



2024

Closing the Gap Report

Food Insecurity and Workforce Development

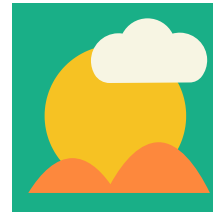
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Who We Are

The Mission of the Metro DC Hispanic Contractors Community Services, Inc. is to enrich the lives of immigrants and minorities in the Washington, DC metropolitan region by strengthening and empowering them through food security, Construction safety and job training, employment assistance, and civic education (collectively, the Priorities).

What We Do

Food Insecurity & Health Nutrition

- Monthly distribution of protein and vegetables to approximately 90 families
- Families and youth volunteer and earn community service hours

- Food nutrition workshops

Workforce Development

- Worker safety OSHA training
- Financial Literacy
- Soft skills
- Entrepreneurship (Food and Construction sectors)
- Women in Construction Pilot Program

Community Connectors

We work with Associations non-profit, private, and public sectors to support programs through linguistically and culturally competent training and outreach efforts.

Our impact since 2023

885

participants
helped

739

volunteer community hours

70

average number of people

served monthly

959

Food bags distributed

30

**Average
participants in our
health and
entrepreneurship
workshops**

.Closing the Gap seeks to be a transformative program whereby we are united by the same vision. *“Healthy families, healthy businesses, healthy communities”* **Cely Argueta, ED**

COMMUNITY CHANGERS





Expand our impact DC, MD & VA

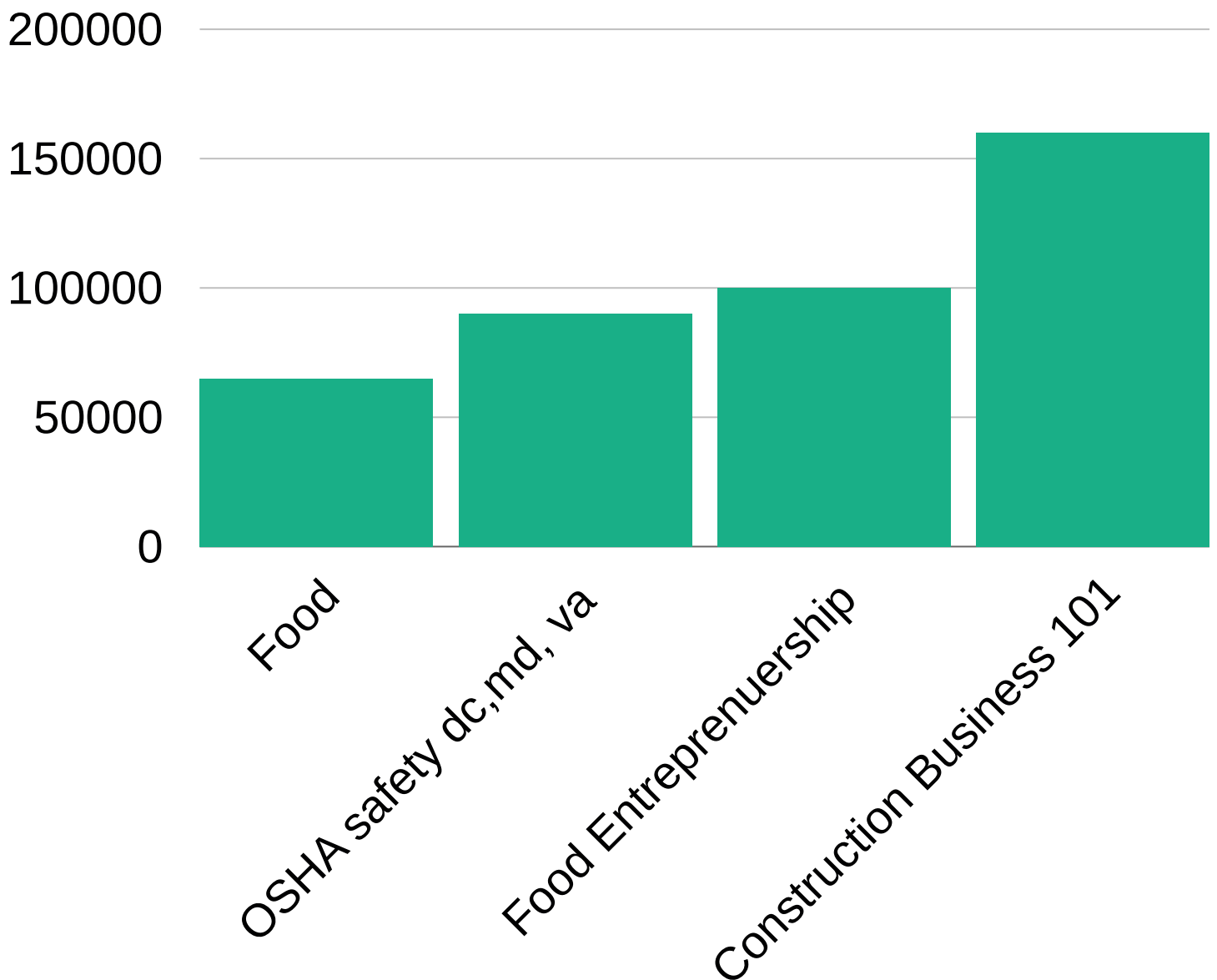
Most of our current work has been accomplished thru generous support of volunteers; however in order for us to increase our impact we need more funding to provide services to more food sites and support workforce efforts in DC, MD and VA.

The opportunity

Funding would help pay for food packages, trainers for our OSHA classes and entrepreneurship series on Food and Construction in the DMV area.

- OSHA Safety Trainings for workers in Spanish or Bilingual

- Entrepreneurship Workshops (Aspiring minority and Immigrants)
- Partnerships with Workforce Trainings & Career Exploration Partners (Construction, Food, IT)



Measuring impact

- Success indicators include increased knowledge of healthy eating habits and implementing lessons learned
- Employment as a result of OSHA trainings or increased in pay or job promotion
- Awareness of career options and resources available to immigrant, minorities and youth
- Enrollment in apprenticeship programs, college or other workforce training programs

Key Indicator

Improved Nutrition & Awareness

Greater Awareness of Employment & Career Opportunities

New Jobs/New business created

Activity / Project

Health Nutrition Webinars

OSHA Safety Trainings

Collaboration with workforce training programs

Entrepreneurship Trainings

Closing the Gap Family Testimony Spring 2023

My name is Guadalupe Chicas, I am one of many families that have benefited from the organization Closing the Gap. We are a family of five, my husband, my three children ages 17, 13 and 5 years old. This is a great help in these difficult times because the food provided to us has all the essentials to prepare complete meals and fruits. Me personally, I want to thank you infinitely for this help. My children also volunteer every month therefore they too benefit and gain social services hours for school. I know of four other families that, like me, are very happy with this help every month that you offer us. We hope to keep receiving help because in all truth it really has helped us a lot. Thank you, many thanks for always including us so we can pick up this nourishment so needed for our dinner table. I say take us into consideration because like I stated before, we are four families that I know personally that benefit, even though there are many more receiving and many more that would be very happy to be able to take part of the program. Thank you to the funders and we hope to continue being part of this program for a long time.



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