



We have had an incredible year. This year is filled with gratitude for the amazing support from our community. Together, we've made a real difference, and we can't wait to continue our journey!



As we look back on the last few months, we are proud of the milestones we've achieved together. Here's a recap of some memorable moments:







WE raised \$2,600



Thank you for your generosity and the support of our amazing community. This contribution will help us continue our mission of developing the capacities of families and promoting social equity. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment.













Gifts of Joy



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We are filled with deep appreciation for our incredible young leaders who organized and led our recent community celebration. They planned a fun Secret Santa exchange, organized a community potluck with family and friends, and created an atmosphere full of laughter and joy. Everyone had a great time, and we are so grateful for their dedication and energy. We love and truly appreciate all they do to strengthen our community!

A special shoutout to <u>A.J. Ehrle</u> for donating gifts to our community and making this gift giving possible.

We are extremely thankful!

TUTORING CELEBRATION



Our tutoring program wrapped up on December 19th, 2024, with a wonderful celebration! Families gathered to commemorate a year of learning and growth, sharing in the joy of all the progress our students made. It was a heartwarming event filled with pride and excitement as we celebrated the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. A special thank you to all the tutors who came and helped participants throughout the year! Your commitment and support made all the difference.



COMING UP IN 2025!





Talking Circles: We're excited to introduce our new program, Talking Circles. It will begin on <u>January 15th</u>, <u>2025</u>, and run for 8 weeks with four biweekly workshops held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at a cost of \$25.

<u>Citizenship Classes:</u> Will start on <u>Saturday, February 1st, 2025</u>, and will be held Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for 12 weeks, focusing on preparing participants for the N-400 application process, with a cost of \$65. These classes offer valuable legal knowledge and support for community members seeking to become U.S. citizens, helping guide them through the process with confidence.

<u>Tutoring Program:</u> The next session will run from <u>January</u> 13th, 2025, to <u>May 2025</u>, held Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, with a cost of \$10 per semester.





The best gift ACC could have received this year is the support and dedication of you—our incredible community.

ACC's Resolution:

As we enter 2025, Aurora Community
Connection remains committed to empowering
families and promoting social equity. We look
forward to growing with our vibrant community,
providing more resources, and building a
stronger, more inclusive future for all.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM: Chris Gattegno, Executive Director



"As we near the end of another year, I want to reflect on the many successes we experienced in 2024. First and foremost, ACC continued to grow and served more individuals and families than ever before, a testament to our reputation as a community-driven family resource center and the rising need for our programs and services. From our after-school tutoring and summer camp to our health and wellness support services, we are thankful to our community for trusting us and grateful to our many funders and donors, without whom we couldn't make such a difference. Our



whom we couldn't make such a difference. Our team is poised to keep listening to each of you to best serve your needs."

LET'S MAKE 2025 EVEN BETTER! *