

## CEUS - WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Centro Comunitario CEUS is a non-profit, community center that works to organize and develop the Salvadoran and Latino community in North Jersey and help immigrants create a better life in the United States.

The center offers education, cultural and leadership training programs through a small paid staff and many volunteers. The center also provides moderately priced legal immigration services, and organizes the community to lobby for justice and legal status for immigrants.

Programs take place at our Union City office and are open to all Hispanic immigrants. The center is funded mainly through modest fees charged for services, donations, fundraising events and small foundation grants.

CEUS is certified as a 501 ©(3) tax exempt organization by the U.S. IRS.



Spanish Literacy students studying

## SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS

Centro Comunitario CEUS is run by *Comite En Union para Salvadoreños (CEUS)*, a non-profit group formed by Salvadoran refugees in the early 1990s to push for US resident status for Central Americans who fled civil war in their countries. Fighting for immigrants rights remains at the core of the group mission.

To this end, CEUS has held numerous community meetings on immigration law. The group has organized buses to Washington D.C. and New York City for immigrants to attend meetings, demonstrations and rallies on these issues and to lobby their congressional representatives. CEUS works in these activities with the Salvadoran American National Network (SANN) and the Newark office of American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).



Advocacy day in Washington D.C.

## What does Centro CEUS do?

### Programs include:

- Legal services program to provide low cost immigration legal services.
- Classes for English As A Second Language
- Classes to help illiterate Spanish speaking adults read and write.
- Women's empowerment group run for and by immigrant women..
- Spanish language community information bulletin: "El CEUS Informador."
- Membership program in which community members support the group with a bi-annual donation.
- Moral and economic support for impoverished communities in El Salvador.
- Leadership training workshops to develop community leaders.