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EVENING PROGRAM

Ballroom Reception 6:30 pm

Open Premium Bar
Featuring Tito's Handmade Vodka

Entertainment 7:15 pm

Performance By Nataalka

Event Remarks 7:20 pm

Mark Zawaideh
Master of Ceremonies

Prayer

Fr. Pierre Konja

Dinner & Live Auction 8:00 pm

Dinner prepared for our honored guests
by Shenandoah Country Club

Timeless Giving Award 8:05pm

Presented by Kristin Olmedo
UCFS-CALC President & CEO

Awarded to Dr. Tiffany Zair-Yalda

Late Night Snacks 9:00 pm

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Raffle Closes 9:30 pm

Basket Raffle winners announced

Must be present to win

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Because of his passion for helping individuals and families achieve their real estate dreams, he has guided his clients through the complexities of the housing market with ease and expertise. Mark's dedication extends beyond the realm of real estate. He is deeply involved in the local community and supports various charitable initiatives, further solidifying his reputation as a leader with a heart for giving back.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Natalka Cap

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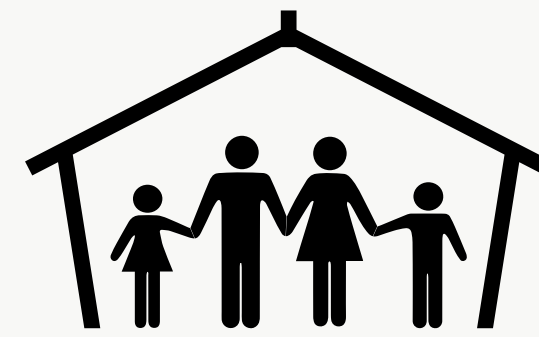
AUCTIONEER

Jim Alban

Jim has been a professional auctioneer for over 30 years, conducting hundreds of benefit and charity events across the Central and Southwest regions of the USA and Canada. He is a contributing author of "Boost Your Benefit Auction: Fundraising Tips From Pro Auctioneers" by Jenelle Taylor.

Known for his expertise, Jim not only serves as an auctioneer and event advisor but also as a successful marketing and public relations professional. He offers strategic advice and solutions for fund development challenges, supported by his extensive network in the corporate world, media, sports, and entertainment. Jim is a member of the National and Michigan Auctioneers Associations.





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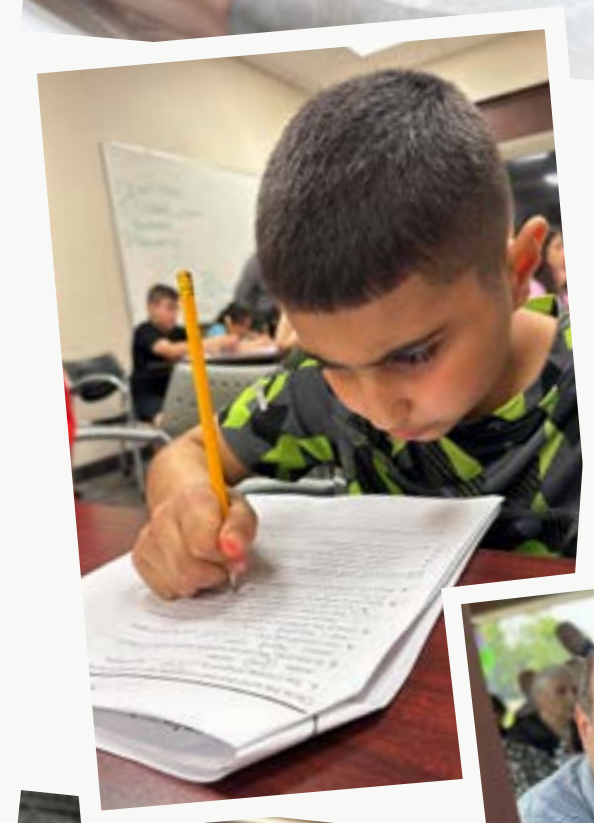
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Core Purpose

To provide programs that guide, support, and empower individuals to achieve self-sufficiency with dignity & hope.

Agency Vision

To be recognized as the community leader in transitioning those in need to self-sufficiency.



WOMEN BEHIND OUR MISSION

The success of the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity always comes down to its people. Here are the leaders who have helped shape UCFS-CALC over the years into the strong humanitarian organization it is today.



Mary Dabish
1961-1962



Margarett Sarafa
1962-1963, 1967-1969,
1973-1975, 1977-1978,
1986-1988, 1994-1996



Victoria Atchoo
1963-1964



Julia Hakim
1964-1966, 1978-
1982, 1990-1994



Edith John
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1969-1970



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1970-1971



Joane Thomas
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1982-1986, 1988-
1990, 1996-2000



Jane Shallal
2000-2004



Clair Konja
2004-2008



Sally Najor
2008-2009



Gloria Kassa
2012-2014



Rita Foumia
2014-2017



Renee Valdo
2019-2022



LeeAnn Kirma
2009-2012, 2017-
2019, 2023-2024



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Sixty-three years ago, a remarkable journey began with the founding of the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (CALC). It emerged from the compassionate hearts of a small group of visionary women who sought to make a profound difference in the lives of the less fortunate, the ailing, the elderly, and the newest arrivals to our nation. Their pioneering spirit and enduring mission remain as relevant today as they were in 1961. CALC has since grown from an all-volunteer agency into a large organization providing wrap-around services and programs through qualified staff, Board members, and volunteers. In 2016, the Board adopted the expanded name of United Community Family Services (UCFS) to better deliver the message of an organization supporting the community and families in Southeast Michigan.

Through decades of dedication, CALC's mission has continued to ignite inspiration among our leaders, members, and supporters. We have touched the lives of thousands of families, provided sustenance and addressed the fundamental needs of those who find themselves in the depths of hardship. Yet, our evolution in response to the ever-changing needs of our community has been equally steadfast.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our valued partners, for your unconditional support and for being an integral part of our enduring mission and vision.

Sincerely,

UCFS-CALC Board of Directors



2020 Family Vision



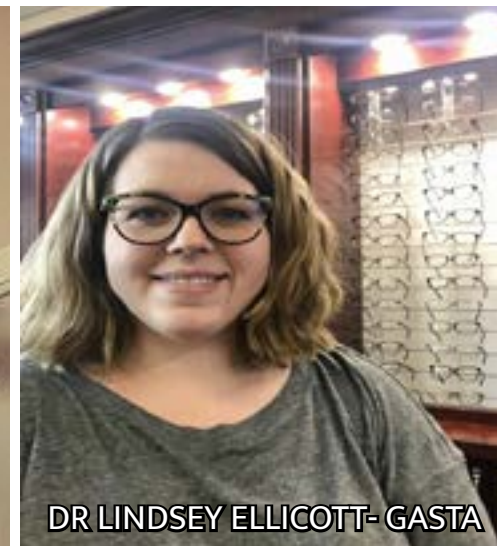
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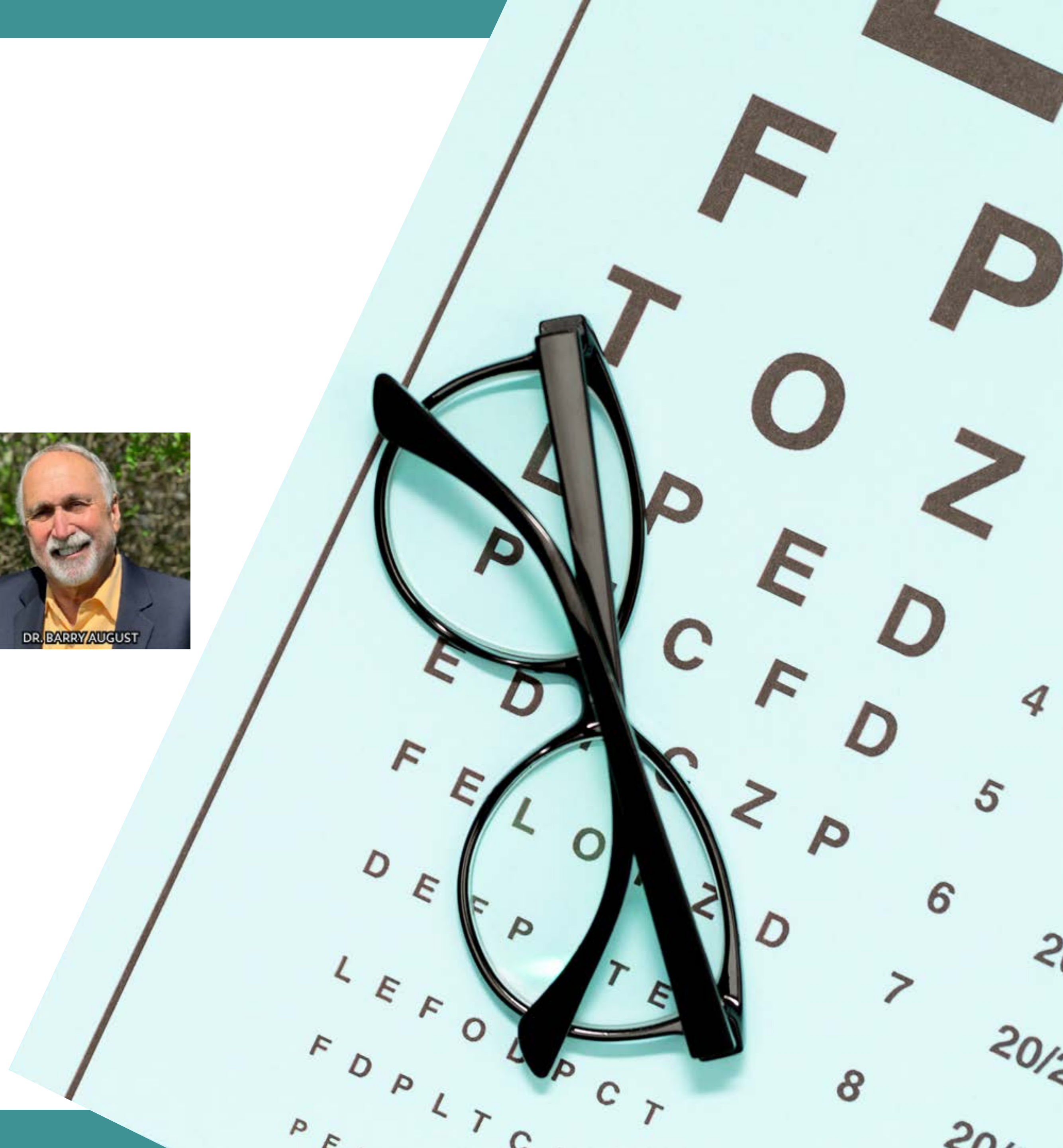
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



It has been an honor and privilege to serve during the United Community Family Services – Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (UCFS-CALC) 63 years of existence as Board Chair, volunteer, and member for over 28 years. To have been given the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of this organization’s past leaders has been an amazing and rewarding journey. The success and accomplishments of this past year could not have been possible without the dedicated executive and advisory board members, remarkable staff, kind-hearted volunteers, and generous donors.

Year over year, support from corporations, local businesses, and individuals within and beyond our Chaldean community continues to grow. This ongoing support has made it possible for UCFS-CALC to continue to help immigrants, refugees, and those in need throughout our community. Our Sharehouse and Food Pantry continues to thrive in providing fresh and nonperishable food, clothing, furniture, and household necessities to individuals and families.

Our organization will continue to grow and prosper in the many years to come. Our continuous help to our community in need would not be possible without our Chaldean community and community partners. From an early age, most of us have been taught to have compassion, help others, and give back when we can. An individual’s act of giving back comes in many forms. It may be volunteering your time, supporting events, donating items no longer being used, or providing financial assistance. The key is to get involved.

Thank you to all for your continued support and dedication.

With Pride in the Past... Confidence in the Present... Hope for the future.

Blessings to you all,
LeeAnn Kirma, Board Chair



TIMELESS GIVING AWARD HONOREE



Dr. Tiffany Zair-Yalda

"As a Chaldean American woman, I find it important to remember my roots and give back to the community from which I came. Witnessing the struggles of many of our parents and the new refugees arriving in the U.S. reminds me of how crucial it is to support our community. Knowing how hard UCFS-CALC works for our neighbors in need inspires me to contribute in any way I can. Supporting each other will only make us stronger as a community."

SHAREHOUSE BASIC NEEDS CENTER

Assisting families in crisis and meeting their critical needs of clothing and shelter.



SUPPORT

Your support has a direct impact! In 2023, United Community Family Services has been supporting people in need since 1961, providing programs that guide, support and empower individuals to achieve self-sufficiency with dignity and hope.



Over **12,000**
people served.



4,739 Volunteer hours = **\$118,900**
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Our **6,050 sq. ft** warehouse with
food pantry and basic needs center.

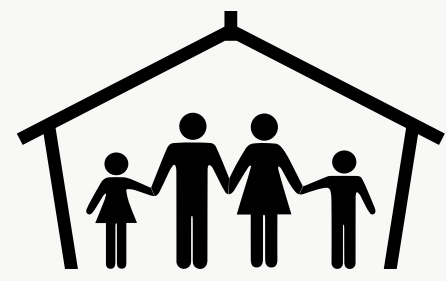
54,529 items distributed.
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Your generous contribution to the Timeless Hope Giving portion of our auction will help UCFS-CALC continue to serve our neighbors in need with *dignity* and *hope*.

SHAREHOUSE

ALLEVIATING HUNGER

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CITIZENSHIP

ELDERLY PROGRAMS

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In 2023, the food pantry assisted **856 families** and provided **318,758 meals**.



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Elderly refugees often face a unique set of challenges while adjusting to the culture of the United States. UCFS' Elderly Refugee Program is designed to help seniors navigate through those challenges by providing direct services and social experiences.

BASIC NEEDS

CASE MANAGEMENT

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HOLIDAY GIVING

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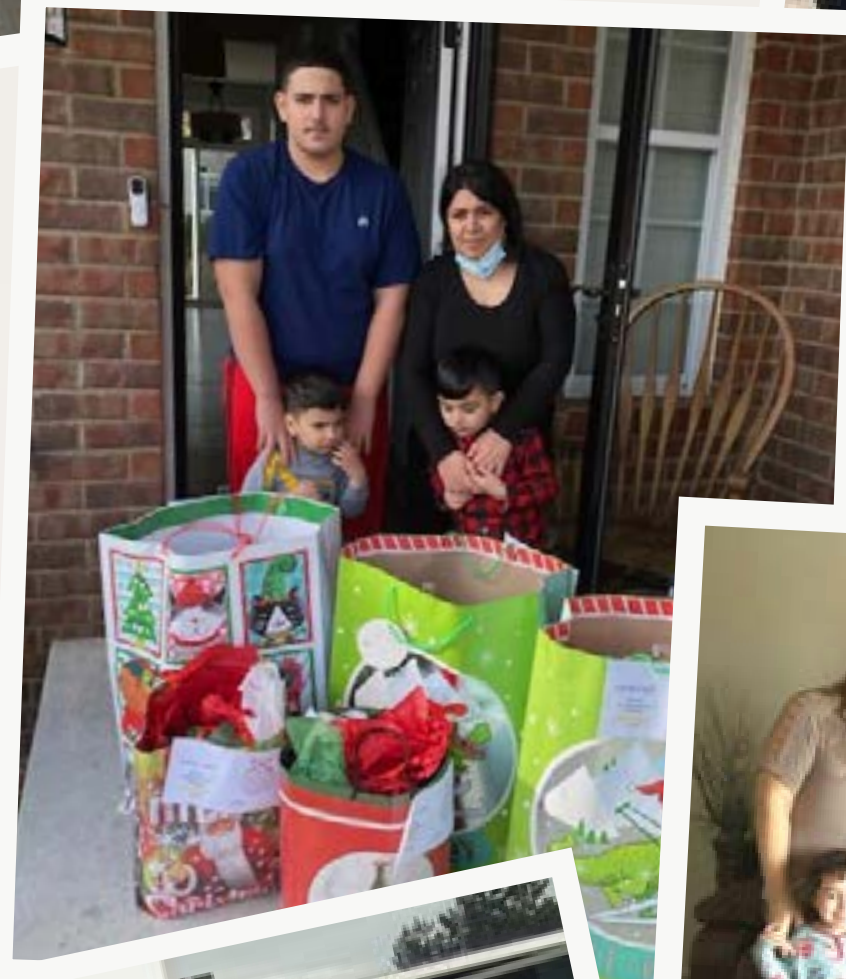
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CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROGRAM

Since the early 60s, CALC has asked the community to help families in need by providing toys, clothing, and household necessities during the holiday season. Each year, the community rallies together to support the Christmas Family Program. Thanks to their generosity, the holidays are brighter for hundreds of children and families.

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PROJECT PLAY ON!

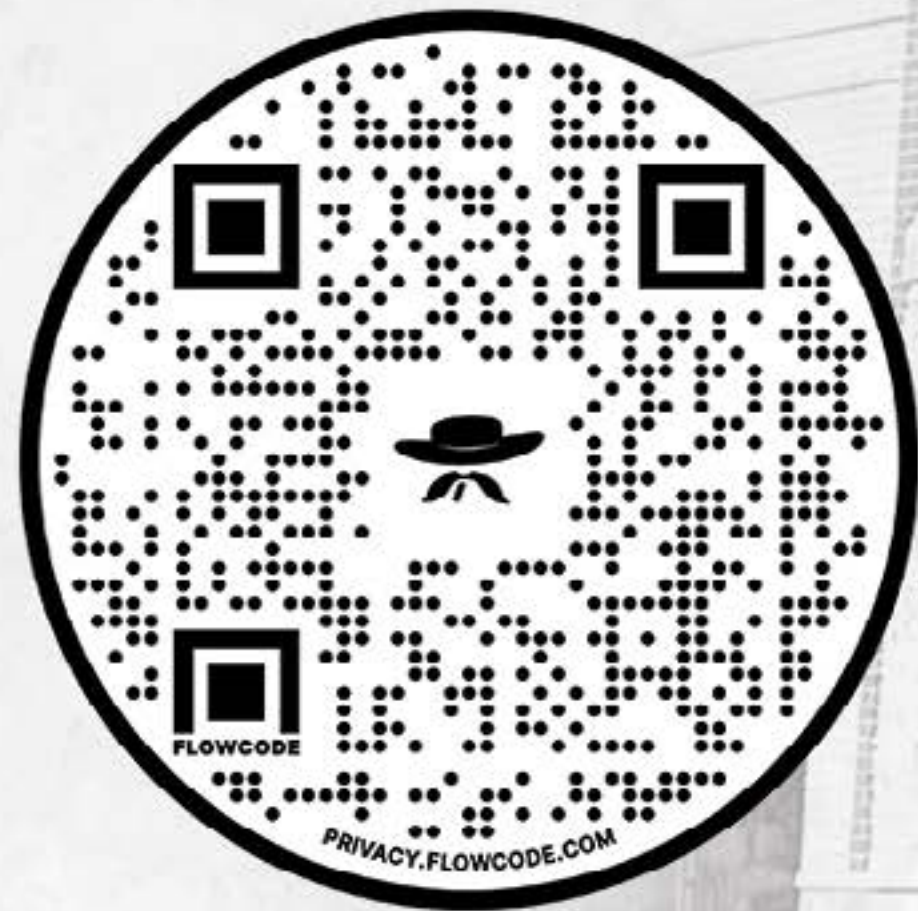
Project Play On! increases participation in organized sports and free play, particularly for refugee and immigrant children. By the end of the program, participants show an improvement in leadership, social, and problem-solving skills, as well as an increase in physical activity and academic achievement.



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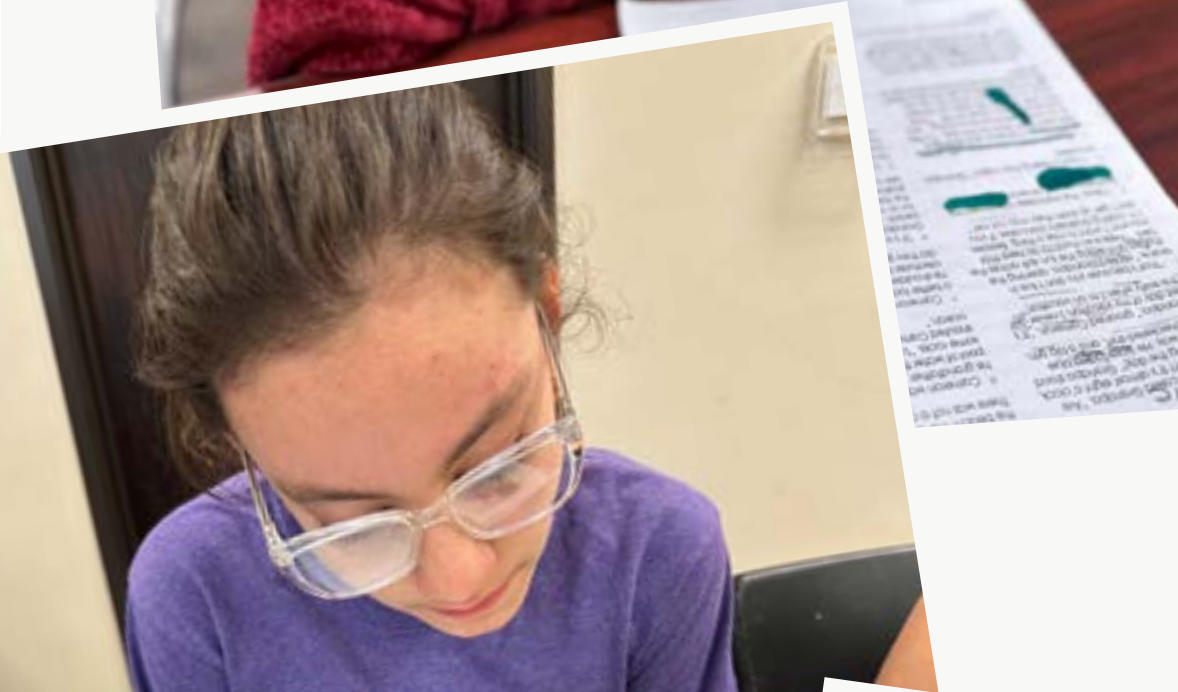
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PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

UCFS' tutoring program is offered to children from ALICE and low-income households. Each week, students receive help with homework and work with a Reading Specialist to improve their reading skills. This is crucial for refugee, immigrant, and first generation children in the aftermath of remote learning implemented during the pandemic.



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5 “And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6

But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

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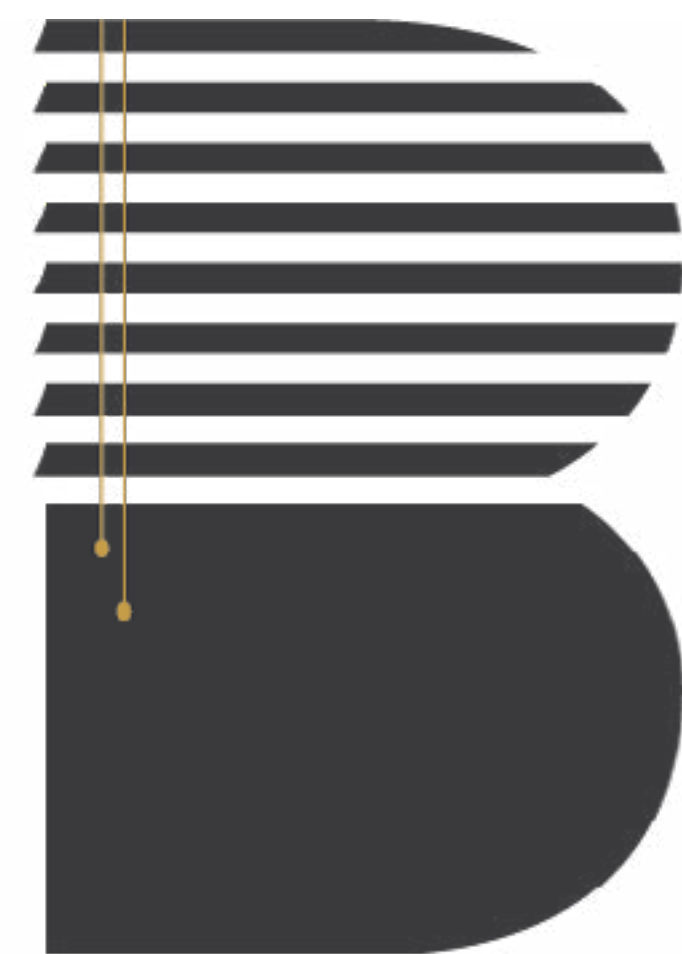
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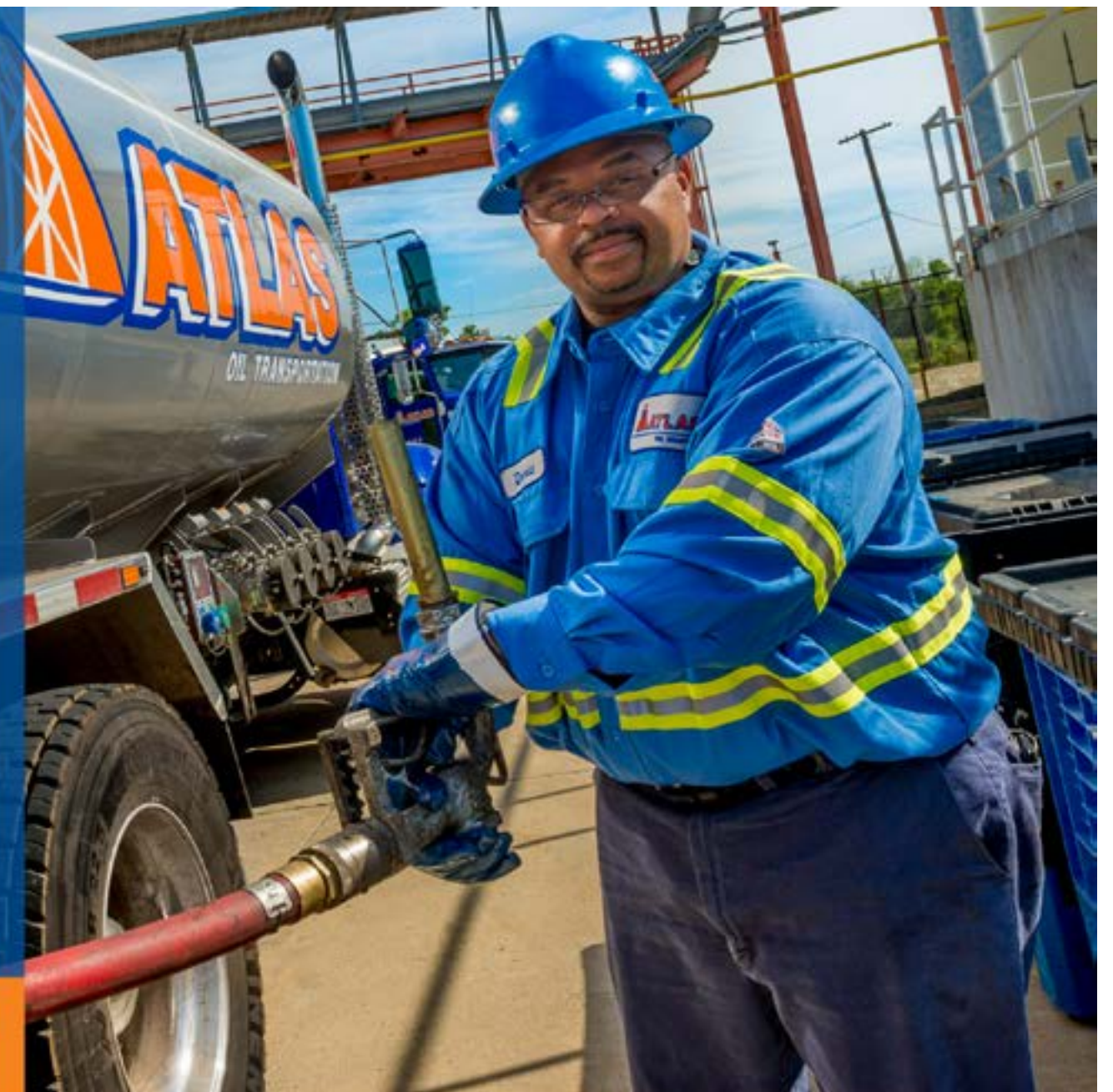


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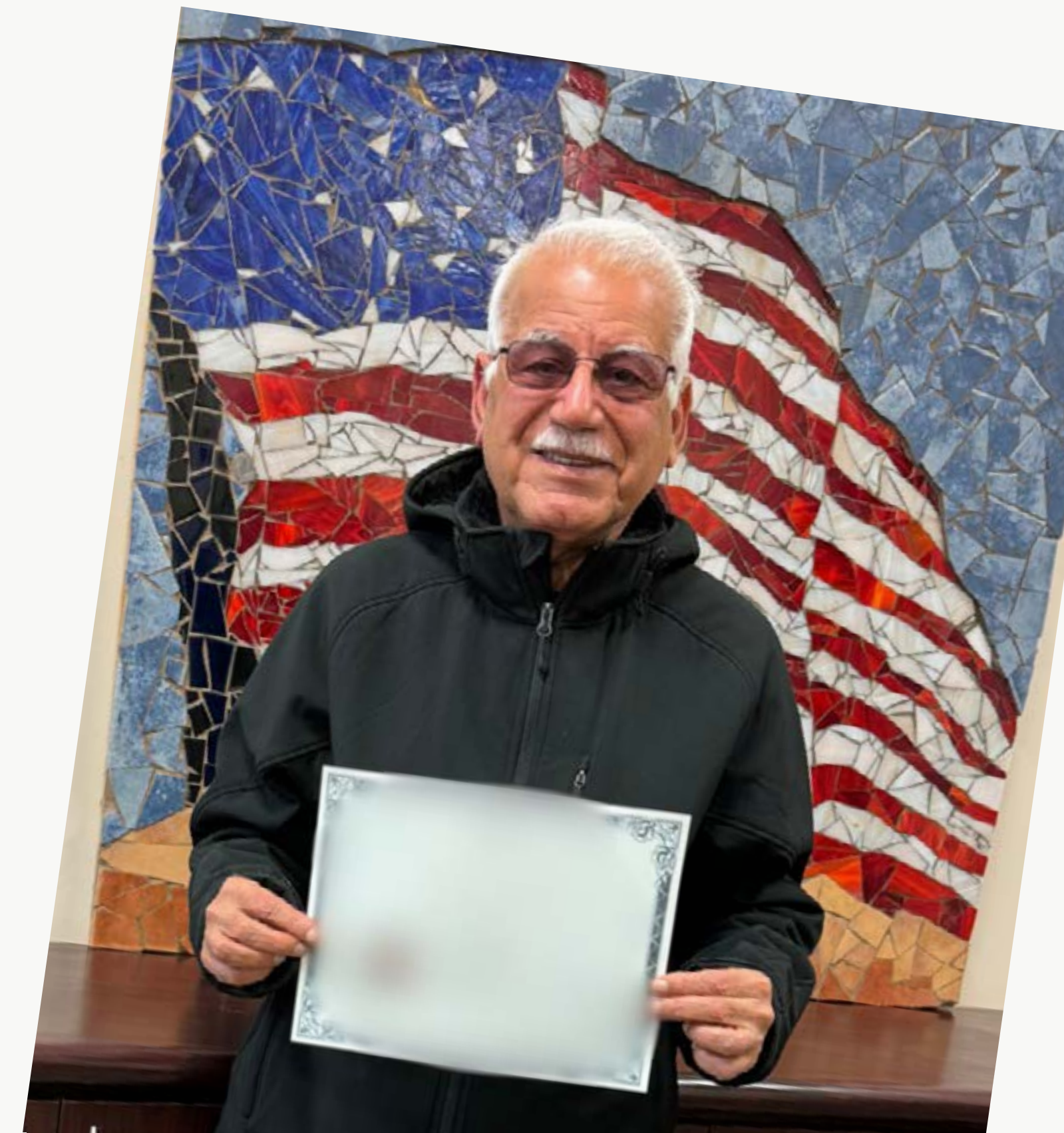


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