



CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND LOOKING AHEAD TO A BRIGHTER 2025.

Dear Friends and Allies,

VISION

To serve as an agent of change in people's lives and in the development of a strong and flourishing community.

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To provide services and resources that improve the quality of life and increase public participation in the community.

As we embark on 2025 and approach our 23rd anniversary, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your support and trust. Thanks to you, 2024 was a transformative year during which we impacted the lives of **10,000 people**, reaffirming the power of community action to change lives and build a bright future for our families and children.

Throughout the year, we collaborated with **over 40 schools in Chicago and its suburbs**, providing tools and opportunities to foster the holistic development of children and families. Among our most notable achievements are:

- 🌟 **Direct Impact:** We improved the lives of hundreds of children and families, enhancing their emotional, academic, and social development.
- 🏠 **Educational and Recreational Classes:** We offered instruction through classes such as Yoga, LEGO, Math, Folkloric Dance, Astronomy, 3D Printing, Robotics, Visual Arts, Music, Cooking, Crochet, Sports, and many more, nurturing creativity and learning in a safe and loving environment.
- 💪 **Instructor Training:** We conducted workshops on leadership, socio-emotional strategies, and classroom management, empowering our **300 collaborators** to be agents of change in our community.
- 🤝 **Key Collaborations:** We built partnerships with organizations like *CPS, Metropolitan Family Services, IBIO, The Merit Music School, The Joffrey Ballet, YMCA, Field Museum, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago Growth Mindset, and Asian Health Coalition*, strengthening our support network.
- 📸 **Shared Memories:** We captured moments of joy, achievements, and smiles during our activities and shared them on social media to celebrate the fruits of our labor.
- 🧵 **Empowerment through Sewing:** A total of **224 mothers** participated in our sewing classes, developing practical skills for garment creation and repair, enhancing their creativity, and exploring entrepreneurship opportunities. The program also fostered self-sufficiency, sustainability, and community building while incorporating concepts of geometry and spatial reasoning through pattern-making and design.
- 🌍 **Immigration Support:** We assisted **5,980 individuals** through our Immigration Department; 540 opened cases, 1,125 followed up on their cases, and many made progress toward regularizing their immigration status in the United States.
- 👨👩👧 **Workshops for Families:** We supported over **1,500 parents** with practical workshops on self-care, family communication, responsible parenting, bullying prevention, and stress-reduction strategies, promoting overall well-being.

All of this is made possible through various federal and state grants, as well as private and in-kind donations.

Looking Ahead to 2025

While the challenges are significant, our commitment to the community is stronger than ever. We will continue creating spaces where children and families can grow, learn, and achieve their goals.

♥ Thank You for Being Part of Our Mission

On behalf of everyone at Frida, THANK YOU for 23 years of trust and support. Together, let's continue building a brighter future for our community.

Warm regards,

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