



A Student's Journey, Powered by You (J's Version)

Earlier this school year, you made a generous donation to RCEF, and today, I want to share with you a story that illustrates the profound difference your support is making. While J's name has been changed to protect his privacy, his story is very real.

Each year, our district welcomes nearly 100 migrant and refugee students, like J, who arrive with the weight of past trauma and the uncertainty of starting fresh. When J arrived in the U.S. with his family, he faced the challenges of adapting to a new culture, language, and school.

But your support made a difference.

Thanks to RCEF-funded mental health services, J was able to find the help he needed to process these challenges and build resilience.

[Click below to watch J's story and see the impact you've made through your support.](#)

J's Story: A Student's Journey, Powered by You

How many students
use counseling
services?

990

STUDENTS ACROSS HOOVER,
GARFIELD, AND TAFT USE
COUNSELING SERVICES



Last year alone, nearly **60% of TK-8th grade students** at Hoover, Garfield, and Taft schools **sought out and received essential mental health services**. Your generosity has made it possible for students like J to find hope, healing, and a sense of belonging in our schools. **Thank you 🙏**

With gratitude,

Florence Ortiz
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