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*Our Mission: Growing justice and belonging  
cross-culturally with international,  
immigrant, refugee,  
and intersecting communities.*

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

July 2023- June 2024

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# Note from the Board

Dear CMLC Friends and Family,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Together, we have made significant strides in our efforts to learn, share, support, and celebrate, impacting the lives of those we serve.



Your contributions have enabled us to expand our programs, reach more individuals, and foster meaningful change in our community. We are proud of what we have achieved together and remain inspired by the resilience and hope we witness every day. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. We look forward to continuing this important work together and achieving even greater impact in the coming year.

With appreciation,  
The Board of Directors

# Finance Reports

## Grants, Public Support, and Affiliated Organizations



**\$327,325.44**

**Received from Grants**

This year, CMLC successfully secured nearly **double the amount in grants** compared to the previous fiscal year (2022-2023)! These funds have enabled us to expand our class programming, support more community members through our legal clinic, and expend employment offerings.



**\$43,667.41**

**Public Support**

We are also incredibly grateful for the overwhelming public support we received through fundraisers and general donations. **Each of you, our generous contributors, plays a crucial role in sustaining our operations—thank you.**



**\$70,670.90**

**Affiliated Organizations**

CMLC deeply values partnered organizations we are affiliated with, such as Oregon State University, Community Services Consortium, and Benton Habitat for Humanity, among others. These collaborations strengthen and unite our community, making it more resilient and connected.

# Finance Reports

## Community Investments



**\$166,729.82**

**Admin**

Funds received from the multiple sources listed previously were allocated to support the services provided by the CMLC.

Spending was dedicated to paying teachers, staff, and coordinators, ensuring the continuation and development of the center's offerings to the community.



**\$151,952.87**

**Programs and Services**

Additional expenses included basic needs of the organization, like building maintenance, utilities, space rentals, legal fees, program costs, and marketing costs.



**\$23,242.50**

**Immigration Legal Clinic**

# Education

## Class Registration

We listen to the community's needs and tailor our classes to meet those demands. This year, we've expanded our English class offerings to accommodate more students and have introduced several exciting new classes, including Cooking, Drawing, and Spanish language learning.



**267**

Individual Students



**445**

Total Class Registrations

# Education

## Students' Countries of Origin and Native Languages

Students from diverse cultures and countries come to CMLC to make connections, learn new languages, and seek legal support. We take pride in creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.



43

**Countries of Student's Origin**



14

**Different Native Languages  
Spoken by Students at Home**



# Education

## English Classes

Our English Classes program is one of the oldest and most well-developed in our curriculum.

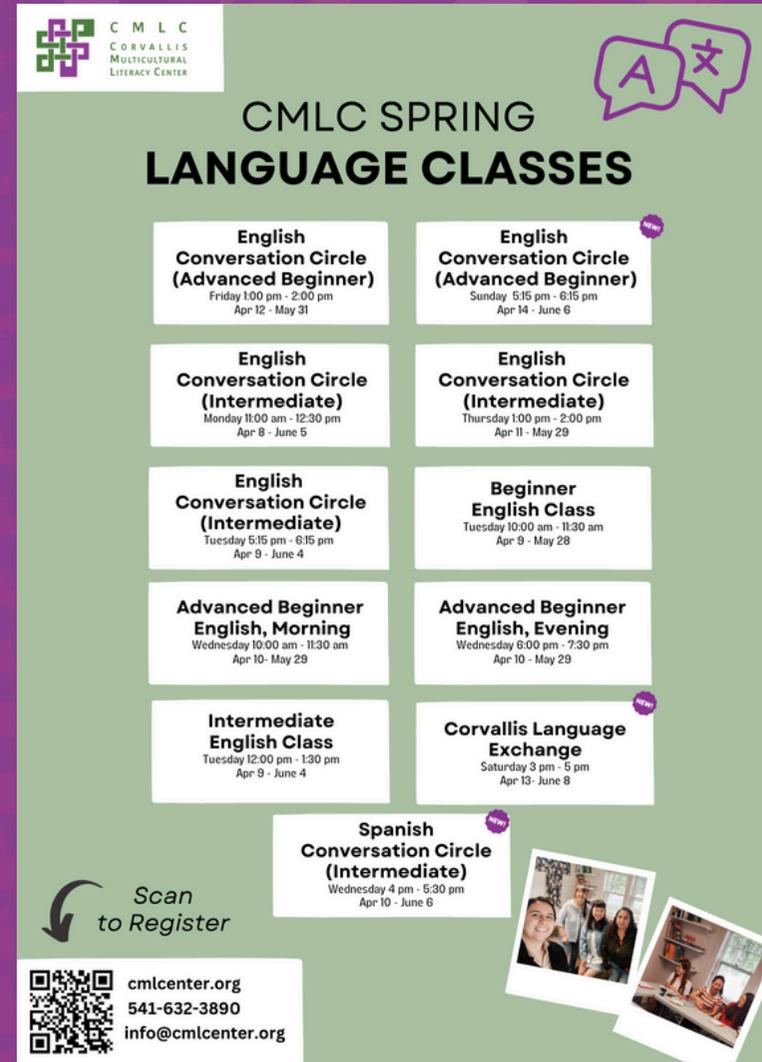
**This year, we helped 267 non-English speakers become more comfortable with a new language.**

We offer application-free scholarships to ensure our classes are accessible to everyone.

**CMLC offered a wide variety of English Learning classes this year:**

- Beginner English Class*
- Advanced Beginner English Class*
- Intermediate English Class*
- All levels of Conversation Circles*

Our English courses are taught by highly trained ESL teachers and are kept small to provide ample opportunities for students to ask questions and engage fully!



The flyer features the CMLC logo (Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center) and a graphic of two speech bubbles containing the letters 'A' and '文'. It lists ten classes in a grid format, each with its name, level, schedule, and dates. A 'NEW' badge is present next to the 'English Conversation Circle (Advanced Beginner)', 'Corvallis Language Exchange', and 'Spanish Conversation Circle (Intermediate)' classes. At the bottom, there is a QR code, contact information, and a 'Scan to Register' button. Two polaroid photos show students in a classroom setting.

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**CMLC SPRING  
LANGUAGE CLASSES**

- English Conversation Circle (Advanced Beginner)**  
Friday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Apr 12 - May 31
- English Conversation Circle (Advanced Beginner)** NEW  
Sunday 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Apr 14 - June 6
- English Conversation Circle (Intermediate)**  
Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Apr 8 - June 5
- English Conversation Circle (Intermediate)**  
Thursday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Apr 11 - May 29
- English Conversation Circle (Intermediate)**  
Tuesday 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Apr 9 - June 4
- Beginner English Class**  
Tuesday 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Apr 9 - May 28
- Advanced Beginner English, Morning**  
Wednesday 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Apr 10 - May 29
- Advanced Beginner English, Evening**  
Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Apr 10 - May 29
- Intermediate English Class**  
Tuesday 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Apr 9 - June 4
- Corvallis Language Exchange** NEW  
Saturday 3 pm - 5 pm  
Apr 13 - June 8
- Spanish Conversation Circle (Intermediate)** NEW  
Wednesday 4 pm - 5:30 pm  
Apr 10 - June 6

Scan to Register

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# Education

## Kids' Classes

Thanks to grant support and generous donations, we were excited to offer a wide range of new classes tailored specifically for kids. **59 kids participated in CMLC classes in the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms in 2023-2024, and we are looking forward to even more of them joining us next year!**

From Martial Arts to 3-D Printmaking, the Corvallis Multicultural Center had it all!



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## CMLC SPRING KIDS CLASSES

<b>3-D Printmaking</b> Monday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Apr 8 - May 27	<b>Chinese Martial Arts for Kids</b> Friday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Apr 12 - June 7
<b>Earth Shakers: Make and Play Percussion Instruments</b> Saturday 2:30 - 4:30pm April 20th	<b>CommUnity Song Circle</b> Saturday 2 - 4pm April 27th
<b>Growing up with Art</b> Tuesday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Apr 9 - June 4	<b>Art Lab</b> Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Apr 11 - June 6

**REGISTER  
TODAY**

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## Workshops

Each year, we offer a diverse array of workshops. For instance, this year we hosted several day-long "How to Get a Job" workshops to help immigrants better understand the American employment system and craft successful resumes and cover letters. Additionally, we organized arts and music workshops for children at the center.

### Summer '23

*Aug 3rd: Clay Sea Workshop*

### Spring '24

*Apr 20th: Earth Shakers: Make and Play Percussion Instruments*

*Apr 27th: Community Song Circle*

*May 11th: How to Get a Job in the USA*



### HOW TO GET A JOB IN THE USA

FREE in-person workshop for immigrants, international community members and English Learners

 **Date:** Saturday, May 11th, 2024

 **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

 **Location:** Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center  
(2638 NW Jackson Ave Corvallis, OR)

#### Learning Topics:

 Resume Preparation | Job-finding Tips  
Cover Letter Tips | Computer Training  
Interview Preparation

 **Lunch is provided!**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

If you can't make it to the May 11th workshop, we have another one on August 12th. Registration is open for both of the workshops



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# Education

## Events

### Summer '23

*June 10th: International Bazaar*

### Fall '23

*Sep 24th: Cricket Tournament*

*Oct 15th: Community Potluck*

### Winter '24

*Dec 16th: Winter Fête*

*Jan 27th: Japanese Family and Friends Gathering*

*Feb 24th: Lunar New Year*

### Spring '24

*Apr 20th: Art Unveiling Ceremony*

*May 4th: Open House*

*May 19th: Cricket Tournament*



# Immigration Support

## Citizenship/Naturalization



10

People Successfully  
Gained Citizenship



40

People Received Information  
and Resources

For over a decade, the CMLC Citizenship Program has been an invaluable resource, providing free support and guidance to individuals on their path to citizenship. At CMLC, we understand that the journey to citizenship is not just a legal process, but a deeply personal and transformative experience.

In addition to practical assistance, we foster a nurturing environment, empowering applicants with knowledge, confidence, and a supportive community.

This May 2024, we began training a new cohort of 6 new volunteer citizenship tutors!



# Immigration Support

## Immigration Legal Clinic



**183**

Consultations Provided



**195**

People Received Support

**CMLC offers free 30-minute consultations with an experienced immigration lawyer.**

Anyone can book a consultation to ask essential questions and receive the support they need. To ensure clarity and comfort, interpretation services are available in *Arabic, French, Hindi, Kisii, Korean, Mam, Mandarin, Russian, Ukrainian, and Spanish.*



### IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINIC

**FREE 30-minute consultation with an experienced immigration lawyer.**

We can answer **any question** related to your immigration journey!!



1st and 3rd Wednesday



4:00 - 6:00pm



ONLINE

**Interpretation available in:**

Spanish, Arabic, French, Mandarin, Korean, Hindi, Kisii, Ukrainian, Russian, Swahili, Mam, and German

If you require interpretation in a language that is not listed, please reach out to us so that we can help you with your needs.



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# Volunteers

## Conversation Partner Program

 **49**

**Participants**

 **37**

**Pairs Matched**

The CMLC Conversation Partner Program connects English speakers with learners for one-on-one conversations. This program offers a wonderful and effective way for non-native speakers to practice English while also providing an opportunity to make new friends.



# Volunteers

## Our Volunteers

CMLC volunteers are essential to our operations. They greet visitors, assist with daily tasks, and tackle various projects, from organizing data to assembling new furniture. They also ensure our events run smoothly. **This year, volunteers contributed to 11 events**, including the *Blueberry Fundraiser, Farmers Market Tabling, Community Volunteer Fair, Game Night, Holiday Market, Winter Fête, Japanese Gathering, Lunar New Year, Planet Palooza, Open House, and the Cricket Tournament.*



35

Front Desk  
Volunteers



123

Event Volunteers



69

New Volunteers  
2023-2024



364

Total Hours Donated



# Partnerships

- The Arts Center
  - Albany Public Library
  - Benton Emergency Response
  - Benton Health Department
  - Casa Latinos Unidos
  - Corvallis-Benton Public Library
  - Corvallis Community Center
  - Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center
  - Corvallis for Refugees
  - Corvallis School District
  - DevNW
  - Dreaming Beyond Borders
  - Immigration Counseling Services
  - Interfaith Immigration Support Network
  - International Moms Group
  - Office of International Students, OSU
- and many others!*

**ICS** | Non-Profit  
Immigration  
Advocates



 Corvallis Daytime  
Drop-In Center



 Corvallis-Benton County  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

 Corvallis  
FOR REFUGEES

 Albany  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

 Corvallis  
Community  
Center

# Grantors

- Benton Community Foundation
- City of Corvallis
- Collins Foundation
- Culturally Specific After School Learning
- Dollar General
- Evening Garden Club
- Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance
- Nonprofit Association Of Oregon
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Oregon Health Authority
- OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop
- Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition
- United Way



# Affiliated Organizations

**Oregon State University** - CMLC is an invaluable resource for the OSU ecosystem, a mutually beneficial developed partnership to serve students, staff, employees, visiting scholars, and their dependents, in addition to local community.

**Community Services Consortium** - Low-income serving organization providing wrap-around services and resource navigation for housing, childcare, food needs, and employment to the community we serve.

**Benton Habitat for Humanity** - Habitat for Humanity works to bring people together to make decent homes achievable for everyone in our community.



# Acknowledgments

This year, the Corvallis Multicultural Center has experienced significant growth in class attendance, event participation, and team development among our coordinators and teachers. Throughout this period of rapid growth, it remains crucial for us to stay true to our mission: "Growing justice and belonging cross-culturally with international, immigrant, refugee, and intersecting communities." We take pride in our dedication to serving the needs of immigrant, refugee, international, and multicultural communities in the central Willamette Valley.

**We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to CMLC's success this year.** To every teacher, volunteer, coordinator, staff member, front desk volunteer, visitor, donor, and student, THANK YOU for being part of the center and striving to make it a better place.

A special appreciation goes to Elena Valdés Chavarría (Ita) our Executive Director since November 2020, who is transitioning out of her role at the end of summer to pursue her doctorate studies. We are very proud and grateful for ita's guidance and leadership throughout the past few years overseeing the CMLC's growth.

# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Statement

The CMLC advances diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging internally within our organization by centering the communities we serve and framing our efforts through the lens of inclusivity.

The CMLC staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers represent the diverse populations that participate in our programs and use the services we provide. In this regard, we are dedicated to the long-term, continual commitment of remaining advocates that promote awareness around DEIB practices, elevating diverse voices, traditions, cultural celebrations, and ways of thinking.

CMLC advances DEIB through outreach and programs by supporting personnel growth and providing capacity-building opportunities; setting firm standards for inclusive language; creating safe, welcoming spaces for community members to engage in dialogue (virtual and in-person); confronting existing systems that perpetuate barriers; implementing alternative and innovative approaches that steer away from White-normativity; advocating for culturally sensitive programming and supports; fostering opportunities to celebrate multiculturalism.

# Where to find us



**Website:** <https://cmlcenter.org>



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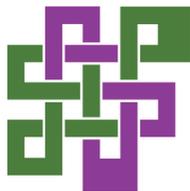
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