**Arsht-Cannon Fund Supports Delaware’s Latino Families with $582,248 in Grants**

The Arsht-Cannon Fund (ACF) at the Delaware Community Foundation has awarded $582,248 in grants to Delaware’s nonprofit organizations that are reaching out to Latino families with accessible and needed educational programs at this time of crisis.

To address the devastating and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Latino families, FY 2020-21 grants ranged from direct relief to meet basic needs of qualified immigrant families in crisis, to support for the development of innovative and sustainable programs by collaborating nonprofit partners. In between, funding has been dedicated to a variety of programs that support learning and, ultimately, integration and empowerment.

“Amid the rising needs of families and the challenges faced by Latino-serving nonprofits, 2020-21 grant funding was prioritized to our nonprofit partners who redesigned their critically needed programs to reach families safely, effectively and with love, excellence and sustainability,” ACF Executive Director Dr. Christine Cannon said.

FY 2020-21 grant awards focused on:

**Language Learning and Family Literacy:**

**ESL@Lutheran Church of Our Savior**– **$20,000**(second year of grant**)**Multi-level classes and online English instruction 

**PolyTech Adult Education**– **$20,000** (second year of grant) Family Literacy Program for parents and their children

**Literacy Delaware**– **$20,000** to strengthen southern Delaware’s ESL tutoring program

**Reading Assist**– **$20,000** to support AmeriCorps reading tutors at Academia Antonia Alonso Elementary School

**Pre-K through Career Planning Programs:**

**Nativity Preparatory School of** **Wilmington**– **$17,500** to support the Hispanic Services Program, a 12-year educational/support program for Latino boys from Wilmington starting at age 10.

**YMCA of Delaware**– **$13,000** for the Water Wise Program for 150 dual language learners at Academia Antonia Alonso Elementary School     

**Project New Start**– **$12,500**to support and prepare Latinos for employment and community reentry post-incarceration

**Arts and Cultural Education:**

**Three 2020 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations**– **$2,750 each** at the**Milton Public Library**, **Route 9 Library and Innovation Center** and **Dover Library**

**The Delaware Contemporary**– **$6,000** to support Building a Creative Future, a weekly arts program for at-risk youth

**Health Supports for Learning:**

**National Alliance for Mental Illness – Delaware**– **$19,448**to support the Hispanic Services Initiative throughout Delaware

**Autism Delaware**– **$9,000**to provide the Family Peer Support Program to families with children with autism

**Rosa Health Center**– **$25,000** to provide comprehensive care including health education to Latino families in central Sussex County

**Educational Advocacy:**

**Delaware Campaign for Achievement Now**– **$30,000**to expand Juntos Delaware, a Latino advocacy fellows training program

**Community Collaborative Partnerships:**

**Trinity Episcopal Parish**– **$40,000**to support bilingual counseling and referral services for Latino families between the parish and the Empowerment Center/Friendship House in Newport

**La Esperanza Community Center**– **$107,550**to expand the La Colectiva-inspired Family Coaching and Navigation Program in southern Delaware 

**First State Community Action**– **$100,000**for the **Sussex County Relief Program,** which supports payments to cover the basic needs (food, housing, utilities, etc.) of qualified Latino immigrant families in crisis. It is integrated with the Family Coaching and Navigation Program.

**ChristianaCare Caregiver Relief Fund**– **$15,000**to provide direct support to families of Latino healthcare providers – frontline caregivers

**La Colectiva de Delaware**– **$114,000**for management, operations and communications; leadership awards and Collaborative Planning Team funding

**About the Arsht-Cannon Fund**

*The Arsht-Cannon Fund was established in 2004 through the gift of the estate of the Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht and S. Samuel Cannon to the Delaware Community Foundation. The endowed fund benefits Delaware’s Hispanic families by partnering and funding nonprofits that provide educational opportunities -- improving the lives of all Delawareans.*

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