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School age children of Spanish-speaking migrants and immigrants often come from families who do not speak English sufficiently to help them with homework, tutoring and language practices. Middle and high schoolers need encouragement, information, and education to achieve their vocational goals. Approximately 27% of the Eastern Shore population is under 18 years of age. There is urgent need to reach this huge age group in all the schools, and Una Familia would like to extend the program to the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Una Familia (“One Family”) grew from the vision of a Latina high school student, Lupe Marquez, to help the children in her neighborhood. Today a Board of Directors from a diverse background and career experiences continues that vision. Through church and community partnerships we developed a large group of well trained volunteers who share the passion of strengthening our community through services with children and their families. We take an integrated approach to address needs at every step of a child’s development. Our program has provided more than five (5) years of service to the community. *We have well-recognized success stories.*

Una Familia currently provides weekly tutoring for about 110 elementary school children at various church sites (of various denominations) throughout the county serving 3 of 5 Accomack County elementary schools. We also provide 6th graders (about 20) with a monthly experience which includes many forms of arts and music as well as language skills.

Una Familia seeks to expand its mission by journeying with Hispanic/Latino families through assistance with language and cultural interpretation and advocacy. Una Familia works with other churches and community service organizations to address specific needs.

Una Familia envisions creating opportunities for affordable home ownership for Hispanic/Latinos through the building of tiny house communities which include community centers and areas of recreation.