

Spotlight of the Month (December 2023) Teresa Ortiz, Adult Education Manager

We want to spotlight CLUES' adult education manager, Teresa Ortiz. Teresa will retire at the end of December 2023 after a [full and interesting career](#).



Teresa, originally from Mexico City, had the opportunity to visit the University of Minnesota in 1969. She eventually started working in Minnesota for organizations like the Center for Global Education at Augsburg and the Resource Center of the Americas. She made her way to CLUES in October 2009.

During the past 14 years at CLUES, Teresa has juggled many different roles including teacher, coordinator, administrator, and [community advocate](#). Teresa has been a consistent figure for adult learners at CLUES, particularly at the Lake Street location in Minneapolis and, since the start of the pandemic, for the morning students on Zoom. Her energy and talent as an educator are undeniable. The effects of Teresa's dedication to her students, her volunteer teachers, fellow staff, and the Latino community in Minnesota will be felt for years to come.

Outside of CLUES, Teresa is active in her community. She participates in [Palabristas](#), a group of Latino poets who meet regularly to share their lives through words. She has also authored a book, [Lake Street Stories](#)! Additionally, Teresa is the mother of two adult children. Her son, an artist and former Director of Arts & Cultural Engagement at CLUES, lives in St. Paul and her daughter lives in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Thank you, Teresa, for all you have done for CLUES and the Latino community during your career. While you may be retiring, we are sure you will continue your work well into the future. Happy retirement! ¡Te extrañaremos un montón!

Please leave your well wishes for Teresa by clicking [here](#). Thank you!