

Correction: We incorrectly introduced Diana Henriquez as Diana Hernandez. We apologize for the error, Diana!

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*ExtraGive is coming
November 18th, 2022!*

Each year, the Refugee Center works closely with Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation (LLEF) to participate in this incredible day of giving. The Refugee Center helps serve newcomer families working to integrate into life in the U.S., including those fleeing violence and instability from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 in 24 hours.

\$25 provides a family member with a coat, hat, and gloves.

\$100 assists a parent with childcare essentials.

\$250 assists a family with a utility bill for oil, electric, or water.

\$500 provides housing needs for a family.

If you're looking to make a difference and help IU13 change lives, please consider donating to [ExtraGive](#).

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Nursing Opportunity with Penn State



Penn State recently published an article about their Second-Degree Nursing Program. The article highlights several adult learners from IU13 as well as the Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon Success Centers who partnered with Penn State to develop a medical ESL program.

Former IU13 Community Education student Arzu Dede (pictured) said, "I will continue my professional life as an even more equipped nurse by learning new experiences and new

information. It isn't just a nursing degree for me. I will regain my lost self-confidence and hope."

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Cultural Navigation

Jaliliah Yacoub is one of Community Education's Cultural Navigators for the Refugee Center. She has been with



IU13 for six years and plays a vital role in helping students figure out what skills and classes they need to reach their goals.

Watum Nganju, who was featured in the August newsletter, is one of many refugees Jalilah has assisted. From helping him enroll in ESL and GED classes, encouraging him to take the next step in his career, and assisting him with job applications, she's been by his side since day one. She even provided aid with the immigration process for Watum's wife and son.

Tim Talk

IU13 Community Education Program Director

We recently received \$25,000 in funding through the Lancaster County Community Foundation's (LCCF) Community Bridge Builders program to support the work of the Lancaster County Re-Entry Coalition. IU13 chairs the Coalition's Education, Employment, and Training impact group, which zeroed in on the need for reentry roundtable discussions.

The roundtables will provide employers and HR professionals with an opportunity to discuss the challenges of hiring individuals after incarceration. Some employers won't hire reentrants even though the job might be a good fit. At the same time, reentrants and individuals supporting them in finding jobs might not have a complete understanding of employers' concerns with hiring reentrants. We are so grateful for LCCF funding which will help bridge the gap between employers and reentrants.



Student Success Story: Patricia Roldan



In 1996, Colombian, South America native Patricia Roldan had the opportunity to immigrate to the United States. She understood no English other than her name and country. She learned about IU13 from her brother, and when she moved to Pennsylvania to live with friends, she signed up for classes.

Patricia enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) as well as High School Equivalency (HSE/GED), where she met her former teacher, Tim Shenk, whom she's still in contact with today.

When she lived in Columbia, Patricia worked in Hospital Administration and integrative medicine, but when she came to the United States her education and experience weren't

recognized. She had to learn another profession to be able to sustain herself. This dedication and drive led her to a job as a Registered Nurse (RN) with a diploma from the former Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing. With a personal healthcare philosophy based on mental and physical wellness, Patricia chose to start her own business: Compassionate Touch Nursing Care, LLC. She took her love of people and passion for being a nurse to help those in need, integrating what she'd learned from her home country.

Patricia's hope is to create awareness for immigrants and challenge them to achieve their career goals, regardless of their situation. When asked what advice she would give to potential adult learners, she said, "Reach out to IU13 and learn the language. Commitment pays off."

New Staff Member

Diana Henriquez is Community Education's new student advisor for Lebanon county. She's worked for juvenile detention centers and mental health treatment programs. In addition, she has a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and a minor in Latino Studies, is fluent in Spanish and English, and is excited to help students reach their goals.



IU13 Community Education provides a wide variety of daytime and evening educational and supportive services to adults in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

Click on the links below or call us at **717-606-1708** for more information.

Interested in supporting IU13 Community Education? Your donation helps students purchase bus passes so they can attend school, pay for the HSE test, or buy shoes for a new job. Please donate today!

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Classes



English Classes (ESL)
English as a Second Language

High School Equivalency
GED | HiSET test prep classes

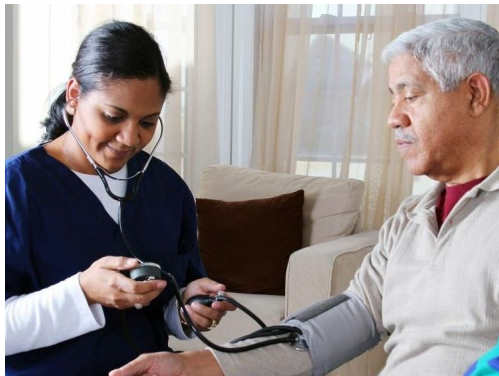


Citizenship
Must be a United States
Permanent Resident
(Green Card holder) to
enroll in classes

Family Literacy
ESL or HSE classes for
parents of children
between birth-3rd grade

IELCE
ESL classes with civics
instruction and placement
into job training programs

Workforce Preparation Classes



Health Careers
Pre-LPN/TEAS Training

Micro-Credentials
Administrative Support Professional
Direct Care Provider
Teacher Assistant (Special Education)

Lebanon Youth Program



In-School Youth**

14-18 years old

Out-of-School Youth**

16-24 years old

Services and Supports Include:

Paid Internships, Assistance in Seeking Employment, Training for Certification, Supportive Services, and more!

For more information please contact LebanonYouth@iu13.org, or call **717-947-1966**.

**Youth must meet income and eligibility requirements.

Services and Resources



Cultural Navigation

Bilingual cultural navigators connect children and adults with social, educational, and medical services in the community

*IU13 Community Education classes and services provided directly by IU13 staff are free with limited exceptions. Additional services/tests provided by our partner providers may have costs. Please contact us with any questions.

Contact Information:

For more information about Community Education visit [our website](https://www.iu13.org/community) at: <https://www.iu13.org/community> or call Lancaster: 717-606-1708 Lebanon: 717-450-1525



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