



# 2017 Annual Report

Casa ALBA Melanie is the Hispanic Resource Center of the greater Green Bay area. Our mission is to nurture the well-being and wholesome development of all members of the Hispanic community living in the greater Green Bay area. Our services include: Educational Services, Professional Services, General Services, Community Liaison and Socialization and Family Needs. Casa ALBA Melanie services are provided through the work of our volunteers and are funded through the generosity of supporters. We are incorporated as a 501(c)3, non-profit entity. We do not receive any state, federal, or local tax support. We do not duplicate services available elsewhere in the community.

## GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

**91 volunteers**, from all walks of life, have donated 3,551 hours of their time, which is valued at \$184,402 in 2017. Our volunteers donated time achieved 150.8% of our annual financial volunteer goal.

**2 Computer systems** were donated by a very generous benefactor and deployed with no external labor cost to the organization. The Cayen Systems DataPropeller tracks all our organization's activities.

**74 Circle of Compassion Collaborators.** We work with 74 area agencies to form a circle of compassion to serve our Hispanic clients in Brown County and optimize services in the community.

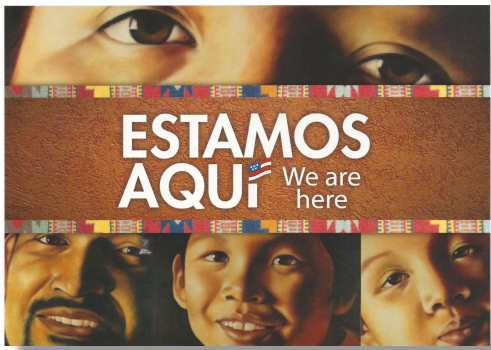


**954 Facebook "likes"**, up from 404 in January 2016, which allows us to more quickly and easily communicate with our Hispanic clients.

**1 website**, [casaalba.org](http://casaalba.org), was redesigned and redeployed with 100% volunteer labor.

**\$0 mortgage!** Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to pay off our mortgage! Substantial work needs to be done on the exterior shell of the building. Plus, we have plans to install a 2nd bathroom and updated kitchenette in the first floor. But, the pressure of paying a monthly mortgage payment has been relieved.

## COMMUNITY LIAISON SERVICES



**335 Days!** **Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Latino Identity in NE Wisconsin.** The Estamos Aquí exhibit at the Neville Public Museum opened with 200 guests on May 4, 2017 and will remain open through April 2018. Estamos Aquí ("We are Here") features the artifacts and personal stories of many Latino families in Northeastern Wisconsin.

**3 Mobile Mexican Consulate** events were held in Green Bay in 2017. Casa ALBA works with St. Willebrord Parish to host Consulate events that provide crucial documents to 400 families.

**Meet with area politicians** to advocate for sensible reforms to our immigration laws. We strongly advocate drivers card legislation.

**Work with local Police** to build trust and create a positive relationship with the Hispanic community through open communication and mutual understanding.

## EDUCATION SERVICES

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*6 GED students graduated in May.* Casa ALBA has 23 additional students studying: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Science.

*Early Childhood Classes* were offered at Casa ALBA in the spring and offered in the children's room at Grace Lutheran Church in the fall.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### 1 Brown County Recognition

Brown County Executive, Troy Streckenbach, issued an official decree recognizing Casa ALBA Melanie for the services it offers to the area's Hispanic community. The award thanked Casa ALBA for helping meet the unique needs of its Hispanic clients "while collaborating with others in a compassionate way to make the Greater Green Bay community a more vibrant, place to live, work and play."

*82 families* have been helped with Power of Attorney packets. Many local Hispanic families are afraid, even terrified, that their families may be torn apart by deportation. To help alleviate the anxiety, local attorneys and judges have prepared a "Power of Attorney – Delegating Parental Authority" form. The document provides instructions to the court system on how a minor should be cared for, should a family member be deported. We encourage all minor US citizens, with an undocumented parent, to apply for a US passport. Minor children will need a passport to be able to reunite with family members should they be deported. Casa ALBA Melanie now has over 35 volunteers trained to assist Hispanic families through the paperwork.

*Child Protective Services Partnership* We are working with Child Protective Services to protect children left behind from increased immigration enforcement. Many immigrant families have mixed legal status: one parent with legal immigration status, one parent without documentation, and a child with U.S. citizenship. When a parent is picked up for deportation, they may leave behind children that need to be treated with care and compassion, as well as with consideration of their legal rights as citizens.

*425 Dreamers* have been helped to obtain and maintain their DACA certification by Casa ALBA staff support.

*2,454 People Helped* through the services offered at Casa ALBA in the last year. We help 300+ visitors per month. Plus, we handle about 560 phone calls each month.

*2 West Side Churches* We are working with two of Green Bay's West Side parishes, Nativity and St. Elizabeth Seton, to provide monthly updates for their church bulletins on the area's Hispanic community. The articles are intended to be related to Catholic Social Teaching and how it links to issues that we have in Brown County. For many, all we hear may be world news, but there may be a basic level of missing knowledge. The articles are intended to inform local Catholics on the immigration process and issues facing the local Hispanic community.

*Love Lives Here!* It's our new tagline. So, what does it mean? **LOVE:** This love isn't the affection parents have for their children, or a mutual "give and take" loyal friendship, and it is certainly not romantic love that may be shared between a husband and wife. Rather this is the Pure and Selfless love shown by God to us, in offering His son for our sins. **LIVES:** I John 4:12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God LIVES in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. **HERE:** In this place, in this building, in this community, in this country and in our hearts as we work to do God's will on this Earth. *Love One Another.*

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