



Centro Guadalupano receives \$4,700.00 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

Minneapolis, MN – **5/22/18** – This week, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Centro Guadalupano a \$4,700.00 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant award is part of more than \$8.3 million in grants awarded to more than 1,000 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

Centro Guadalupano is a multi-faceted non-profit working to assist immigrants and refugees gain the skills and knowledge needed to live within a new culture and find sustainable employment. Centro Guadalupano provides four levels of English classes, two hours per day, Monday through Thursday. The English Language Learning (ELL) program is the most open and accessible program in South Minneapolis's Phillips neighborhood. It is structured to meet the needs of students at the most beginner level of learning and those who cannot meet attendance requirements of other area programs. Each year the ELL program serves an average of 125 adults from diverse cultures and countries (e.g. Mexico, Ecuador, Somalia, Vietnam). The funds from the Dollar General Literacy Fund will help support program operating expenses, including the replacement of out dated textbooks.

"We are honored to fund literacy and education initiatives, which support our mission of **Serving Others**," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO. "The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018 and a legacy of helping people improve their lives through literacy and education. Including this grant, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has provided more than \$154 million in funding to help more than 10 million people. We believe these programs can have a positive impact on the communities we serve and we look forward to continuing to partner with organizations dedicated to making a difference in the lives of millions of Americans."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$154 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About Centro Guadalupano

Centro Guadalupano is the outreach ministry for Holy Rosary Church, an urban mission parish in south Minneapolis. Centro Guadalupano's mission is "to be companions on the journey with immigrant families and the economically disadvantaged by providing educational programs and human services." Our overarching goal is to provide our diverse community members with the tools and resources needed to achieve a higher quality of life and greater self-sufficiency. Providing educational opportunities for the children of our immigrant families through out of school time programming and for adult immigrant and refugees through ESL classes are key parts of fulfilling this goal.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$154 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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