



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

BORDERLESSMAGAZINE

Front cover: *Pedro Cisneros from the Amistad Car Club stands with his Lincoln Continental at his garage in Lyons, Illinois, on Thurs., Aug. 29, 2024. Max Herman/Borderless Magazine.*

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A WORD FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Dear Borderless Community,

So much has changed since 2024.

The federal government has dismantled many parts of the U.S. immigration system, and the Trump administration has challenged some of our core Constitutional rights, including the right of all people to have a fair trial. At the same time, Chicago is facing a devastating homelessness crisis, and the price of food and basic necessities is forcing many families to cut back.

In the midst of all of these changes, why look back on 2024?

The answer is **YOU**.

The Borderless community has done incredible things with our reporting in the last year, from using our investigations to push for changes in Chicago's troubled migrant shelter system to using our bilingual resource guides to help hungry neighbors find their next meal.

Borderless was named "The Future of Local Journalism" in 2024's national Next Challenge competition because of our community-driven work. As we face today's challenges, let's remember how powerful we are.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and committed to fair and accessible journalism. **We cannot do this work without you.**



Nissa Rhee

Cofounder & Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Borderless Magazine is reimagining immigration journalism for a more just and equitable future.

WHAT DRIVES US

News is not accessible to all. **One-third of Chicagoans speak Spanish at home**, but **only one Chicago outlet offers ALL** of its stories in **English and Spanish**. That's Borderless.

There are **1.7 million immigrants** in the Chicago area – **18 percent** of our population. However, for decades, **the media's coverage of immigrants has been racist and harmful**, spurring distrust of the media and the spread of misinformation.

WHAT WE DO MATTERS

As a nonprofit news outlet, we:

Report and publish stories on immigration and immigrant communities in the Chicago region in English, Spanish and Dari on borderlessmag.org;

Mentor emerging immigrant and BIPOC journalists through our Pathways program; and

Give journalists from other news outlets the **tools they need to report on immigration issues** fairly and accurately through our Immigration Reporting Lab.

OUR VALUES



People-Centered: We approach our coworkers and the people we interview, train and mentor with humility and an appreciation of their innate human dignity. We never deceive each other or the people who entrust us with their stories.

Resilience: We see strength and power in each other and uplift one another in everything we do. We see suffering in the world, but find ways to take care of each other — and ourselves — as we serve our community.

Community First: We are deeply connected to immigrant community members. We prioritize the expertise, desires and needs of immigrants and those who care about them.

Equity: We strive to create spaces and opportunities for people who do not traditionally have power or a platform in the journalism industry, particularly BIPOC and immigrant community members.

Fearless: We bravely report the truth of our communities. We are not beholden to political or financial interests. We hold ourselves and others accountable as we help build a more just future.

Top: Borderless Magazine team at the National Museum of Mexican Art in October 2024.

2024 RECOGNITION OF OUR WORK

“ **Borderless Magazine exemplifies community-centered journalism, ensuring those most affected are involved every step of the way.**

— *Public Narrative*

Ripple Effect Award

Winner

From Public Narrative for overall journalistic impact

Journalistic Impact Award

Winner

From LION Publishers for our investigations into Chicago's migrant shelter system

Sarah Brown Boyden Award

Winner

From the Chicago Journalist Association for our investigations into Chicago's migrant shelter system

Breaking Barriers Award

Winner

From the Institute for Nonprofit News for our investigations into Chicago's migrant shelter system

Future of Local Journalism Award

Winner

In the National Next Challenge Awards for providing free and accessible news to Chicago's immigrant communities



Top: Editorial Director Mauricio Peña and Cofounder and Executive Director, Nissa Rhee, in New York with former Borderless reporter Claudia Hernández.

REPORTING IMPACT

Immigrant communities deserve journalism that holds government and corporations accountable. They deserve investigative journalism and stories that center their experiences and are accessible in the languages they speak.



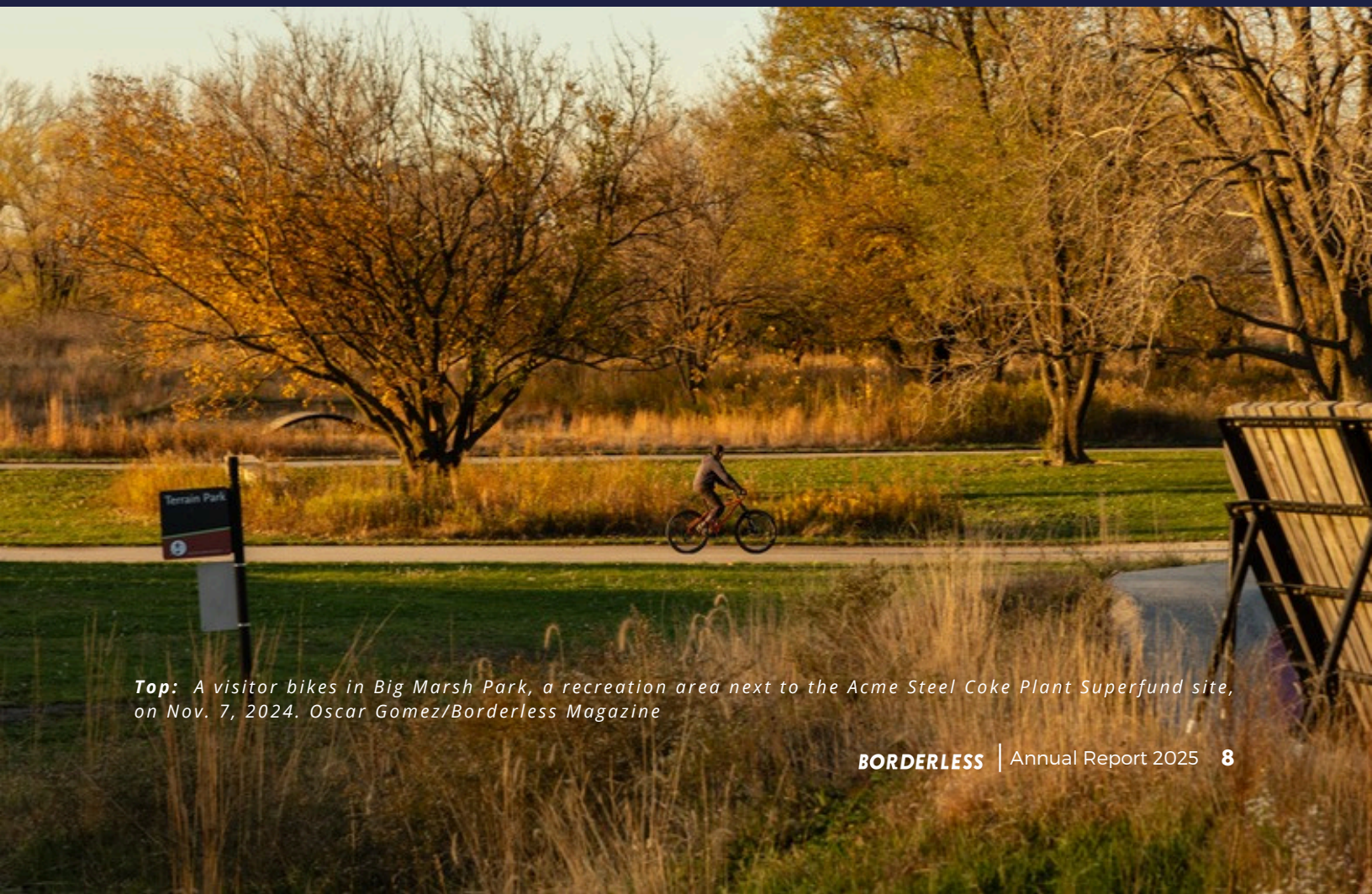
From homeownership challenges for noncitizens to a work authorization campaign for noncitizens, Borderless Magazine reported stories with our immigrant communities throughout Chicago and nearby suburbs in 2024.

Top: Sarahlynn Pablo and her co-host Annamarie Tabo prepare for the livestream of "Good Morning, Manila" in her apartment in Chicago, IL. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In Chicago's Southwest Side, Brighton Park residents are demanding that city officials invest more in parks and green spaces in the face of climate change.

Immigrants and communities of color are often vulnerable to health and environmental inequities. As part of a collaboration led by the Institute of Nonprofit News, environmental reporter Aydali Campa combed through reports, interviewed experts and spoke with residents to see which neighborhoods needed the most green space. Research found that neighborhoods in Chicago with a higher proportion of Hispanic residents have smaller and fewer parks and less vegetation.



Top: A visitor bikes in Big Marsh Park, a recreation area next to the Acme Steel Coke Plant Superfund site, on Nov. 7, 2024. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Brighton Park is one of the hottest neighborhoods in Chicago. It experiences high levels of air pollution and is susceptible to flooding. Its residents are also among the most physically inactive.

“I would take my kids to parks in other neighborhoods and see that they are in better conditions, and it seems like people there didn’t have to fight for those parks to be maintained, but here we do,” said Carmen Barragan, Brighton Park resident.

Top: N’dyia Mahon sits on the bleachers at Kelly Park after flag football practice on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024. Aydali Campa/Borderless Magazine

Page 10: An abandoned structure seen from the multi-use trail at Big Marsh Park at 11555 S. Stony Ave. in Chicago. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine

Community members gather at Ford Calumet Environmental Center to discuss redevelopment ideas for the Acme Steel Coke Plant Superfund site in the South Deering neighborhood on Nov. 7, 2024. Aydali Campa/Borderless Magazine

An abandoned structure on South Torrence Avenue near the future super fund site and Big Marsh Park in Chicago. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine



READER RESPONSE

“Borderless provides essential news on immigration.”

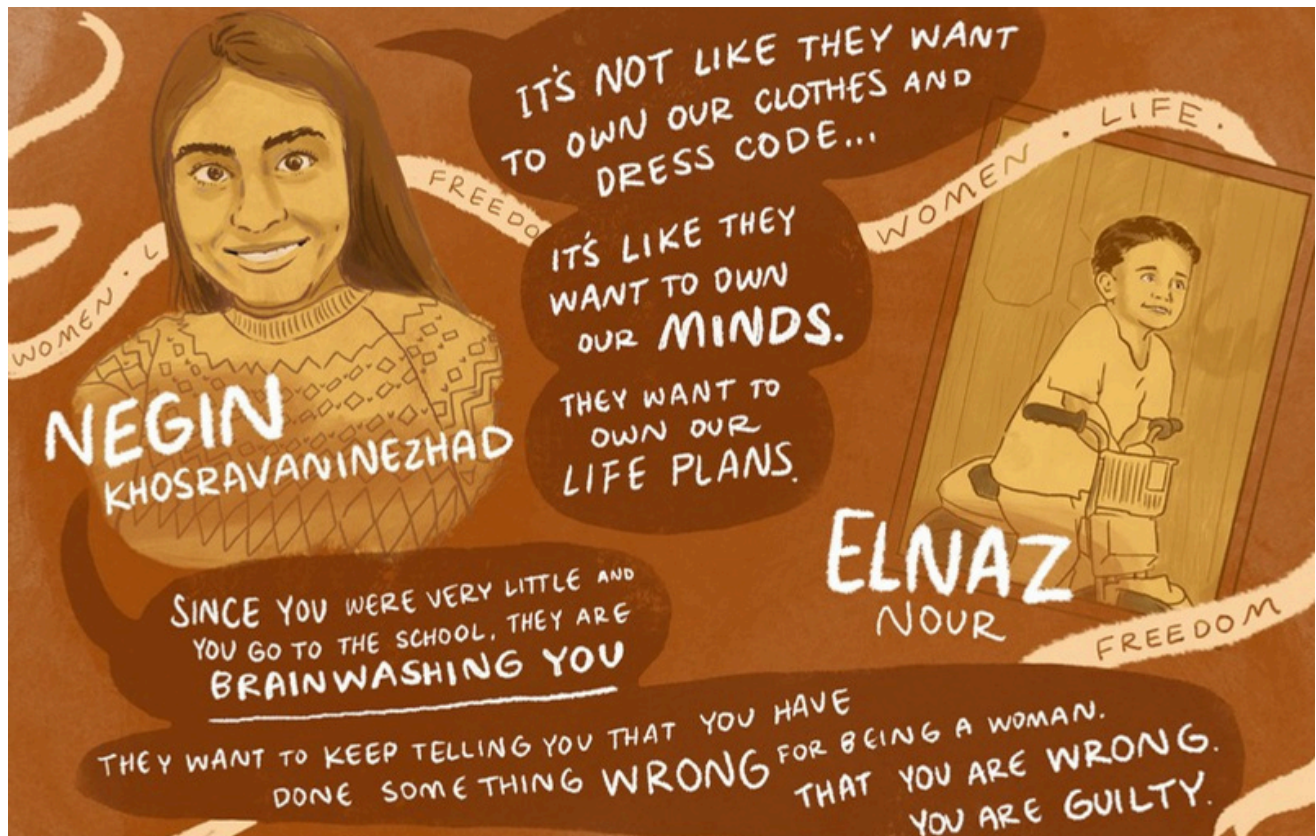
“I want to follow community center stories that take into account immigration and marginalized voices.”

“I value your unique contributions to the journalism space and immigrant communities!”

“All immigrant communities need transparent coverage of all policies.”

Above: A new American citizen celebrates after the Naturalization Ceremony at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine

A LOOK AT THE IRANIAN DIASPORA



Top: Illustrations of Iranians by Cori Lin for Borderless Magazine

A LOOK AT THE IRANIAN DIASPORA

In 1979, the Islamic Revolution ushered in a new normal for Iranian women. For many women, these restrictions went beyond simply shaping how women dressed. It was, they say, an attempt to control their way of thinking.

Decades later, women's rights have continued to erode since the revolution. Some women have learned to maneuver carefully around the restrictions and remain hopeful that circumstances will change in Iran, while others seek a new life abroad.

We spoke to Iranians about their experiences with the current civil unrest in Iran.

"It was a suppressed society," said Elnaz Nour. "By nature, as a woman, you were oppressed and you weren't able to even talk about your rights – the things you wanted to do."

Nour, 32, was just one of nearly 10 Iranians who shared their stories with Borderless. She moved from Iran to the United States four years ago and now works as a researcher while studying for her medical board exams.

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Thank you for telling these important stories during such a crucial moment for women in Iran. It means the world to me as an Iranian American to see news about Iran not marred with stereotypes. You're highlighting the real lived experiences.

— *Borderless Reader*

MEET THE ILLUSTRATOR



Cori Nakamura Lin is a Japanese, Taiwanese, Okinawan American multimedia visual artist based in Chicago.

"I am proud to have illustrated the stories of Iranian women for Borderless this past year. Under the current climate, it is riskier now more than ever for noncitizens to speak out publicly, and I hope my illustrations can bring attention to stories while protecting identities."

INVESTIGATING CITY MIGRANT SHELTERS



Our reporting exposed the inhumane conditions, data breaches and systemic neglect inside Chicago's migrant shelters.

Sanctuary cities like Chicago have buckled under the pressure to house thousands of migrants sent here by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Chicago officials hurriedly opened nearly 30 city-run shelters. In the process, the city subjected new arrivals to inhumane living conditions and a system that lacked the oversight to protect this vulnerable population.

During the peak of new arrivals, Chicago had nearly 30 migrant shelters with nearly 15,000 residents across the city.

"The treatment was terrible," said Jerez, who, along with her family, left the city of Cúcuta, Colombia to seek asylum the United States in early 2023.

Over the last year, Borderless and its partner, Investigative Project on Race and Equity, investigated shelter conditions even as other newsrooms moved on.

Amid a flurry of investigations and reports, the city closed the largest shelter in the fall, ended its migrant resettlement efforts and merged the migrant shelter with the city's homeless shelter system.

***Top:** Junior Jose Quero Quero in front of the shuttered migrant shelter where he once lived in the Pilsen neighborhood. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine.*

INVESTIGATION IMPACT

Our dogged team reported on the shelter system and explored the mishandling of sensitive migrant data. A federal complaint alleged that Favorite Healthcare Staffing mishandled shelter residents' personal and health information. According to the former contractors who filed the complaint, some migrants faced extortion and scams due to compromised information.

"The breaches show a disregard for required safeguards, suggesting both negligence and potential willful disregard for the privacy and security of vulnerable individuals," former staffers said in their complaint.

Borderless' investigation led to more government contractors contacting us about potential HIPAA violations, and the city of Chicago released a statement blaming Favorite for patient confidentiality violations. The city has now ended its contract with Favorite.

MEET THE REPORTER



Katrina Pham is a multimedia journalist covering immigrant communities and policy. Pham is the daughter of refugees who settled in Chicago after escaping Vietnam in the late '70s.

"Investigations drive the heart of journalism since they're all about keeping our government accountable. Our migrant shelter investigations embody that effort. Chicago was tasked with caring for some of our most vulnerable neighbors and made serious missteps in the process. Our investigations ensured our new neighbors' voices were heard."

RACIAL HEALING SERIES



In Black and Brown communities, tensions boiled over in response to the city's efforts to leverage available resources for the arrival of over 50,000 migrants bused from Southern states since 2022. The City of Chicago spent over \$500 million on emergency shelters and other services.

After seeing the speed and focus applied to the migrant crisis, many residents in under-resourced neighborhoods demanded action and attention like never before. Urban Gateways CEO and Elevated Chicago co-chair Leslé Honoré viewed the migrant housing situation as a call for community unity.



Thank you for sharing this nuanced and important perspective.

— Borderless Reader

"It is inhumane not to want to have compassion," said Honoré. "...I wish that people would see that our oppression all comes from the same place and there's power in unifying."

For many leaders, the humanitarian crisis was an opportunity to push city officials to prioritize all communities in need.

"We refuse to just take sides because we feel that this is a humanitarian crisis," said Rev. Kenneth Phelps, senior pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church. "It's an opportunity to help not only migrants but Black and Brown communities that were underserved."

Above: Rev. Kenneth Phelps helped welcome migrants at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Woodlawn with ESL classes, bilingual masses and other efforts. Max Herman/Borderless Magazine

SERIES IMPACT

Borderless works to dismantle racist and harmful coverage of immigrants and to address anti-Blackness by reimagining immigration journalism for a more just and equitable future. Through our collaborative reporting process, we are supporting the agency and self-determination of immigrants who want to tell their own stories their way.

We worked with reporters from the Black and Latinx communities to cover their shared struggles during the migrant crisis. Our reporting moved beyond the heated coverage to share a nuanced story about community frustrations and a moment of opportunity.



MEET THE REPORTER



Deborah D. Douglas is the Midwest Solutions Journalism Hub director at Northwestern University and a senior lecturer. She is a founding co-editor-in-chief of The Emancipator, an award-winning digital platform that reimagines early abolitionist newspapers, where she now serves on the advisory board.

“I was proud to report on how longstanding immigrant communities are responding to this moment, and to amplify the pain and promise of Black Chicagoans demanding their fair share. I’m in awe of the Borderless editorial team’s intentionality and unwavering commitment to excellence.”

***Top:** Reggie Simmons checks the worksheet of Javier Ramirez during an ESL class for migrants at Concord Baptist Church in Woodlawn on March 18, 2024. ESL Classes have been held at the church since August 2023. Max Herman/Borderless Magazine*

IMMIGRATION POLICY AND VOTER EDUCATION

In Illinois, one in seven residents is an immigrant. More than half of these immigrants are naturalized U.S. citizens eligible to vote. Ahead of the 2024 election, our team analyzed campaign promises on immigration and environmental policies to provide essential coverage for our immigrant communities.

During her campaign, Vice President Kamala Harris, the daughter of immigrants from India and Jamaica, called for comprehensive immigration reform, including securing the border and ensuring an earned pathway to citizenship. She criticized Trump for not being interested in fixing the immigration system.

In response to Trump's victory against Harris, immigrant community leaders came together to denounce Trump's campaign promises.

"We are calling for a moment of unity across all oppressed and marginalized people, a moment to continue the resistance, and a moment to protect all of our people," said Dulce Ortiz, executive director of the Mano a Mano Family Resource Center.

The Trump administration vowed rapid changes to immigration policies and enforcement, alongside decreases in immigrant assistance funding levels at the city and state levels, which continue to create seismic shifts in our region.

With Trump's election, our journalists have been inundated with tips, community questions and requests to fact-check rumors.

Below: Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights' Executive Director Lawrence Benito announces community defense plans in response to Donald Trump's reelection at a press conference on Nov. 6, 2024. Katrina Pham/Borderless Magazine



HEALTH & HOUSING

Noncitizens face limited financing options and stricter lending requirements, with some ITIN home loans requiring a minimum 20% down payment and interest rates as high as 10%



Undocumented immigrants have long faced a narrow path to homeownership. Still, in recent years, some local community banks are slowly expanding lending options to help noncitizens realize their dream of owning a home.

Borderless reporters conducted outreach, interviews and listening sessions with housing experts, mortgage lenders, legal experts and community members to fully understand the limitations and opportunities for home buying for Latinos in the Chicago area, regardless of their immigration status.

One of the community members was Erika Ayala. Chicago became Ayala's home more than a decade ago. She left Mexico with her husband and young daughter for safety and a better future.

"After fleeing violence in Mexico and moving around for a decade, we will finally be able to own a home and establish roots in this city forever," said Ayala. "I want this for my family, and for every other immigrant family, regardless of their citizenship status."

The individuals featured in our housing series were also invited to the Assessor's Office Racial Equity and Real Estate Conversations to share their experiences.

*Top: Photo illustration by Max Herman/Borderless Magazine.
Photo by Max Herman / additional photo from Canva.*



READER RESPONSE

"It is important for me to learn about immigrant rights issues directly through the voices of impacted community members."

"Your in-depth reporting ensures that the public hears about the important topics it covers."

"I'm an immigrant and support immigrants!"

"We need authentic immigrant stories, and representation and now it's more crucial than ever."

Nekbahkt is a double amputee who was forced to flee Afghanistan and is now living in Chicago. Mustafa Hussain for Borderless Magazine.

ARTS & CULTURE

At Borderless Magazine, we believe that storytelling is an act of preservation. That's why we highlight immigrant artists, cultural practitioners and community builders who keep traditions alive.



From embroidery to cultural centers, our arts and culture reporting highlights how immigrants sustain and reimagine traditions across generations.

We shared Bayan Fares' story, a Palestinian American poet teaching tatreez, traditional embroidery, as a tool for cultural preservation. We also reported on the revival of Chicago's Filipino American Rizal Center, now a vibrant hub of art, food and joy.

LITERATURE IS BORDERLESS

As we work to fill an important role in both our local and national media ecosystem, Borderless includes the voices and creativity of immigrant artists and immigrant communities. That is what led us to launch Literature is Borderless. We launched the book club at RoscoeBooks with Chicago authors Nancy Johnson and Mia P. Manansala to bring our community together with their shared love of books that elevate immigrant and BIPOC voices.



“Since I was a little girl, I loved reading fiction. But I never saw myself represented as a Black girl on the pages,” said Johnson. “It’s important that we magnify our own stories and use our voices.”

BRINGING THE NEWS TO THE STREETS

Americans' trust in journalism is at an all-time low. Our team is working to address this crisis through our award-winning field canvassing engagement work. We launched our field canvassing program in 2022 with support from Google News Initiative's North America Innovation Challenge.



Our field canvasser strategy has allowed us to fill news gaps in Chicago and reach communities that deeply distrust the media. By meeting people where they are – outside of train stations, at food pantries, or community fairs – we have successfully connected with communities and made inroads to fight disinformation in our city.

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Borderless continues not to lose sight of showing up for the people. They're a testimony to powerful journalism.

Top left: (From L to R) Development and Impact Manager Sarah Luyengi, Marketing and Engagement Manager Diane Bou Khalil, and reporter Tara Mobasher at the American Writers Festival. Photo credit INDIRAP.

— **Olivia Obineme,**
Multimedia Freelancer

Top right: Olivia Obineme, multimedia freelancer, who served as Borderless' coach at Northwestern's Medill Local News Accelerator program. Photo by Hannah Carrol.

FIELD CANVASSING STRATEGY

Our marketing and engagement manager and editorial director traveled to the INN Days conference in San Diego, where they hosted a workshop for newsrooms nationwide on how to implement field canvassing strategies in their organizations. Borderless engaged with over 1,500 individuals at 52 in-person events across Chicago. We also participated in Northwestern Medill's Local News Accelerator (LNA) program, which helped expand and refine our efforts.



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Chicago's Borderless Magazine knocks on doors to break down local news.

— Driehaus Foundation

LANGUAGE EQUITY

As a multilingual news outlet, we believe that information is power. We updated our website to include new high-quality translation software so that more people can access critical information about their community and build community power.

We expanded the translations of our Black Immigrants Today series, in which we spoke to Black immigrants around Chicago about their homes, their lives and the challenges they faced coming to the U.S. We translated stories into French and Lingala, the most requested languages from the communities served. Many Black immigrants are multilingual, and we believe reflecting their stories in a language they fully understand is essential.

MEET THE TRANSLATOR



Axel Lumonadio Luyengi is a former college French instructor and a Congolese native.

“I was honored to translate Borderless Magazine’s stories of immigrants in the U.S. from English to French and Lingala. Given the growing population of Black immigrants, I believe that this work is important.”

READER RESPONSE

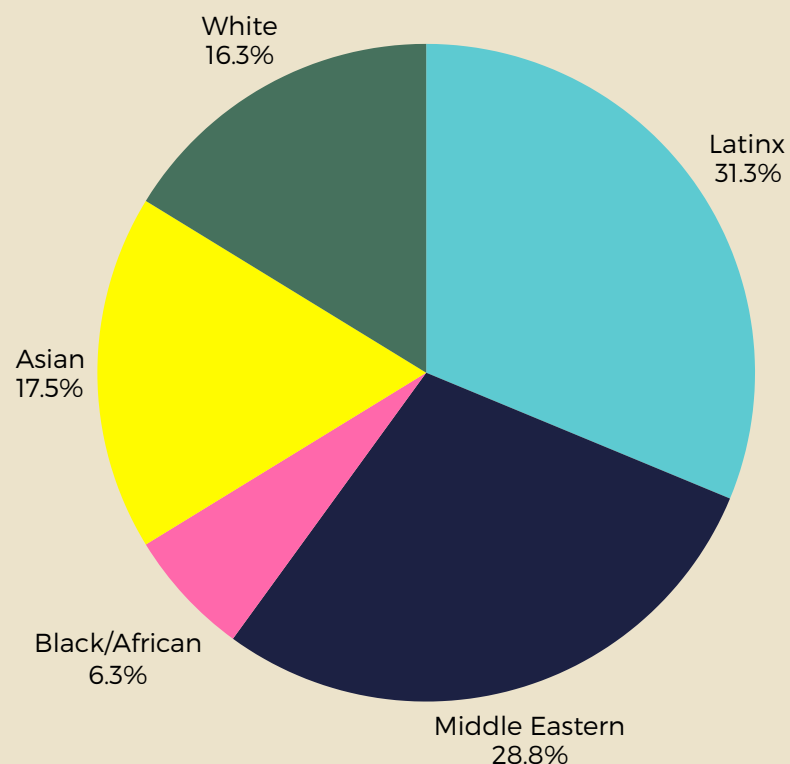
“ I use your zine (*Zona de sacrificio*) in my Spanish class every year, and it's so eye-opening to my students to learn about struggles for access to resources not just in Latin America, but in their city.

I'm so grateful for your storytelling!

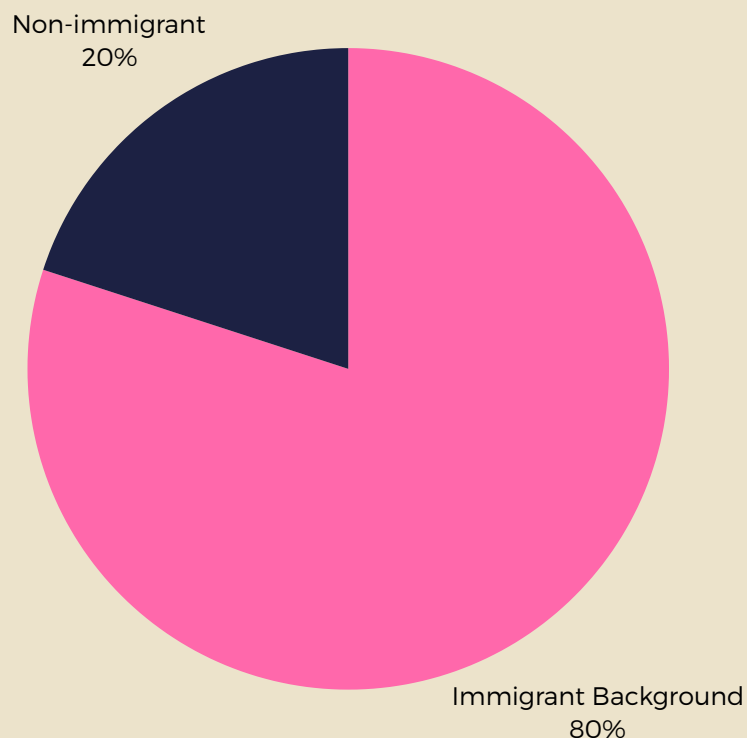


Top: From food assistance to mental health support, we publish resource guides for our communities. Illustration by Mike Centeno for Borderless Magazine.

REPORTERS' RACE & ETHNICITY



REPORTERS' IMMIGRANT CONNECTION



WE PUBLISHED

94

STORIES &
INVESTIGATIONS

WE REACHED

237K

PEOPLE VIA INSTAGRAM

WE REACHED

136K

PEOPLE VIA
BORDERLESSMAG.ORG

PATHWAYS

We train the next generation of diverse and multilingual journalists.



TARA MOBASHER
MEDILL PATHWAYS FELLOW



OSCAR GOMEZ
PATHWAYS PHOTOJOURNALIST

We support the next generation of storytellers through our nationally recognized Pathways program. This program gives students and early-career journalists from immigrant and BIPOC communities the support they need to gain experience and connections in journalism.

Borderless is committed to diversifying the journalism industry through our Pathways program and newsroom hiring practices. Our Pathways interns and fellows have gone on to work at prominent news outlets like The Washington Post, NBC News, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

PATHWAYS



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My time spent interning at Borderless has been integral in my growth as a reporter. It instilled in me the significance of building relationships and trust with the people I cover throughout the reporting process.

I feel so lucky to have been allowed to gain more experience in reporting and writing, but also in outreach and audience engagement through tabling in our local communities.

—Tara Mobasher

Top: Reporting fellow Tara Mobasher interviews an organizer for the Three Kings Day celebration at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. Oscar Gomez/Borderless Magazine

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At Borderless, I learned to reject the idea that extractive and impersonal journalism had to be the norm.

Powerful, impactful reporting is people-driven at its core.

The Borderless As-Told-To reporting method honors the humility that should come with that knowledge, instead of the intimidation that leads many to reduce immigrants' agencies to deficit-based narratives.



VALENTINA PARRA
MEDILL PATHWAYS INTERN

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INTERNS & FELLOWS
TO WORK WITH US

WE TALKED ABOUT
JOURNALISM TO

150+

ELEMENTARY
THROUGH GRAD
SCHOOL STUDENTS

OUR
NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY
INTERNS INCLUDE:

- Samantha Nicole Monje-Grajales
- Gabriel Bayer
- Fiona Wu
- Miguel Tsang
- Valentina Parra

IMMIGRATION REPORTING LAB

We help change how newsrooms interact and report with immigrant communities by offering formal training opportunities to newsrooms and journalism networks that leverage our deep experience in this field.



WE TRAINED OVER
300

PROFESSIONAL & STUDENT
JOURNALISTS

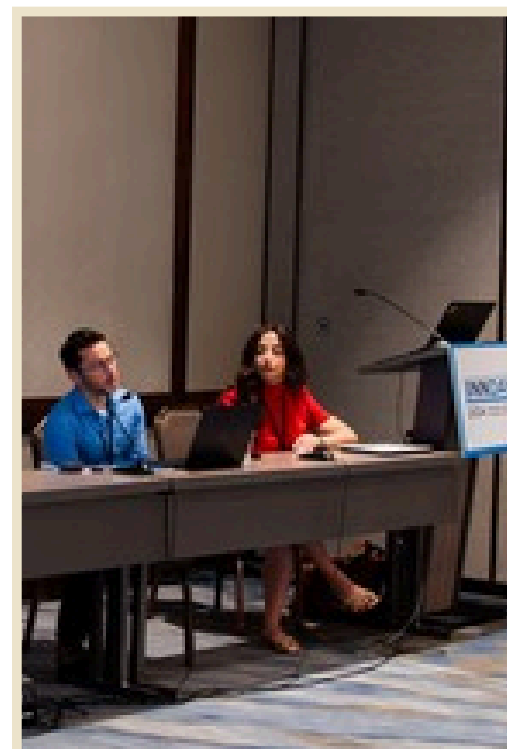
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WORKSHOPS WORLDWIDE

***Top left:** Nissa Rhee, executive director and cofounder of Borderless spoke at the Collaborative Journalism Summit in Detroit. **Top right:** Mauricio Peña, editorial director, and Diane Bou Khalil, marketing and engagement manager, lead a field canvassing workshop at INN Days in San Diego.*

IMMIGRATION REPORTING LAB

For too long, journalists have viewed people from immigrant communities as a niche group served by “ethnic media” rather than an essential part of their core audience. Our goal with IRL is to challenge this culture, help news outlets incorporate immigrants in their everyday coverage and develop an immigration beat.



PLACES WE TRAINED JOURNALISTS AT INCLUDE:

- FOIA Fest (Chicago)
- GirlFoward (Chicago)
- U.S. State Department’s TechCamp program (Greece)
- Collaborative Journalism Summit (Michigan)
- INN Days conference (California)

Top left and middle: Executive Director Nissa Rhee taught Ukrainian refugee journalists in Greece as a part of the U.S. State Department’s TechCamp program.

Top right: Mauricio Peña, editorial director, and Diane Bou Khalil, marketing and engagement manager, lead a field canvassing workshop at INN Days in San Diego.

OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE



Thanks to the support of our community, 2024 was a year of incredible growth. **We doubled** our revenue, staff size, Instagram followers and newsletter subscribers.

GOVERNANCE & STAFF

Board Members

Maty Ortega Cruz, President

Shapelle Pisano, Treasurer

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Staff

Nissa Rhee, Cofounder & Executive Director

Mauricio Peña, Chief of Staff

Diane Bou Khalil, Marketing & Engagement Manager

Sarah Luyengi, Development & Impact Manager

Siriluck Poontong, Finance & Admin Manager

Aydali Campa, Reporter / Report for America Corps Member

Max Herman, Visuals Editor

Hillary Flores, Deputy Editor

Fatema Hosseini, Investigative Reporter / Roy W. Howard Fellow

Katrina Pham, Audience Engagement Reporter

Tara Mobasher, Medill Reporting Fellow

Oscar Gomez, Pathways Photojournalism Intern

Regular Contributors

Chelsea Verstegen, Reporter

LEADERSHIP

Maty Ortega Cruz, Board President

Maty is a dedicated engagement professional with six years of hands-on experience in community-centered initiatives. As a first-generation college graduate, they earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Knox College in 2018 and a master's in public policy and administration from Northwestern University in 2023. They serve as senior community engagement associate at Advance Illinois.



Nissa Rhee, Cofounder & Executive Director

Named a 2025 Leader for a New Chicago, Nissa has almost 20 years of journalism experience. She cofounded Borderless Magazine's predecessor in February 2017 to combat misinformation about immigration and immigrants and to serve multiracial families like her own. She holds a bachelor's from the University of Chicago and a master's in international studies from the University of Queensland.



Mauricio Peña, Chief of Staff

Honored as a 2025 Studs Terkel Award winner, Mauricio is a seasoned journalist who has won multiple awards for his investigations. Over the last decade, he has reported for several Chicago-based nonprofit, start-up newsrooms, including Block Club Chicago and Chalkbeat. He holds a bachelor's from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Aydali Campa is a Report for America Corps Member from Arizona who covers environmental justice and immigrant communities. Before Borderless Magazine, she wrote for Inside Climate News, The Wall Street Journal and The Arizona Republic.

“As the daughter of immigrants and having grown up in an immigrant community, I gained firsthand insight into the complexities of the immigrant experience. I am proud to be part of an organization that prioritizes truth, empathy and education.”

Fatema Hosseini is a Roy W. Howard Fellow and graduate from the University of Maryland’s master’s program in investigative journalism. A native of Afghanistan, Fatema came to the United States in September 2021 as a journalist and is fluent in Farsi, Dari and English.

“I find immense fulfillment in reporting and crafting stories, especially when it involves investigative work. I have the opportunity to learn from my fellow reporter colleagues and the reporting process itself.”



Siriluck Poontong is a proud Thai immigrant and a dedicated Chicagoan. She is a mission-driven finance and administration leader, and her multifaceted background and commitment to empowering the immigrant community help fuel her passion for creating positive change.

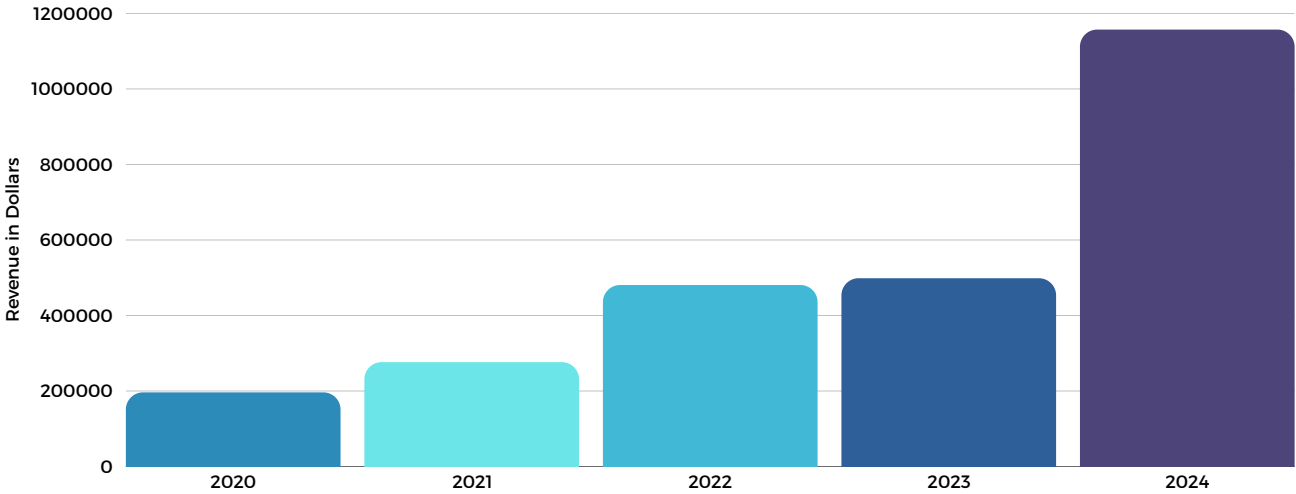
“My time at Borderless has been a great learning experience. It’s important to me that immigrant news is shared and reported in a thoughtful and truthful way, which is what I’ve found at Borderless.”

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2024

Total revenue: \$1,157,216
Total expenses: \$658,871
Net assets: \$722,811

ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH



Borderless Magazine NFP's is a 501(c)(3) status nonprofit, and our EIN is 83-1266434.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

In 2024, 232 individuals donated to Borderless Magazine.

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

\$0 TO \$24,999

LION Publishers Inc

\$25,000 TO \$74,999

Crossroads Fund

Healthy Communities Foundation

Northwestern University

Institute for Nonprofit News

Miami Foundation

American Public Media

University of Maryland

Report for America

\$75,000 AND UP

Chicago Community Trust

Field Foundation

Walder Foundation

Driehaus Foundation

Silicon Valley Community

Foundation

Kresge Foundation



STAND TOGETHER, TAKE ACTION TOGETHER

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new outlets like Borderless
escalating, our work is more
important than ever.**

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Borderless' future with a
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