Intercambio UNITING COMMUNITIES

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Our Turn to GIVE BACK!

Intercambio opened its building in Longmont two years ago. Our new building enabled the English programs to grow and provides a space where our adult immigrant students and volunteer teachers feel safe and at home. In this space, we host 19 English classes for 200+ students each quarter at our Longmont offices, as well as classes providing citizenship test preparation. We are proud to offer childcare to the morning students as well!

Our students and volunteers learn from each other and have fun together, and Intercambio is the bridge to make that happen. "I am proud to see more and more Intercambio students taking on leadership roles in our community and breaking stereotypes," says Fuentes.

Longmont has been home to Intercambio since 2002, with generously donated space in schools and churches. Now it's our turn to give back by having a place where immigrants can learn English and connect with more than twenty organizations and agencies that provide resources and services to the immigrant community.

Examples of collaborations that take place within our building are:

- The Small Business Development Corporation offers courses on starting and operating an effective business
- Boulder County Aging Services teaches classes about diabetes prevention
- City of Longmont offers ongoing trainings on mental health
- Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) has office space and hosts meetings in our building

Intercambio has opened our doors to make our community stronger. *Please come and visit us any time!*



Our Longmont building is located at 1715 Iron Horse Dr. "Please come and visit us any time!" Norma Fuentes, Longmont Program Manager.

"It takes LESS THAN A MINUTE..."



Joyce Neville likes to get involved in the Boulder community. She was delighted to learn how easy it would be to teach English as a volunteer teacher with Intercambio. She appreciated the organization's mission and joined the board of directors last year.

Two weeks ago Joyce changed her method of donating money to

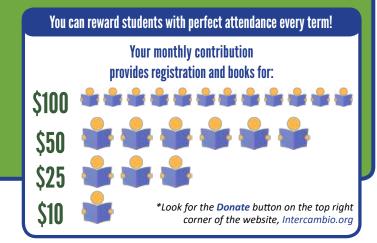
online giving. She got on the website, clicked the "Donate" button, and later said, "Wow, it takes less than a minute! This is easier than writing a check!" Joyce is one of the newest members of the "Scholarship Club" which is designed to help with monthly expenses, including the cost of registration and books for the nearly 300 students each year that receive

merit-based or needbased scholarships. People gain more confidence when their attendance is consistent. Six years ago Intercambio staff started an incentive scholarship program where every student who has perfect attendance for one term of group classes receives a scholarship for the next term. Students have great pride arriving with their perfect attendance

certificates on the first day of the new term of classes.

Monthly giving to the "Scholarship Club" enables Intercambio to better plan the annual budget, and continue this incentive program, as well as covering other costs associated with running classes. Please join Joyce and give monthly to the Scholarship Club.

JOIN THE SCHOLARSHIP CLUB



Our Local training

GOES NATIONAL!

The sales of the Intercambio curriculum around the country is growing! Intercambio is more than a publisher of English-learning curriculum, we also provide comprehensive resources based on the Boulder County program model. Our partner programs have access to webinars that provide training and teaching resources, program management strategies and tools, and ongoing support. Since 2014, we have doubled our reach, and yet we have only begun to scratch the surface.

TEACHER +
PROGRAM TOOLS

TOUR TOUR TRAINING + SUPPORT

This year, in addition to our 90-minute online trainings for national partners, we have received several requests to do live, in-person trainings. In August, two of our national programs will have in-person trainings. We will have a staff member in Basalt, CO, instructing a class on "Pronunciation and Total Physical Response" which engages a physical approach to helping adult students acquire language. Another staff member has been invited by a faith community in Charlotte, N.C. to train over 40 volunteers using the same highly successful 8 hour volunteer training that we utilize in Boulder county.

These in-person trainings provide another income stream for the national program but more importantly they help bolster the Intercambio name as a leader in teaching volunteers how to be great adult ESL teachers. They also help users of our curriculum, *Interactive English*, to achieve better results.

What CONNECTS US

Lais and Benjamin are two of the students in Lois's Intercambio pronunciation class.

Lais has done more than improve her pronunciation; she's built deep community connections and learned about other world cultures. "In Brazil, I didn't believe I could learn English at all, but after my connection to Intercambio, I saw that it is possible and now I am writing new pages in my life."

Lais's classmate, Benjamin, now has the tools to connect to his community. "I can now go to the bank, to the doctor,

do anything, and I don't feel depressed as I used to. When I felt like that, I couldn't operate in the culture." Lois has been very encouraging. One time she gave me a card that simply said, "I believe in you."

For her part, Lois sees Intercambio's role as more critical than ever in today's divisive climate. "We keep talking about connections, and that is really what this teaching experience has been all about for me. ... Every time I go to class, I am reminded constantly of not what separates us, but what connects us."



Have you seen our photo exhibit "Stories of Friendship and Success"?

This special exhibit highlights the lasting friendships and community connections that have resulted from our volunteer-taught adult ESL programs in Boulder County. Now through the end of August, visitors can view it at the **Dairy Arts Center** in Boulder. The exhibition has already been featured at the Longmont and Lafayette Public libraries, and will continue touring Boulder County in the upcoming months. For more details check **Facebook.com/IntercambioUC**.



Make a Donation

- Ask your workplace about matching donations.
- Add Intercambio to your will, leave a *Legacy*.
- Join the Scholarship Club at Intercambio.org/donate

Attend a New Volunteer Teacher Info Session

No need to speak any language other than English to teach with Intercambio.

Intercambio.org/calendar



Ways you can **ENGAGE!**

Mark your CALENDARS! Behind the Scenes at

Intercambio

Come hear details about exciting changes to Intercambio, our national impact and why we believe so deeply in our work. It's free and food is provided. It's not a fundraiser.

RSVP | Intercambio.org/bts

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Conversation Team Activities

Engage in conversations with our adult learners who are eager to practice English!

Sign up | Intercambio.org/conversation

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Alma Chavez, Longmont Program Coordinator



Alma joined the Intercambio family in 2014 eager to improve her English skills after moving from Mexico. She attended our school classes and soon after, she felt comfortable enough to integrate into the Longmont community and begin the search for a fulfilling career.

"All that I have accomplished [in this country] is because of Intercambio," Alma says. Today Alma is the Longmont Program Coordinator for Intercambio and she supports Longmont students who strive to improve their English and to feel connected to their community. Most recently, Alma attained her US citizenship. We are proud to have her on the Intercambio team and to see her become a leader in the community. **BRAVO!**

YOU ARE INVITED! La Fiesta "Underwater" World Party

Come celebrate our multicultural community in a lively evening of entertainment.

La Fiesta raises \$40,000+ to subsidize the cost of English classes for over 1,200 immigrant adults throughout Boulder County. *Can't attend but want to support our great program?* Make an online donation in the spirit of connecting communities today! Visit Intercambio.org/LaFiesta2018

