representative Brad Schneider (U.S. 10th District), Illinois State Senator Adriane Johnson (IL 30th District), Illinois State Representative Joyce Mason (IL 61st District), and Illinois State Representative Rita Mayfield (IL 60th District).

As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the generosity of our supporters to continue our work towards our mission. Will you consider a donation to help us continue making a difference in our client's lives? Any amount, big or small makes a significant impact on the work we do.

So please do head over to [HACES.ORG](https://www.haces.org) today and help us continue our mission with your generous contribution.

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Register Now!



We're excited to have you join us for our 2nd annual 5K Family Fun Run & Walk! All proceeds benefit HACES' programs and services; your participation, or donation will help us continue providing much needed community resources, health connections, education, and immigration, citizenship and DACA application assistance to our neighbors in Lake County.

Your purchase gets you entry to our timed 5K, an exclusive t-shirt, race medal and will provide much needed support to HACES programs and services!

Individual entry: \$35 before May 5
After May 5: \$40 individual entry
Race day: \$45 individual entry

T-shirts are guaranteed if registering before 5/12 and are available in adult unisex sizes small, medium, large, X-large, 2x-large, and 3x-large.

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For more information, or to request a sponsorship form, contact Alicia Garcia at amgarcia@haces.org, or visit our event website at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/IL/Waukegan/HACESFamilyFunWalkRun> to fill out the sponsorship form online.

 <p>Bronze (\$100)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor name on all promotional material Recognition on HACES website Vendor name prominently displayed in tent area 	 <p>Silver (\$250)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor name and logo on all promotional material Recognition on HACES website Mention in social media posts 	 <p>Gold (\$500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor name and logo on all promotional material Recognition on HACES website Mention in social media posts Sponsor name prominently displayed throughout the event
 <p>Platinum (Over \$500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor name and logo on all promotional material Recognition on HACES website Mention in social media posts Sponsor name placed on signs along the race route 	 <p>In-Kind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vendor name prominently displayed in tent area Vendor name on all promotional material 	

Can't make the 5K? Consider a sponsorship instead! Help support our event and promote your business at the same time, sponsorship levels are: Bronze: \$100, Silver: \$250, Gold: \$500, Platinum: Over \$500. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated!

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