

Profiles of Hope



Elda Yacabalquiej came to Project Self-Sufficiency after a referral from a local social service agency. Although Elda has three children, two of them still reside in her native Guatemala. Consequently, the services she has received at Project Self-Sufficiency have focused on herself and her daughter. Elda is one of the growing number of Project Self-Sufficiency participants who rely on a Spanish-speaking case manager to assist her with her needs.

Since her arrival at Project Self-Sufficiency, Elda has used many services, from family activities to legal services. Her visa application and child support requests were facilitated by Project Self-Sufficiency. She selected gifts for her children at the Season of Hope Toy Shop, and helped her daughter to get ready for school at the annual Back-to-School Fair. Elda and her daughter also received additional assistance during the holidays. Elda notes that some of her favorite activities at the agency include children. Her daughter particularly enjoys the Family Fun Nights held frequently at Project Self-Sufficiency.

She has particularly appreciated taking parenting classes at Project Self-Sufficiency, noting that child rearing customs in her native country often differ greatly from those in the United States.

“At Project Self-Sufficiency, I learned a lot about positive discipline in order to teach my daughter well.”

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