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CEUS expands to meet the needs of the immigrant community, hires two new employees

Centro Comunitario CEUS is pleased to announce that as part of our response to the growing needs of the Hudson County immigrant community we have hired a new attorney and community organizer.

Khaleel Nathan Ismail will head the CEUS legal services program, which provides moderately priced services on immigration matters. He started on Feb. 12 and is available to take cases.

Leyda Flores will work as a community organizer focused on organizing the community to seek immigration reform, and on strengthening the CEUS women's group, "Entre Nosotras." Leyda started Jan. 22.

"We are very pleased to find two people so qualified and dedicated to helping the immigrant community," said Blanca Molina, CEUS' president. "This will have a big impact on our work helping the community, which has suffered greatly during this recession. Our ability to respond to the needs of immigrants at this time shows the strength of the CEUS organization."

Khaleel takes over from Marguerite Marty, who worked very capably in that position for three years. The community organizer position held by Leyda Flores is new.

Khaleel has extensive experience handling a broad range of immigration cases, and is admitted to the New York and New Jersey bars. He graduated from Brooklyn Law School and has worked for several New York law firms. He speaks Spanish and French.

He is a published fiction writer and poet and has traveled extensively, including to El Salvador in the 1990s. This gives him a great understanding of the Salvadoran community, which constitutes a large portion of CEUS clientele.

Leyda previously worked as community organizer for Kean University's Child Advocacy Resource Association and for ACORN, the nation's largest community organizer of low and moderate income families. She also held several organizing leadership positions in her native Honduras.

Centro Comunitario CEUS is the community center run by Comité en Unión para Salvadoreños (CEUS) Union City, NJ-based non-profit organization that is a certified as 501c3 tax exempt organization by the IRS. CEUS worked to educate, organize and empower the immigrant community by providing programs including: immigration legal services, ESL classes, Spanish literacy classes, women's empowerment group, cultural events and other services.

For more information, please go to CEUS' website: www.ceusnj.org.

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