



## Gilbert Albert Community Center

155 Washington Street Dorchester MA 02121

**Incorporation Year:** 2005

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Education Adult Education



**CEO/Executive Director:** Mrs. Nicole L Albert

**Board Chair:** Ms. Ashley Valentini Boston Center for Adult Education

**Mission Statement:** Since the Gilbert Albert Community Center (GACC) was established in 2005, our mission has been to educate immigrant populations in the Greater Boston area with the knowledge that education will promote a healthy, vibrant, and flourishing community. The Gilbert Albert Community Center is aware of the sociolinguistic barriers that affect local immigrant populations and threaten to damage individual and communal relationships, as well as cross-cultural development, and seeks to overcome these barriers through ESL courses, access to social services, and programming that promotes healthy lifestyles. The Gilbert Albert Community Center supports local immigrant communities by providing services that will increase cultural awareness and facilitate acculturation and integration.

**Needs Statement:** GACC is a small, grassroots immigrant organization that has been operating very effective ESL classes and healthy living programming on a shoestring budget with very generous donations of volunteers and other community organizations. To support this work, the most pressing needs are:

- Maintain financial stability by increasing reserve capital (an ideal goal of \$75,000 over next five years)
- Procure funds to run regular programming for months between academic years (June-September)
- Develop a sustainable fundraising platform and business plan
- Recruit volunteers to help as classroom aides, child care providers, and/or fundraisers
- Implement new programming to address prevention of domestic violence in our community and to help victims of domestic violence break the cycle

**Impact Statement:** In the past year, GACC has successfully made several important expansions to its program:

- Partnered with Emerson College and Liberty Mutual volunteers to run mock job interviews and resume workshops with our clients
- Received a grant from the City of Boston to run anti-fraud workshops within the Haitian community
- Partnered with the Boston Public Health Commission on the REACH grant, aimed at decreasing obesity and hypertension in minority communities
- Partnered with Share Our Strength to do healthy shopping tours of Stop and Shop
- Ran evening ESL classes for more advanced students seeking job hunting and workplace skills
- Partnered with Emerson College to bring in volunteer classroom aides for our ESL courses
- Helped over a dozen women sign up for subsidized gym memberships
- Implemented an innovative form literacy curriculum
- Ramped up our presence on social media

For the upcoming year GACC strives to:

- Run citizenship classes on-site
- Continue developing a workforce development curriculum to prepare clients to enter the workforce in jobs that pay a living wage
- Run regular programming in conjunction with immigrant churches offering exercise and nutrition education and increasing awareness of area green spaces and health resources
- Increase fundraising and grant writing efforts
- Partner with immigrant churches to educate communities on how to prevent and break out of cycles of violence, especially domestic violence
- Procure child care for ESL classes to allow more caretakers to attend class
- Continue to use social media to increase family participation and student enrollment

**Full-time Staff:** 1

**Volunteers:** 6

(excludes part-time staff)

## Programs Detailed on Profile

ESOL

Health and Wellness Programming

Career Preparation and Counseling

**Projected Revenue:** \$100,010.00

**Projected Expenses:** \$69,000.00

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$80,669	\$117,578	\$86,320
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$74,499	\$115,985	\$86,161

### Top Funding Sources

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Top Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Second Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Third Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--