

# UMOJA ABQ ANNUAL REPORT



## Our Mission: To empower refugee women

2020 is Umoja ABQ's first full year of operation as a non-profit. The year began with plans for in-person classes and activities, but our in-person events ended abruptly after the COVID-19 lockdown began. Our last meeting was on March 8, and for the remainder of the year we moved our services online.



Women's health class in February 2020

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# 85%

of the women we serve are heads of households, have never attended school, and have large families with up to 11 children.



Volunteers distributing donations

## Assistance Provided

### Translation and Interpretation for:

- Medical Assistance
- Housing/Rental Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Technology and internet Assistance
- Job Assistance
- Unemployment application assistance
- City service acquisition
- Applications for cash assistance
- School information and school lunch resources

### Other Services:

- Clothing assistance
- Gift card distribution

## Umoja Classes

**ESL:** Twelve women, 3 classes, twice a week

**Drivers Manual and Written Test Prep:**

Nine women served in 3 languages once a week via Zoom

**Health Education in Person (before pandemic):** Twenty women in Yoga class, once a month

**COVID-19 infection prevention information:**

Ten women

**Computer Skills:** Eight women, learning Microsoft Office



Yoga class before the COVID-19 pandemic

Dental clinic provided to community members



# COVID-19 Response *by the numbers*

Pivot to **Zoom classes**, including ESL classes

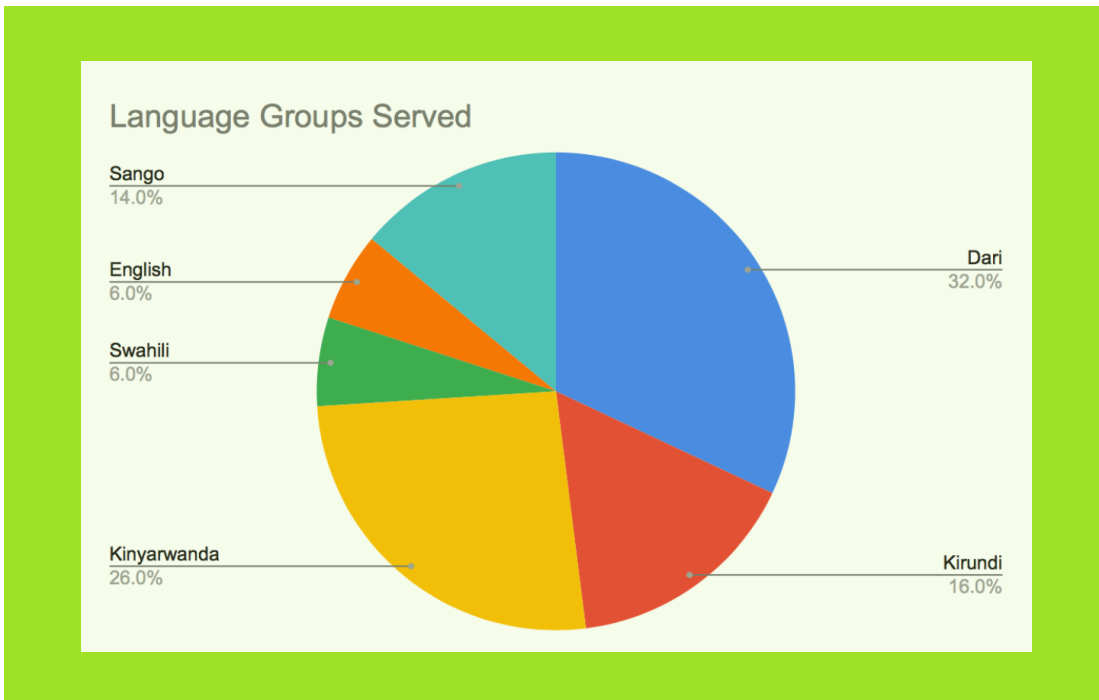
**12 computers distributed, 24 computers refurbished**

Recruited **4 new board members** to expand diversity, experience and responsiveness

**Grants obtained: \$12,500**



COVID-19 infection prevention information Zoom class



# Sources of Assistance

- UpTogether Now
- Catholic Charities
- Con Alma Health Foundation (W K Kellogg Foundation)
- City of Albuquerque (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)
- Lutheran Family Services
- MFA Housing Assistance Program
- Reading Works
- New Mexico Black Health
- God Cares About You
- Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church
- Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

# Current Needs

## Volunteers

- To lead Drivers Manual class
- To teach English as a Second Language
- To refurbish computers
- To teach basic computer skills
- To teach job skills (job retention, resume, communication)

## Donations

- Support ESL, Interpreters, Translators
- Purchase supplies (personal hygiene and house cleaning items) and equipment (computers, dictionaries, laptops)
- Support *Behind the Wheel* instruction for parents

## Political Advocacy

- Ensure low cost-high speed internet available to all, support SNAP funding, support Newcomer Programs at Albuquerque Public Schools



Chantal Muhumure giving a gift card to a community member

