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A Message From The Executive Director

The People Behind Our Purpose: Strengthening Families, Expanding Opportunities

As I reflect on the past three months, I am reminded that the true measure of our success is not simply the number of families we serve, the appointments we complete, or the goals we achieve. It is the difference we make in the lives of the women, infants, children, and families who place their trust in us every day.

Throughout this quarter, I have had the opportunity to connect with staff, reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate important milestones, and witness the extraordinary commitment that continues to define the Lundquist WIC Program across our 11 locations.

What has stayed with me most are the families we serve and the people who make that service possible.

Every day, our staff encounter families navigating rising food costs, housing instability, transportation challenges, competing work schedules, and the demands of raising young children. For many, accessing WIC services is about much more than receiving nutritious foods. It is about

finding encouragement, receiving trusted guidance, and knowing that someone genuinely cares about their family's well-being.

I am continually inspired by the compassion, resourcefulness, and determination our employees demonstrate as they meet families where they are. Whether providing breastfeeding support, individualized nutrition education, assistance with WIC benefits, or simply taking extra time to listen, these interactions remind us that our work is not transactional; it is transformational.

Celebrating Progress and Strengthening Access

This quarter brought meaningful opportunities to strengthen our services and deepen our connection with the communities we serve.

We continued advancing our recruitment, retention, and re-engagement efforts, recognizing that every family we reach represents an opportunity to improve maternal and child health. In June, we reached more than

69,700 women, infants, and children, an important milestone that reflects our collective outreach efforts and commitment to accessibility.

While this milestone reflects meaningful progress, sustaining participation remains an ongoing challenge. Following our June high, participation declined in July and August, reminding us that reaching families is only part of our responsibility. Keeping them connected to WIC services requires consistent follow-up, proactive outreach, and a continued commitment to removing barriers to access. These trends reinforce the importance of our recruitment, retention, and re-engagement efforts and the collective role each of us plays in ensuring eligible families receive the support they need.

We also continued to prioritize participant choice by maintaining in-person services alongside remote and technology-supported options. As many families face significant barriers to accessing care, our ability to offer flexible, welcoming, and responsive

services remains one of our greatest strengths.

Our summer activities also demonstrated the power of collaboration. From our Super Saturday event, which expanded access to important services and resources, to our partnership with Baby2Baby to distribute school supplies and other essential items, we kept finding meaningful ways to support families beyond their immediate nutrition needs.

These efforts reinforce an important principle: health equity is not simply about making services available. It is about removing the barriers that prevent families from accessing and benefiting from them.

Each person plays an essential role in keeping our program strong, responsive, and accountable to the communities we serve.

Our Greatest Strength Is Our People

This quarter also reminded me of our employees' extraordinary dedication.

Preparing for our Program Monitoring Visit required tremendous coordination, attention to detail, and teamwork across departments and locations. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to this important effort while continuing to provide high-quality services to our participants.

Our accomplishments never result from one individual or one department. They reflect the collective contributions of our front-line employees, site leadership, breastfeeding teams, nutrition educators, administrative personnel, and operational support teams.

Each person plays an essential role in keeping our program strong,

responsive, and accountable to the communities we serve.

I also want to emphasize the importance of supporting one another, embracing opportunities for professional growth, and approaching challenges with curiosity, collaboration, and a shared commitment to continuous improvement.

Looking Ahead with Purpose

As we close the third quarter and begin a new federal fiscal year, we can build on our progress while staying focused on the work ahead.

Our priorities remain clear: strength-

breastfeeding. A parent who learns how to stretch limited food resources while providing nutritious meals. A family that feels welcomed and respected during a difficult time. A child whose healthier beginning creates opportunities for a stronger future.

We may never fully know the lasting impact of these moments, but we should never underestimate their significance.

As we move forward, I encourage each of us to remember that our mission is not simply to provide WIC services. It is to educate, empower, and support families as they build healthier lives.



en recruitment and retention, reduce disparities in access, expand meaningful community partnerships, support breastfeeding and nutrition education, develop our workforce, and continuously improve the participant experience.

But behind every priority, performance measure, and strategic initiative is a family whose future may be positively influenced by the work we do today.

I often reflect on how a single interaction can make a lasting difference. A mother who gains confidence in

Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and the pride you bring to your work. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead this remarkable team and for everything you do to bring our vision of Healthy Families, Thriving Communities to life.

Together, we are making a difference, one family, one interaction, and one opportunity at a time.

Marisela



JULY

Disability Pride Month

Celebrating Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging

Every July, Disability Pride Month provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions, achievements, and experiences of people with disabilities. It is a time to celebrate diversity, raise awareness about accessibility, and reaffirm our commitment to creating communities where everyone feels valued, respected, and included.

Disability is a natural part of the human experience. People with disabilities are our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, friends, and family members. They enrich our communities with their talents, perspectives, creativity, and resilience. Disability Pride Month encourages us to recognize these contributions while continuing to break down barriers that may prevent full participation in everyday life.

One of the most important ways

When accommodations are available, people are better able to contribute their skills, pursue their goals, and reach their full potential.

we can build a more inclusive society is through accommodations. Accommodations are adjustments or supports that help ensure individuals have equal access to opportunities and resources. These can include wheelchair-accessible entrances, assistive technology, screen readers, captions on videos, flexible work arrangements, sign language interpreters, and accessible educational materials.

Accommodations are not special treatment. Rather, they are tools that help create equal access and allow individuals to fully participate in their schools, workplaces, healthcare settings, and communities. When accommodations are available, people are better able to contribute their skills, pursue their goals, and reach their full potential.

Accessibility benefits everyone. Closed captions, for example, support

individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, but a person without disabilities can find them useful in noisy environments or when watching videos in public spaces. Automatic doors assist people with mobility challenges while also helping parents pushing strollers, travelers with luggage, and delivery workers carrying packages. Inclusive design often improves experiences for everyone.

Creating an inclusive environment



goes beyond physical access. It also involves fostering a culture of respect and belonging. Inclusion means welcoming people of all abilities, listening to diverse perspectives, and ensuring everyone feels they have a voice. Small actions, such as using respectful language, offering assistance when appropriate, and considering accessibility when planning events or services, can have a meaningful impact.

Employers, schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations all play an important role in advancing inclusion. By proactively considering accessibility and removing barriers, they help create spaces where individuals can thrive and participate fully. These efforts not only benefit people with disabilities but also strengthen organizations and communities as a whole.

Disability Pride Month reminds us that every person deserves the opportunity to live, learn, work, and participate without unnecessary barriers. By embracing inclusion and supporting accessibility, we create a world where everyone can contribute their unique talents and experiences.

Accessibility in Action at Lundquist WIC

At Lundquist WIC, accessibility is more than a commitment; it's essential to how we serve families every day. Across our 11 locations, we strive to remove barriers by offering participants the flexibility to access services in person, by telephone, or through video appointments, based on their individual needs and preferences. We also support inclusive communication through American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation services, language assistance, and other reasonable accommodations that help participants fully engage in nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and WIC services. By recognizing that every family's circumstances differ, we reinforce our commitment to respectful, equitable, participant-centered care so everyone has a meaningful opportunity to benefit from our services.



The History of the Disabilities Pride Flag

The original Disability Pride flag was created in 2019 by writer Ann Magill, who has cerebral palsy. It featured bright, zigzagging stripes on a black background. The zigzag design symbolized the way people with disabilities often have to navigate obstacles and barriers in everyday life.



Original Disability Pride Flag

After the flag was introduced, members of the disability community pointed out that the design could trigger symptoms for some people with visually sensitive disabilities, especially when viewed on phones or other digital devices. Community members also shared ideas for making the flag more accessible.

Taking that feedback into account, Magill updated the design. The new version features straightened stripes and had softer, less intense colors. The stripe order was also adjusted to make the flag easier to distinguish for people with red-green color blindness, creating a design that is more inclusive and accessible for everyone.



New Redesign



AUGUST

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Every August, we are reminded of the importance vaccines play in all of our lives, from young to old. Every day, children go off to school, college students go to a new dormitory, adults go to work, and grandparents enjoy being with their grand-children. Staying up to date on your vaccinations helps keep you, your loved ones, and the community, safe. National Immunization Awareness Month is the perfect time to catch up on your shots.

Vaccines have played a critical role in reducing the spread of infectious diseases and preventing serious illness, disability, and death. Diseases such as measles, polio, and whooping cough, which once affected millions of people, have become far less common in many parts of the world because of widespread vaccination efforts. However, these diseases have not disappeared entirely, and outbreaks can still occur, particularly in communities

with lower vaccination rates. Maintaining high vaccination coverage remains essential to protecting children, families, and communities.

Vaccination is important especially for young children and babies. Since their immune systems are not quite as robust as adults, they can become sicker, faster. Staying up to date with the various vaccines needed for children safeguards them and also protects those around them.

August is also a good time for adults to review their own medical records. Adults should also stay up to date with recommended vaccinations, including influenza, COVID-19, and shingles vaccines, as appropriate for their age and health conditions. The shingles vaccine helps protect eligible adults against shingles, a painful condition caused by the reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Although shingles can occur at any age,

the risk of developing the condition and experiencing serious complications increases with age. Staying up to date with recommended vaccinations is an important part of maintaining health and preventing avoidable illness.

A way to stay best informed for you and your children is to keep in contact with your healthcare provider with regular check-ups and appointments. Your doctor can answer questions, help with any concerns, and recommend vaccines based on you and your family's history. They should be your front line of defense in making informed health-related decisions.

August is the official month of awareness for immunizations, and is a good reminder for you to stay on top of your health, but staying healthy should always be a priority in this day and age.

SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Every September, Suicide Prevention Month serves as a reminder that mental health matters and that every person has a role to play in preventing suicide. It is a time to raise awareness, reduce stigma, encourage open conversations, and connect individuals with the support they need. While suicide affects people of all ages, backgrounds, and communities, it is important to remember that it is preventable and that help is available.

The impact of suicide extends far beyond the individual. Families often experience overwhelming grief, confusion, and heartbreak following the loss of a loved one. Parents, spouses, children, siblings, friends, and co-workers may struggle with feelings of guilt, sadness, anger, or unanswered questions. The emotional effects can last for years, affecting relationships, mental health, and overall well-being. Even when a suicide attempt does not result in death, families may face significant emotional, financial, and caregiving challenges as they support their loved one's recovery.

One of the most effective ways to prevent suicide is by creating an environment where people feel safe discussing their mental health. Many individuals who experience depression, anxiety, trauma, or emotional distress suffer in silence because they fear judgment or do not know where to turn for help. Listening without criticism, showing compassion, and encouraging professional support can make a meaningful difference. Sometimes, simply asking someone, "Are you okay?" or "How can I support you?" can open the door to a life-saving conversation.



Recognizing warning signs is also important. These signs may include talking about feeling hopeless, withdrawing from family and friends, major changes in mood or behavior, increased substance use, giving away treasured possessions, or expressing thoughts of wanting to die. When these warning signs are noticed, it is essential to take them seriously and connect the individual with professional help immediately.

Communities can help prevent suicide by promoting access to mental health services, supporting school and workplace wellness programs, and educating the public about mental health. Family members can encourage healthy coping strategies, stay connected with loved ones, and learn about available community resources. Together, these actions help build a culture of support, understanding, and resilience.

Suicide Prevention Month reminds us that every life has value and that no one should face their struggles alone. By increasing awareness, offering

support, and connecting people to the resources they need, we can help save lives and strengthen families. A caring conversation, a supportive friend, or a timely connection to professional help may be the difference that gives someone hope for tomorrow.

Mental Health and Crisis Support Resources

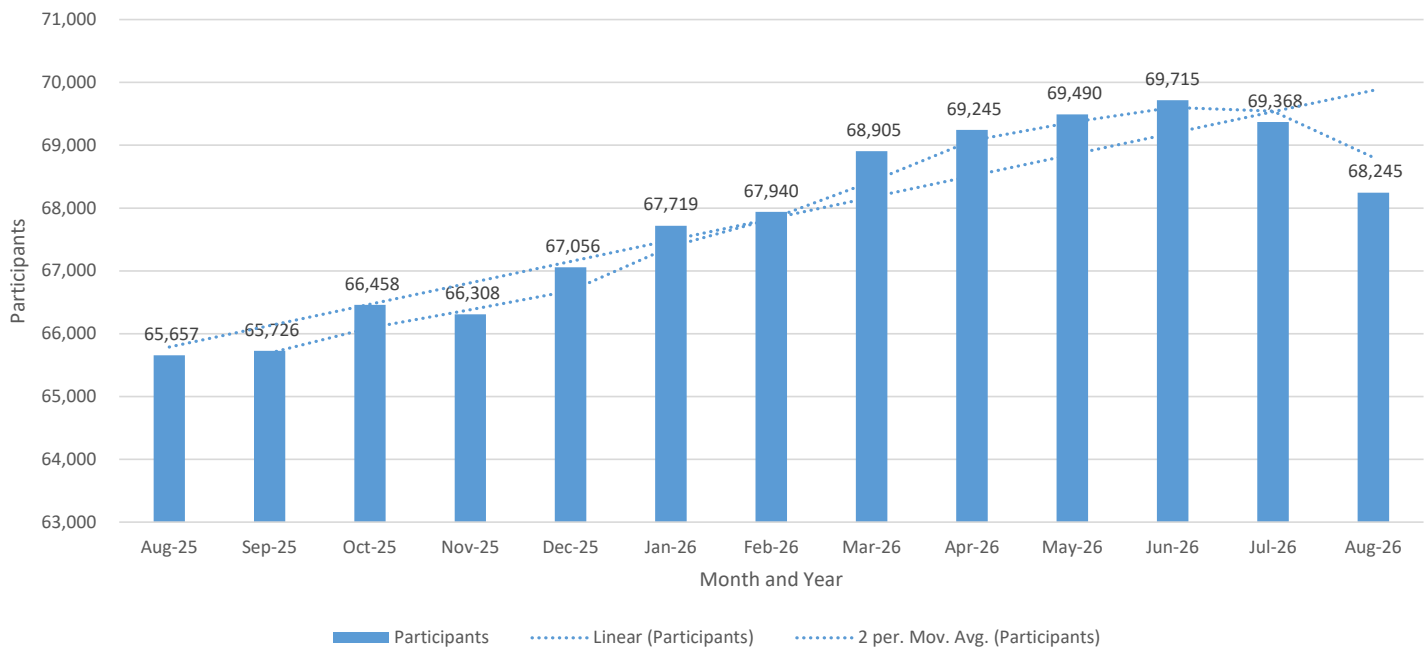
If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress, confidential support is available.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988 for free, confidential support related to suicidal thoughts, mental health crises, or emotional distress. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Disaster Distress Helpline: Call or text 1-800-985-5990 for free, confidential emotional support for individuals experiencing distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Caseload

Lundquist WIC Agency Participation by Month (Last 13 Months)



THE NUMBERS

During the third quarter, Lundquist WIC continued to demonstrate strong participation, serving more than 68,000 women, infants, and children in August. This represents an increase of 2,588 participants compared with August 2025.

However, participation declined by 1,133 participants between July and August, reinforcing the importance of our ongoing recruitment, retention, and re-engagement efforts.

As we move forward, we will continue monitoring participation trends, identifying access barriers, strengthening outreach, and implementing targeted strategies to reconnect eligible families with WIC services. Sustaining participation requires collective effort across every location and department.

End of August: **100.36%**
End of August: **68,245**

End of July: **102.03%**
End of July: **69,378**

End of June: **102.52%**
End of June: **69,715**

Decrease from July to August: -1.67%

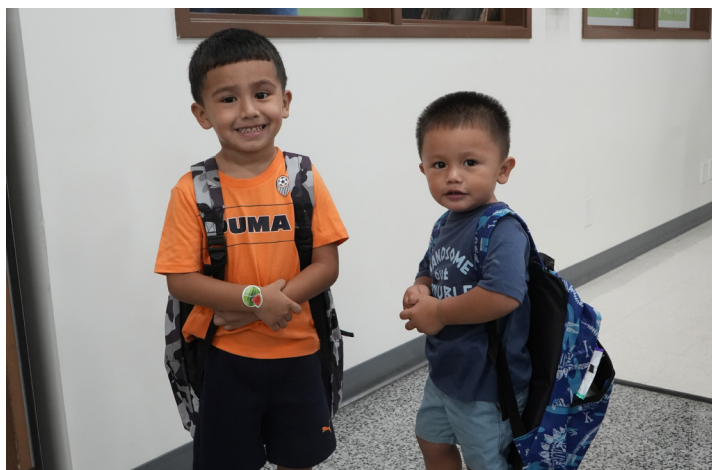
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On July 18th, we held a Super Saturday Event at our Florence location. 109 families were served, with 139 anthropometric and biochemical data forms collected!

The highlight of the day came when a gentleman came in with his sons. He told us a story of how he came to our location as a child and took pictures with a “big, yellow bird,” who it turns out was a Big Bird mascot suit that we had used years ago.

The event exceeded expectations, drawing such a strong turnout that we reached capacity. We were grateful for the opportunity to serve so many families and ensure those in attendance received the support they needed. What a remarkable day for Lundquist WIC!





The Breastfeeding Corner

Peer Counselor Appreciation Highlights

Our PC/WNAs and IBCLC team recently came together to recognize their successful outreach efforts and achievements. The morning gathering was filled with laughter, meaningful conversation, and delicious refreshments, including Porto's pastries, coffee, and molletes.

During the celebration, team members had the opportunity to share participant success stories, exchange insights from their experiences, and reflect on the positive difference they continue to make in the lives of the families they serve. The event served as a moment of appreciation, connection, and recognition for the outstanding work of our breastfeeding support team.





The Breastfeeding Corner

Breastfeeding Support Groups
Photos

The Breastfeeding Support Groups remained a cornerstone of support throughout the past quarter, led by the outstanding efforts of our IBCLC team and PC/WNAs. From July through September, they led a total of 24 groups. They hosted 46 families in July, 84 in August, and 68 in September! During these group sessions, they provided invaluable guidance to mothers, mothers-to-be, and fathers who are embracing their roles in infant feeding and family wellness.

Their commitment extended beyond education, fostering a nurturing atmosphere where children were greeted with warmth, laughter, and a true sense of belonging.





The Breastfeeding Corner

Breastfeeding Support Groups Photos, Continued...





Celebrating Our Team: An Afternoon of Appreciation!

@n August 24th Lundquist WIC employees came together at our Florence WIC location for a special staff appreciation event featuring the In-N-Out Cookout Truck. The gathering recognized and celebrated the dedication, compassion, and hard work of the individuals who make our program's success possible.

Every day, our employees make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women, infants, children, and families we serve. Whether providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, participant services, or the essential administrative and operational support that keeps our

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Staff Appreciation Day

program running, each team member plays an important role in advancing our mission. The celebration gave colleagues a wonderful opportunity to connect, enjoy a meal, and take a well-deserved break from their daily responsibilities. Beyond the food and festivities, the event reminded us to recognize the people behind our accomplishments.

To our entire Lundquist WIC team: Thank you!

We deeply appreciate your professionalism, resilience, teamwork, and commitment to participant-centered care. Our program's strength comes from the people who serve our communities with compassion and purpose every day. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the celebration and felt the appreciation behind this special occasion. We look forward to creating more opportunities to recognize and celebrate the exceptional team that makes Lundquist WIC what it is today.



CHAMPIONS of WIC LIRIO RENTERIA

We recently sat down with PC/WNA, Lirio Renteria, from our Florence WIC site. She has a great perspective and outlook, one that we are proud to share with all of you. Enjoy!

What is your official title at WIC?

I currently work as a WIC Nutrition Assistant (WNA) and Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (PC) with the Lundquist Institute WIC Program. In my role, I provide nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and resources to pregnant and postpartum families.

What inspired you to join WIC, and what has kept you motivated in this work?

I was inspired to join WIC because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of families in my community. As a mother myself, I understand how important support, encouragement, and access to reliable information can be during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and the early years of parenting.

That personal experience helps me connect with participants and fuels my passion for supporting families as they work toward their own goals. What keeps me motivated is seeing the positive impact WIC has on families every day. Whether it's helping a participant feel more confident with breastfeeding, connecting them with resources, or simply listening and providing encouragement, it is rewarding to know that even small interactions can make a meaningful difference.

Can you share a memorable experience or success story that reminds you why WIC matters?

One experience that stands out is working with a mother who was struggling with breastfeeding and was unsure if she could continue. She was experiencing pain, feeling

overwhelmed, and worried that she was not producing enough milk for her baby. Through ongoing support, education, and encouragement, she gradually gained confidence and overcame many of the challenges she was facing.

Seeing a mother go from feeling discouraged to feeling confident and empowered is one of the most rewarding parts of my work.

How have you grown personally or professionally during your time at Lundquist WIC?

My time at Lundquist WIC has helped me grow both personally and professionally. Since joining WIC in December 2024, I have developed stronger communication and counseling skills, gained confidence in supporting families, and learned the importance of meeting participants where they are with compassion and understanding.

**I wanted to make
a difference
in the lives of families
in my community.**

As a mother myself, I understand how valuable support, encouragement, and access to accurate information can be during pregnancy and the postpartum period. That personal experience, combined with my work at WIC, has strengthened my passion for helping families navigate their own parenting and breastfeeding journeys.

Seeing firsthand how important education, encouragement, and access to resources are for families motivated me to further my studies so I can con-

tinue helping bridge gaps in care and support for mothers. I am currently participating in an IBCLC preparation program and working toward eligibility to take the IBCLC certification exam. The knowledge and skills I am gaining help me better support the families in our community every day.

I have also learned that supporting families is never the responsibility of just one person. Successful breastfeeding support involves healthcare providers, lactation professionals, peer counselors, family members, support groups, and community resources all working together to encourage and empower families. Seeing that teamwork in action has strengthened my commitment to this work and my desire to continue helping families reach their goals.

When we empower one mother, we often reach an entire family and sometimes even an entire community.

I am grateful to Lundquist WIC for supporting my professional growth and providing opportunities to continue learning. The encouragement I have received through my work and educational opportunities has helped me grow both personally and professionally, and I look forward to continuing to serve, support, and empower families in our community while working toward my goal of becoming an IBCLC.

If you had a completely free day with no responsibilities, how would you spend it?

If I had a completely free day with no responsibilities, I would spend it outdoors with my family. Spending quality time with them, making memories, and disconnecting from everyday responsibilities would be my ideal day.



CHAMPIONS of WIC Continued... JACKELINNE AGUILAR



Our second featured Champion of WIC is Jackelinne Aguilar, who currently serves as the Central WIC site WNA Lead. Here is her interview.

What is your official title at WIC?
I am a WIC Nutrition Assistant.

What inspired you to join WIC, and what has kept you motivated in this work?

Coming from a low-income family that received WIC services when I was a child inspired me to help participants in the same way my family was once supported. My personal values align with the Lundquist WIC mission of educating families to live healthier lives. Being able to assist participants in need continues to keep me motivated every day.



Can you describe your role at Lundquist WIC and what a typical day looks like for you?

As a WIC Nutrition Assistant, I provide participants with nutrition education, breast/chestfeeding support, and services using motivational interviewing techniques.

**My values coincide with
the Lundquist WIC mission to
educate families to live a
healthier life.**

A typical day involves serving participants either over the phone or in person. At the Central WIC Office, we experience a high volume of foot traffic, and I assist with the diaper program, participant anthropometric and biometric measurements, and referrals as needed.



How have you grown personally or professionally during your time at Lundquist WIC?

Working for the Lundquist WIC Program has helped me grow professionally in many ways. It has strengthened my communication skills, particularly through the use of motivational interviewing and participant-centered education. These skills have not only improved my work performance but have also benefited me in my everyday life.

What hobbies or activities do you enjoy when you're not at work?

I enjoy spending quality time with my son and family. I especially value watching movies, playing with my son each day, and going on evening walks together.

Thank you, Jackelinne, for your dedication to Lundquist WIC and for the positive impact you make in the lives of the families we serve.

CHAMPIONS of WIC Continued... ANN ALANIZ

Our third featured Champion of WIC is Ann Alaniz from our Cudahy WIC site. Let's hear her story.

What is your official title at WIC?
My official title is WIC Nutrition Assistant (WNA).

What inspired you to join WIC, and what has kept you motivated in this work?

To be honest, I had never heard of WIC at the time. A friend who was working for WIC told me they were hiring. I was working as a Data Entry Clerk in shipping and receiving and also handled some HR responsibilities, including hiring new employees and processing payroll, for a warehouse distribution center at May Company (now Macy's). I decided to give WIC a try.

What has kept me motivated over the years is the work I do for our participants and the difference I can make in their lives. It's especially rewarding when a participant thanks you more than once during a conversation, whether it's a new prenatal mom enrolling in the program or a mother who has recently welcomed her baby.

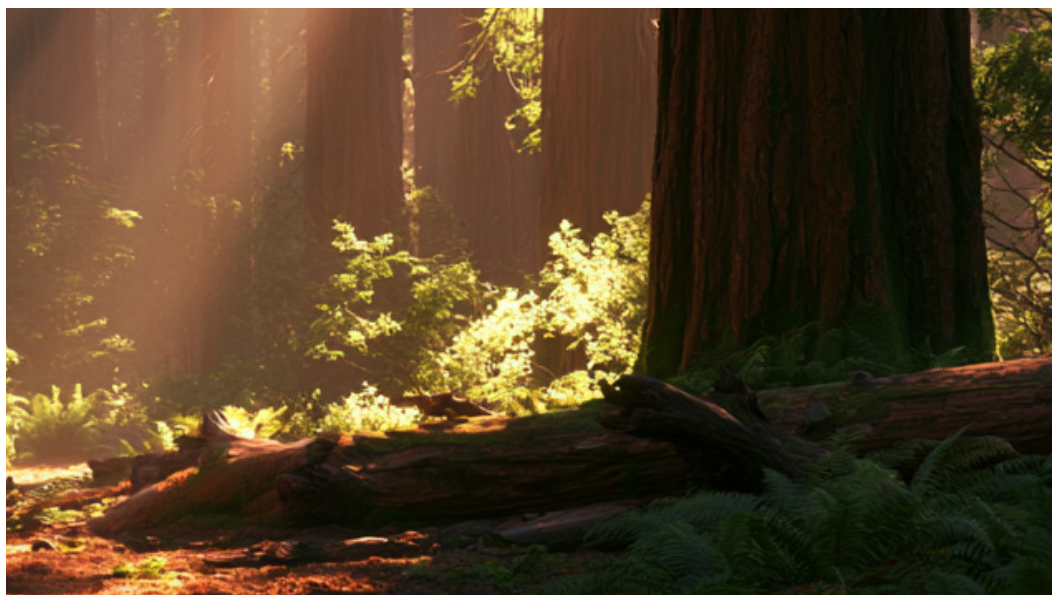
What is the most rewarding part of helping WIC participants and their families?

The most rewarding part of helping participants and their families is knowing they leave happy with the services, support, and information they receive.

What is something about you that your coworkers might be surprised to learn?

Something my coworkers may not know about me is that I attended cosmetology school. I learned all aspects of the profession and completed the required coursework. However, I eventually realized that working on other people's feet was not for me. Practicing on family and friends was something I could do, but working with strangers was a different story. Since success in the field often requires providing a full range of services, I decided it wasn't the right fit for me.

That said, I have no regrets. It was a different time in my life, and the experience taught me a lot. I'm very happy with the choice I made to work for WIC.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Doña Virginia Turns 80!



This interview highlights a remarkable milestone for one of our own. Recently, we sat down with Doña Virginia to reflect on her journey as part of the Lundquist WIC family as she celebrated her 80th birthday.

Congratulations on turning 80! How long have you worked at WIC, and what first inspired you to join the agency?

I started working for WIC around 1991. What inspired me to join the agency was the opportunity to help the community by providing a clean, welcoming office where families could feel comfortable and supported.

Over the years, you've seen many changes. What has remained most important to you throughout your time with us?

I've experienced many changes throughout the years. In the early days, we set up tables and chairs every morning to prepare for the workday. I've also helped with tasks like stripping and waxing floors on weekends, and I worked through the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

No matter how much things have changed, one thing has always remained important to me: coming to work with a smile.

Loving what you do, working with your heart, treating others with respect, providing excellent customer service, and maintaining open communication with supervisors, co-workers, and all Lundquist WIC staff are values I've always tried to uphold.

What advice would you give to newer WIC employees, and what has WIC meant to you personally?

My advice to new employees is simple: always put safety first, communicate openly, and provide great customer service. These are key to creating a positive experience for both participants and staff.

WIC has been a meaningful part of my life. It has given me the opportunity to serve the community, build lasting relationships, and make a difference in the lives of families every day.

Thank you, Doña Virginia, for your decades of hard work, dedication, and commitment to the families we serve through Lundquist WIC. Congratulations on this incredible milestone and on the lasting impact you continue to make in our community.



Promotions

Brandon Williams

WIC Management Systems Technician

Renicka A. Miller

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - WIC Nutrition Assistant

Certified WIC Nutrition Assistants

Anahi Amayo Ordaz

Marisol Amayo Rivera

Mario Ramirez

New Hires

Veronica Maximo

WIC Nutrition Assistant

Perla J. Medrano Rios

Degreed WIC Nutrition Assistant

Samantha I. De Castro

Degreed WIC Nutrition Assistant

Nathan L. Batista

WIC Site Administrative Services Specialist

Raquel Mandujano

WIC Site Administrative Services Specialist

CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF DEDICATION: *A Fond Farewell to Isabel*

After 34 remarkable years of dedicated service, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Isabel as she begins a well-deserved retirement.

Throughout her career, Isabel has been at the heart of our WIC family's history. Her commitment to the families we serve, her wealth of experience, and her willingness to mentor and support colleagues have left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to work alongside her.

Thirty-four years represent more than a career. They reflect countless families supported, relationships

built, challenges overcome, and lives touched. Isabel's contributions are woven into the fabric of our organization, and her legacy will continue through the colleagues she has guided and the families whose lives she has helped improve.

As Isabel begins this exciting new chapter, we hope it brings her abundant joy, good health, meaningful adventures, and precious time with loved ones.

Isabel, thank you for 34 years of service, loyalty, compassion, and dedication to our WIC mission. You leave behind a legacy of service that will

not be forgotten. While we will miss your presence, we celebrate all you have accomplished and the wonderful opportunities ahead.

On behalf of your entire Lundquist WIC family, congratulations on your retirement! May this next chapter be as fulfilling and meaningful as the years you have devoted to serving others.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes,

Marisela



Looking AHEAD

On to New Chapters

We are sorry to see Juliana Horvath leave the WIC program and wish her continued success as she begins a Dietetic Internship with Sodexo. This important next step will prepare her to earn her Registered Dietitian (RD) credential and continue advancing her career in nutrition and dietetics.

We are also sorry to see Arianna Flores go and congratulate her as she embarks on an exciting new chapter. Arianna has been accepted to medical school on a full scholarship, and we wish her every success as she pursues her dream of becoming a physician.

WIC Team Spotlight to Huntington Park and Paramount WIC teams!

Excellence in Service, Teamwork, and Participant Care

A special shout-out to our Huntington Park and Paramount WIC teams for receiving wonderful recognition from a participant. The feedback highlighted the team's friendliness, professionalism, dedication, and welcoming approach to serving families.

Recognition like this reminds us that exceptional participant service is reflected not only in the services we provide but To our Huntington Park and Paramount WIC teams: Thank you for demonstrating the compassion, teamwork, and commitment.