

Revive South Jersey

2023 Outcome Year End Report

200 - adult learners enrolled and participating in GED, ESL and Adult Basic ed programs. There are currently 248 individuals on the waiting list for ESL alone.

8 – graduates earning their HS diploma through the GED program; **43** sections of the GED test passed; **13** adult learners earned their primary or secondary certificate from Mexico; **25** students graduated a level in ESL and **8** were able to graduate the ESL program.

400+ – youth participating in the winter/spring school year sessions of the soccer, karate, dance, music, tutoring, skating, art, art therapy, photography/videography, pre-military, mechanic training and social/emotional development classes in partnership with law enforcement in Bridgeton and Salem.

238 – individuals received free legal immigration services through a partnership with the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice that provides an on-site attorney based in Bridgeton in the Revive South Jersey offices.

5 – new students awarded full tuition scholarships to RCSJ Cumberland for two years and additional scholarship funds for two additional years at a four-year school through the Estrella Naciente Scholarship Program. See letter from one of our recipients on the next page.

45 – individuals were assisted in finding a new or better job in 2023; **19** individuals were guided through the process of earning their NJ driver's license and **12** individuals were able to earn a certificate in MS Office or a forklift operator certification.

1,500+ - individuals participating in our annual Hispanic Heritage Day event. This event features music, dance, food and novelty items from a variety of the Hispanic countries and cultures that our community is blessed to have residing in it.



when we are down you help me
bring us up to dance, dancing
and [redacted] to dance, dancing
is our dream I like to
dance but I don't feel to
comfortable but when I dance
with you I feel alive.

From: [redacted]



The following is a letter from one of our scholarship recipients:

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to share some exciting news with you that I've eagerly anticipated. On September 11th, I will leave for Fort Jackson to begin my basic training and join the Army Reserves. This decision has been an important step for me, and I wanted to keep you informed about my journey.

I also wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the Estrella Naciente Scholarship. It's truly remarkable how this scholarship has impacted my life and provided me with an incredible opportunity. Thanks to this scholarship, I am able to take a gap year to join the Reserves, which will not only allow me to serve my country but also work towards obtaining proper documentation for my immigrant parents.

This scholarship has relieved the financial burden and uncertainty often accompanying pursuing higher education. Knowing that I have the support of the Estrella Naciente Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my goals and aspirations without the constant worry about funding my education. The flexibility it offers has been a game-changer, and I am genuinely overjoyed to have this chance to make a difference in both my own life and the lives of my loved ones.

As I embark on this new chapter, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation again. Your belief in me and your contribution through the Estrella Naciente Scholarship has significantly impacted my journey. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity and return in April with a newfound sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Three Estrella Naciente recipients who shared their stories at the scholarship event at Terra Nonno Winery in June.



THANK YOU, to all those who supported the work of Revive South Jersey in 2023. We look forward to another incredible year in 2024. If you are interested in supporting this work, please contact Jonathan Cummings, jon@revivesj.org or 856-391-9110. For more information on Unidos para la Familia and to check out stories from our families, please visit our website at: www.unidosparalafamilia.com.