

**Centro Romero** 

<u>09/16/2022</u> Dear bringer of change,

Centro Romero has been helping immigrants and refugees for over 35 years. Centro Romeros' programs have helped many immigrants and refugees find a safe haven from the struggles they are facing. Programs such as the Women's program, legal services, adult education, youth services, and public benefits.

Founded on the beliefs of the Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. He stood up to the Salvadoran government during the civil war and offered his position as a high church member to help his people by being their voice.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero is used as a symbol to remind people that Centro Romero is here to help no matter what. They will give you resources such as domestic violence help, citizenship help, and language help. Centro Romero believes in resources for all because everyone deserves a chance for help. With the help of Centro Romero, many immigrants and refugees have found these resources and used them to overcome their challenges.

Some groups they help are those within the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders in the United States.

With DACA and TPS, legal help is necessary. TPS holders are part of a temporary program that only alerts them when it will expire and no further information. They need permission to work in The United States through TPS. It is unfair that at the end of the TPS frame you are unsure if you are able to keep working. No one should have to worry if they are going to lose their job.

Blanca Martinez, an active TPS holder, who arrived in the United States in 2001, has said that Centro Romer really helped her. Blanca Martinez is a mother of two; she came to the United States when she was 31 years old and with no knowledge of the English language. Unable to speak the language and unable to find any resources to help her, she started to find out where to go for help, which is when she overheard of the organization Centro Romero. Centro Romero gave her resources when she had no one to turn to, they helped her get permission from The United States to have a job and to be able to leave the country and come back.

Centro Romero has become a place where immigrants and refugees can go for help. Being alone in a place unfamiliar to you is really difficult, especially when you have no way of communicating with people who don't speak your language. And that is why Centro Romero is so important because it offers a place for communication, a place of help for everyone regardless of social income, class, education, and gender.

Blanca Martinez says that without Centro Romero she does not know where she would be right now.

"Centro Romero helped me when it came to filling out my TPS papers, when I have a question about what I should do in a legal situation I go to Central Romero, they help me when I had nowhere else to turn to, they gave me the resources and the help I needed to be able to find a job. I am very grateful for the resources and opportunities that I have received with their help..".

These programs offer many opportunities to those who came to America for a better future. For the people that came here starting from scratch, for the people that came here without any family, for the people that sacrificed everything for the opportunity of a better life we can help them.

With your help, we can offer more opportunities to those who came here for a fresh start. Those who came and started from nothing, these people need your help because without you the resources and programs Centro Romero has wouldn't be available to them.

With your donation, Centro Romero can help pay the expenses of those who require legal help, in the case of citizenship papers, those who need help with DACA, those with TPS, and those with legal permanent residency, not only that but, they could also help with adult education in the sense of getting a GED program or preparing for the citizenship exam.

With your help more possibilities and more opportunities for immigrants and refugees will open up because the resources are out there; We can help the people who came with nothing, the people who sacrificed everything for the simple hope of overcoming their struggles and gaining a better future in the United States.

Thank you so much for your time and help! -*Centro Romero* 

