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- 66 Hispanic high school students from West Bend, Kewaskum and Hartford and their parents participated in our Dream to Succeed program during the 2017-2018 school year.
- 47 Hispanic and non-Hispanic children took part in our Summer Spanish Camps this summer.
- 29 Hispanic children participated in our Summer Reading Program in collaboration with 4-H and UW-Extension.
- We've recruited over 80 new volunteers.
- We've assisted 3 individuals in the studying and preparation to become a U.S. citizen.
- The amount of hours the volunteers have put in this year is equivalent to Casa receiving **\$77,287.50 (in kind donation value)**.
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We continued to make a difference through our literacy programs and served as a community resource:

Our Hispanic adult education initiative provides educational skills and language training to Hispanic individuals, focusing on workforce development and everyday living topics. We held **2 adult English classes** at our facility in West Bend and 2 classes at United Way Resource Center in Hartford during both the Winter/Spring and Fall semesters, and 1 class in West Bend and 1 class in Hartford during the Summer. Individuals who cannot attend our classes are paired with qualified volunteer English tutors that work with them one on one or in small groups.

Our adult literacy initiative also includes **Community Bridge Building Seminars** that help connect Hispanics with resources in their community such as the local West Bend library, local nonprofit organizations, and educate on a variety of topics including financial literacy.

Our Hispanic child education initiative encourages increased English reading skills and promotes the importance of education and learning. Our after school program, **Read to Succeed**, serves children in three locations – Green Tree and McLane Elementary Schools in West Bend and the United Way Resource Center in Hartford. School district test data shows that 70% of our students met or exceeded their grade reading level.

During the 2017-2018 school year we continued the **“Dream to Succeed” Latino High School College and Career Readiness Program** for 40 West Bend High School Latino students and their parents, 11 Latino students at Kewaskum High School, and started serving 15 students for the first time at Hartford Union High School. Our goals are to emphasize high school graduation, help students identify academic strengths and multiple career opportunities, sources of financial support for post-secondary education opportunities, and learn critical soft skills for the workplace. We also collaborate with Badger Middle School in West Bend to introduce this program to their 7th and 8th grade Latino students and encourage them to participate in high school. The 2018-2019 school year is already showing program growth by 30%! As we expand, we also plan to establish a **scholarship fund** for eligible students who qualify, and a **Volunteer Mentor Program** component, to connect Latino High School students with adult volunteer Community Professionals who share similar career interests.

Our ongoing health literacy initiative, **“Healthy Latinos, Healthy Futures”**, aims to empower Spanish speaking families to make better lifestyle choices in the areas of nutrition, exercise and prevention & management of chronic health conditions. Our bilingual Community Health Navigator has helped expand our health program offerings, strengthen relationships with health and wellness collaborators and further our outreach in the Hispanic community! We provided a variety of different health seminars, screenings and activities, including biometric/blood screenings to determine participants’ A1c blood sugar and cholesterol levels, a “Family Healthy Habits” program, weekly Zumba classes with qualified bilingual instructors, the YMCA’s Diabetes Prevention Program, the Living Healthy with Diabetes and Living Healthy with Chronic Conditions programs.

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