



**The Center for People of All Races**

A voice and a hub for the Latino community  
as we advocate on behalf of our people  
and work to achieve social justice.



"El Centro is one of the most hopeful  
things I have ever known, and I want to  
come and renew my optimism."

-Arthur Dye, Supporter

# 2009 Annual Report



# The Continuing Quest to Build the “Beloved Community”

As we begin our 38<sup>th</sup> year of a most remarkable journey, El Centro de la Raza is perfectly positioned to create a model of achievement where the social, cultural, political and economic intersect to continue our fundamental mission of building Dr. King’s “Beloved Community.” El Centro de la Raza has been a part of the Beacon Hill community since 1972.

## **OUR VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT THE STATION**

El Centro is currently planning to develop its one acre of land immediately north of the Beacon Hill Light Rail Station. We are asking for input from the community and welcome ideas that will make this prime location a great asset to our beloved neighborhood. The development being proposed takes into account key elements of the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan and supports the spirit and vision of the plan. The mixed-use economic, retail and residential development will improve the livability and walk-ability of North Beacon Hill and benefit residents, adjacent neighborhoods, the city and the region. Our vision for the site will continue the trend of well-planned development that will positively impact Beacon Hill.

**Public Space:** The development will support the formation of the “Urban Village” concept by providing open public space, in the form of a Latino-style plaza, directly adjacent to the Beacon Hill Light Rail Station and the public library. This transit-oriented development will be a unique and vibrant community gathering place that will enhance the neighborhood and shopping district. It will improve the overall walk-ability and quality of life for its residents while providing appropriate density. Pedestrian traffic will flow freely between El Centro, the “festival” street and the station. This unique open space will provide a venue for farmers’ markets and cultural and community activities. We hope to include a multi-purpose auditorium which will be a first-class meeting and performing arts venue for the neighborhood.

**Economic Development and Amenities:** The design concept includes ground level retail and office space surrounding an open Latino-style Plaza. While the final design has yet to be determined, it is anticipated that the plaza will be supported by the existing kiosk and new amenities such as artwork suitable for fiestas, a farmers’ market and sitting areas. It is anticipated that this high-quality new development will attract visitors and stimulate business and reinvestment in the neighborhood. The additional retail services and amenities will provide new services to residents and visitors, particularly by way of the Light Rail. The employment and small business opportunities provided will help counter the recent economic crisis for both the local Latino community and neighborhood economy.

**Increased Housing Opportunities:** Consistent with the neighborhood plan, the development will support increased residential density in the commercial core. This increased population will use the Light Rail and provide additional customers for existing businesses in the area. New housing will assist elderly and low to moderate income residents and help meet the Urban Village goal of providing 550 additional residential units by 2013 without changing the neighborhood character.

## **ZONING MODIFICATION NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE VISION**

El Centro participated in neighborhood meetings in early 2009 and has incorporated the neighborhood plan goals into our development concept. We have been brainstorming about this future development for several years, and in addition to guidance from the Beacon Hill community, we have invited input from our extended *familia*. We have drawn on the pro bono efforts of many longtime allies with expertise in architecture, urban design and development. To achieve the vision of this project, the zoning adjacent to the station needs to be changed to NC65. Without this height (65 feet or 5 stories), the ability to provide the needed residential density, diverse mix of uses and a quality open plaza is severely limited. This rezone is a modification of the zoning enacted by the 1999 North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan. However, when that plan was developed, we did not envision the construction of the light rail station and its positive impact. At that time, talk of future transit development included only the notion of a tunnel under Beacon Hill. In addition, neighborhood plans were created before we realized that one of the greatest contributors to the global climate destabilization in our region was sprawling land use and auto-dependency. The need to increase the city’s housing stock to maintain affordability and cultural diversity was less apparent at that time as well. Given this and other economic factors, the proposed height of 65 feet is critical to the feasibility of the project as envisioned and we hope it is included in the Beacon Hill Plan. El Centro is committed to quality design of our project and the City’s Design Review process assures that the community will have an impact on the final design. We hope that all who feel strongly about community will value this next major “bricks and mortar” step on our journey to build the “Beloved Community.”



*The artwork shown here is an Aztec inspired design reflecting textile patterns from various cultures. Artist Carl Smool gave El Centro the honor of naming the artwork. After much debate and inspiration from volunteers, donors, supporters and staff, El Centro de la Raza proposed the name: **The Mexica Journey...Beacon of Unidad, Resistencia and Hope.** Come see it for yourself and stop in to see us while you are here!*

# Volunteers Respond to Community Need

2009 was an exciting year for El Centro de la Raza's volunteer program. We reported 24,804 hours and 1,007 volunteers! That is a 60% increase in volunteer hours since 2008; this is due, in part, to a better reporting and tracking system, but can also be attributed to having a centralized volunteer program that's actively recruiting, training and placing committed volunteers. According to the Independent Sector, the value of our volunteer hours in 2009 is approximately \$502,281!

Some highlights from this year include the 103 volunteers who spent the day with El Centro for United Way Day of Caring for a total of 767 hours. They worked on preparations for both our Annual Auction Banquet and our Día de los Muertos Celebration as well as landscaping, archiving, and cleaning out closets! Volunteers from Ben Bridge Jewelers, Costco, Microsoft, Nordstrom, PACE Engineering, Peace Health, United Way of King County, and Governor Christine Gregoire and Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen joined staff for the wonderful day of service! The Governor and all our generous volunteers were presented with small tokens of appreciation during a lunch ceremony compliments of the Muckleshoot Tribe.



*Through a project organized by United Way, new stairs are being built for the North, South, and West entrances of the El Centro building. Mil gracias to Mortenson Construction, Architects W/O Borders, Engineers W/O Borders, and McKinstry for their generous pro-bono efforts. The project will save El Centro de la Raza over \$180,000 in necessary repairs.*

Our Free Legal Clinics served 234 individuals thanks to the 162 volunteers who donated 348 hours of their time. El Centro hosted several volunteer groups throughout the year including: Lakeside Middle School, Seattle Academy, Seattle University School of Nursing Students, Seattle Works, Starbucks, VOICE Volunteers, City Year Young Heroes, Bush School, Exploration Academy, Loyola Marymount University Alumni, Seattle Lutheran High School, Waggoner Edstrom, Seattle University, and the University of Washington. Gracias to all our committed volunteers!

# Staff and Volunteers Doing More With Less

*Mil gracias* to our hard working staff and volunteers:

**Volunteer Hero Award:** Ruperto Gomez, Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1144

**Exemplary Volunteer Award:** Randy Rush

**Volunteer Equipo del Año:** Taproot Foundation Team - Ben Fox, Maria Jimenez, Mary LaFleur, John Martin, Michelle Taylor and Sarah Ziegenfuss

**Employee of the Year:** Eva Ruiz

**Spirit Award:** Diana Mena

**Executive Director's Award:** Ashley Haugen

Service of 25+ Years: Hilda Magaña

Service of 5+ Years: Belinda Zintzún, Bertha Hernandez, Mirabella Mendiola

Service of 3+ Years: Rubi Zamora, Ashley Haugen, Janet Stafford, Consuelo Trujillo



*Employee of the Year, Eva Ruiz.*



*Spirit Award Recipient, Diana Mena.*



*Executive Director's Award recipient, Ashley Haugen.*



*Exemplary Volunteer, Randy Rush.*

# Continuando el Camino para Construir la “Querida Comunidad”

El Centro de la Raza está cumpliendo 38 años de una jornada llena de logros y se coloca para crear un modelo donde lo cultural, lo social, lo económico, y lo político interactúan para continuar nuestra misión fundamental de construir la visión del doctor King la “Querida Comunidad”. El Centro de la Raza ha sido parte de la comunidad de Beacon Hill desde 1972.

## **NUESTRA VISIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO CERCA DE LA ESTACIÓN**

Ahora mismo El Centro está planeando desarrollar un acre de tierra inmediatamente al norte de la nueva estación de Sound Transit en Beacon Hill. Estamos pidiendo ideas de la comunidad, y agradeceremos cualquier idea que haga de esta ubicación, algo valioso para nuestra querida comunidad. El desarrollo que se ha propuesto toma en consideración elementos claves del Planeamiento del Vecindario de Beacon Hill Norte y apoya el espíritu y la visión de este plan. El uso mixto del desarrollo económico, comercial y residencial mejorará la calidad de vida del norte de Beacon Hill y beneficiará a sus residentes, vecinos, la ciudad y la región. Nuestra visión para este sitio continuará la tendencia de un desarrollo bien planeado que afecte positivamente a Beacon Hill.

**Espacios públicos:** El desarrollo apoyará la formación del concepto de “Urban Village” proveyendo un espacio abierto y público con una plaza al estilo Latino, cerca de la Estación del Light Rail y la Biblioteca Pública. Este desarrollo orientado hacia el uso del transporte público, será un lugar de reunión singular y lleno de vida que aumentará el área y el distrito de compras. Mejorará la capacidad de caminar y la calidad de vida para los residentes, a la vez que provee la densidad apropiada. El tráfico peatonal fluirá libremente entre El Centro, “festival street”, y la estación. Este espacio abierto permitirá un lugar para mercados y actividades culturales. Esperamos incluir un auditorio multi-usos que será un sitio de reunión de primera clase para las artes.

**Desarrollo económico y comodidades:** El concepto original es tener espacio para oficinas y comercios en la planta baja alrededor de la Plaza Latina. Aunque el diseño final no se ha determinado, se anticipa que la plaza será apoyada por el kiosco que ya existe, así como nuevos elementos, tales como fuentes y arte público apropiados para fiestas, mercados locales de frutas y verduras, y áreas para sentarse y relajarse. Se espera que este desarrollo atraiga visitantes y estimule los negocios e inversiones en el área. Los comercios y servicios adicionales estimularán la economía con nuevos empleos y pequeños negocios que ayudarán a contrarrestar los efectos de la crisis económica en la comunidad.

**Aumentando oportunidades de vivienda:** De acuerdo con el plan del vecindario, el desarrollo apoyará el aumento a la densidad residencial en el centro comercial. Este aumento de población alentará el uso del sistema del Sound Transit y proveerá más clientes para los negocios que ya existen en el área. Las nuevas viviendas ayudarían a los residentes de bajo a moderado ingreso y a los residentes mayores a alcanzar la meta del “Urban Village” de proveer 550 unidades residenciales más para el año 2013 sin cambiar el carácter del vecindario circundante.

## **Modificaciones a la clasificación de zona para lograr la visión**

El Centro ha participado en reuniones comunitarias desde principios del año 2009 y ha incorporado el plan del vecindario en nuestro concepto de desarrollo. Hemos estado pensando creativamente sobre este desarrollo por varios años, y además de los consejos de la comunidad de Beacon Hill, hemos acogido las sugerencias de nuestra *familia*, así como consejo de varios especialistas amigos expertos en arquitectura, diseño urbano y desarrollo. Para lograr la visión de este proyecto la zonificación contigua a la estación debe cambiar al NC65. Sin esta altura (65 pies, o 5 pisos), se limita significativamente la capacidad de proveer la densidad residencial necesitada, la mezcla diversa de usos y la plaza abierta de alta calidad. Esta re-zonificación es una modificación a la zonificación que fue promulgada por el Planeamiento del Vecindario de Beacon Hill Norte en 1999. Sin embargo, cuando se desarrolló ese plan, no previmos la construcción de la estación del Sound Transit Light Rail y el potencial impacto positivo en la comunidad. En ese tiempo, cuando se hablaba del desarrollo del tránsito en el futuro, esto incluía solamente el concepto de un túnel en Beacon Hill. Además, se crearon los planes de los vecindarios antes de que nos diéramos cuenta de que el uso excesivo de terrenos urbanos y la dependencia de los autos son algunos de los factores que contribuyen enormemente a la desestabilización global del clima. También en aquel tiempo no era tan clara la necesidad de aumentar la cantidad de viviendas en la ciudad para mantener opciones asequibles y con diversidad cultural. Considerando esto y otros factores económicos, la altura propuesta de 65 pies es crucial para la viabilidad del proyecto como lo hemos previsto y esperamos que sea incluido en el plan de Beacon Hill.

El Centro está comprometido con un diseño de alta calidad para nuestro proyecto, y el proceso de Evaluación del Diseño de la Ciudad, asegura que la comunidad tendrá la oportunidad de influenciar el diseño final antes de construirlo. Esperamos que todos los que tengan un fuerte sentido de comunidad valoren este próximo paso en nuestro camino a construir la “Querida Comunidad.”

# Participants Served in 2009

<b>Total Individuals</b>	<b>22,884</b>	<b>Total Families</b>	<b>9,673</b>
Male	8,004	1-2 Members	5,914
Female	7,930	3-4 Members	1,615
Unknown*	6,950	5-6 Members	718
		7+ Members	183
		Unknown*	8,493
Latina/Latino	13,329		
African American	325	Single Person	2,114
Asian/Pacific Islander	779	Single Parent	889
Native/Alaskan	113	Two Parents	1,650
White	276	Other	765
Other	36	Unknown*	4,225
Unknown*	8,026		
0-5 yrs	1,074	0% to 50% <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	5,384
6-11 yrs	372	51% to 100% <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	1,243
12-17 yrs	1,287	101% to 150% <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	899
18-23 yrs	3,836	151% to 175% <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	504
24-69 yrs	7,963	176% to 200% <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	19
70 and over	437	201% and over <small>Income of Poverty Threshold</small>	155
Unknown*	7,915	Unknown*	1,469

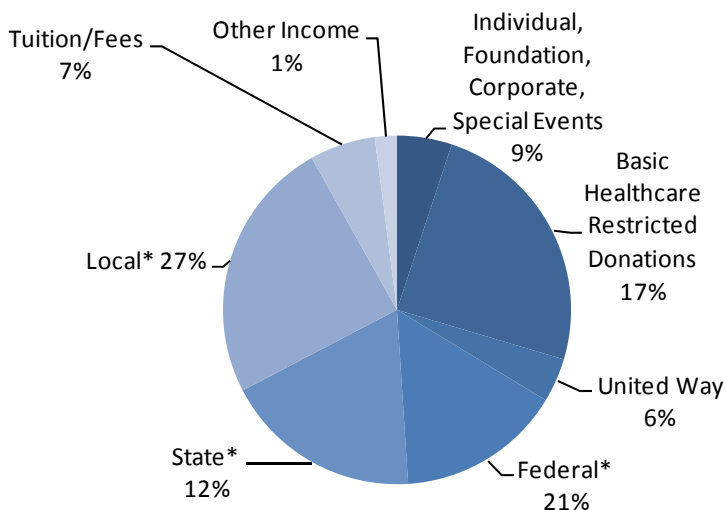
The demographic data to the left represents individuals and families who were served by El Centro de la Raza's programs, services and events in 2009.

*\*We were unable to capture complete data on all participants that attended cultural events, legal clinics, tax preparation sessions and individuals enrolled in the Basic Healthcare Plan.*

## Geographic Reach of Services

El Centro de la Raza is located on Beacon Hill in Seattle. We provide Basic Healthcare Plan enrollment services in Tacoma, which serves participants in MLK, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Clark, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties. The majority of our participants come from the Seattle and Martin Luther King, Jr. County area.

## 2010 Projected Funding



SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Individual, Foundation, Corporate, Special Events	\$456,259	9%
Basic Healthcare Restricted Donations	\$840,000	17%
United Way	\$316,684	6%
Federal*	\$1,049,629	21%
State*	\$602,637	12%
Local*	\$1,340,371	27%
Tuition/Fees	\$358,825	7%
Other Income (rent, etc.)	\$9,600	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,974,005</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Capital improvement funds from these sources total \$639,7459

# 2009 Successes and Highlights

## Awards and Recognition:

... Estela Ortega, previously El Centro de la Raza's Associate Director, was promoted to Executive Director effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. "With more than 35 years of service at El Centro de la Raza and extensive management, advocacy and community building experience, Estela is a perfect fit for the job," said Board President David Gasca. Roberto Maestas, El Centro's previous director, is now Senior Advisor and Chair of Historical Resources.

... Checkout our new website! *Mil gracias* to the Taproot Foundation for the award of a Basic Website Service Grant! The award provided a team of experienced professionals to build a new website for El Centro de la Raza. The grant is valued at \$50,000. Please check it out and let us know what you think: [www.elcentrodelaraza.org](http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org).



... The 2009 *Latino Heritage Award* was presented to Estela Ortega by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and City of Seattle Latino Employees on October 3, 2009.

... The *Latino Community Fund Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Roberto Maestas on October 17, 2009.

... The 2009 Real Change *Change Agent Award* was presented to Roberto Maestas by Martin Luther King, Jr. County Councilmember Larry Gossett on October 20, 2009.



... The YMCA A.K. *Guy Award* was presented to Larry Gossett, Roberto Maestas, Bob Santos and the late Bernie Whitebear on November 12, 2009. It was the first time ever that the YMCA of Greater Seattle recognized four unrelated individuals with this award.

... El Centro was a recipient of stimulus funds for its Crisis Advocate, Employment, College Readiness and Eviction Prevention programs. These funds present a unique opportunity to increase the capacity to serve low-income families impacted by the recession while helping get people back to work.

The "Four Amigos" accepting the A.K. Guy Award: Bob Santos, Councilmember Larry Gossett, Lawney Reyes brother of Bernie Whitebear and Roberto Maestas.

## Capital Improvements:

... *Gracias* to Governor Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature for allocating \$250,000 under the Building Communities Fund to renovate our electrical, seismic and plumbing systems to help save on maintenance costs and increase energy efficiency. We would like to thank the legislative supporters of our request: Senators Margarita Prentice and Adam Kline, and Representatives Hans Dunshee, Sharon Santos, Eric Pettigrew, Bob Hasegawa, Felipa Gutierrez Kenney, and Speaker of the House Frank Chopp.

... Through a project organized by United Way, new stairs are being built for the North, South, and West entrances. *Mil gracias* to Mortenson Construction, Architects W/O Borders, Engineers W/O Borders, and McKinstry for their generous pro-bono efforts. The project will save El Centro de la Raza over \$180,000 in necessary repairs.



*Gracias* to United Way, Mortenson Construction, Architects W/O Borders, Engineers W/O Borders, and McKinstry for the brand new concrete stairs! When completed, the project will save El Centro de la Raza over \$180,000!

## Building Use:

... In 2009, building usage totaled approximately 4,437 hours with events ranging from Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshops to graduation celebrations. We have space available for meetings, weddings, and community activities, including wireless Internet. Please call 206.957.4603 to inquire about leasing or reserving space.

## Annual Auction Banquet:



Students give us a career lesson at the auction! Photo by Victor Pascual.

... Over \$140,000 raised at our 2009 Annual Auction Banquet! *Gracias* to everyone who helped make the auction a success!

... *Mil gracias* to our auction sponsors: presenting sponsor Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Vulcan, Eli Lilly, Comcast, Washington Education Association, Home-Street Bank, Bank of America, College Success Foundation, Kenneth & Marleen Alhadeff Foundation, Jones & Jones, Teamsters Local Union 760 Yakima WA, Plaza Bank and Seattle Sounders FC.

... Save the date for our 2010 Annual Auction Banquet on Saturday, September 25th!



*El Centro de la Raza organized a delegation of over 50 participants including youth from Ballard, Chief Sealth and Garfield High Schools, along with students from Denny Middle School to attend Latina/o Legislative Day.*

## Cultural, Social Justice and Community Events:

... The Beacon Hill Light Rail Station opened on July 18th with community gathering to ride the light rail and celebrate at El Centro de la Raza located directly across the street with food and music!

... Over 400 community members joined us at Jefferson Community Center for our Fourth Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration, presented by Macy's and Sound Transit.

... Over 1,600 visitors attended the Día de los Muertos opening ceremony and viewed the exhibit at El Centro de la Raza throughout November. Over twenty community-based, social justice, and multicultural organizations displayed *ofrendas* to honor and remember those who have passed.

## Comadres Provides Support and Prevention

Through its Infant Mortality Prevention Program, El Centro de la Raza provides a support group for Latina women called Comadres. Comadres provides a safe place for women to come and share their personal experiences, fears, hopes and how they may be adjusting to cultural differences between Latin America and the U.S. Many women find themselves alone in their homes for the first time without the community support they had before. This solitude can lead to depression, which negatively affects relationships with family and friends. Comadres sessions are open to Latinas ages 15+ and serve an average of 25 women per session, twice a month. Sessions focus on open conversations, group discussion, and on education about woman and infant health. Topics include pre-natal nutrition, post-partum depression, child



development, health and domestic violence. Presentations are facilitated by professionals who donate their time. Fatherhood Workshops targeting Latino fathers will be a new component this year. Comadres has created bonds and fostered self-empowerment. We believe that women can lay the foundation for healthier and loving future generations, and we plan on continuing to strengthen this foundation. ¡La esperamos! **To learn more about this program, please visit our website at [www.elcentrodelaraza.org](http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org).**

*By Diana Mena, Infant Mortality Prevention Coordinator*

# The Year in Pictures



El Centro de la Raza remembers Ricardo Aguirre (March 29, 1937-July 3, 2009), dedicated social activist, board member and friend.



Mujeres of the Northwest generously donated books to our José Martí Child Development Center. *Mil gracias* Mujeres!



Volunteers filed over 480 returns with \$578,650 in refunds during the United Way Free Tax Prep Campaign at El Centro's site between January-April. 25 bilingual volunteers worked for over 3,372 hours to help participants successfully prepare and file their taxes.



Ten volunteers from Ben Bridge Jewelers who helped prepare for our annual auction banquet during the United Way Day of Caring. *Gracias* to Ben Bridge and all the volunteers helped out with projects!



Students in the child development center visited the University of Washington in the summer to tour the campus, meet faculty, and gain exposure to higher education.



Thirty-two volunteers from Nordstrom helped with spring cleaning and landscaping projects during the United Way Day of Caring in September. *Gracias* to Nordstrom and their staff!

# El Año en Fotografías



El Centro de la Raza joined more than 150 organizations that organized the May 30th “Health Care for All in 2009 - Mothers Leading the Way” march and rally in Seattle to support the goal of winning quality, affordable health care for all.



El Centro received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for its employment, financial literacy, college readiness and crisis advocacy programs.



The Seattle Fandango Project and the Veracruz-based band Son de Madera held bi-weekly musical workshops with youth ages 11-17 in the fall. Workshops included instruction on traditional instruments, singing, and zapateado dance.



U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell visits El Centro to meet with Latino community leaders including State Representative Felipa Gutierrez Kenney, Executive Director Estela Ortega and founder Roberto Maestas.



Seattle Works volunteers made progress on several spring projects, including building raised garden boxes for our seniors to use at their homes. *Mil gracias!*



Governor Gregoire, United Way of King County President and CEO Jon Fine and Estela Ortega recognize volunteers from Costco who participated in the United Way Day of Caring. *Gracias!*

# Outcomes and Measurable Results

Between July 2008 and June 2009, 90% of our program participants achieved their personal outcomes. Each program listed below has established an outcomes framework involving quantifiable evaluation tools and immediate and intermediate milestones that help participants progress toward one of the listed Twenty-three Core Outcomes:

## Child & Youth Programs

Investing in our children and their future, El Centro provides an array of bilingual, multicultural child and youth services to the local community.

- Infants/young children meet development milestones
- Young children are prepared to enter kindergarten
- Students develop/strengthen skills and habits to support academic success
- Educationally at-risk students make academic progress
- Parents/guardians participate in children's learning
- Latina/o teens will become self-reliant as teen parents caring for their children
- Identify, alleviate, and meet the needs of at-risk pregnant women
- Youth are encouraged and better prepared to pursue and/or enroll in post-secondary education



*Over 50 children in our early learning program celebrated moving on to kindergarten at the graduation ceremony organized by parents and teachers in August.*

Additional services: Child Literacy and Family Education



*In 2009, 311,464 pounds of food were distributed and over 1,300 unduplicated households were served by our Food Bank. Photo by Yessica Andiputri.*

## Human & Emergency Services

Seeking to address immediate aspects of human suffering such as hunger, healthcare and homelessness, our Frances Martinez Community Service Center provides diverse bilingual human and emergency services.

- People meet their basic food needs
- People retain jobs
- People transitioning out of homelessness secure permanent housing
- Older adults maintain the highest possible quality of life
- Families obtain resources to prevent eviction and achieve housing stability
- Individuals and families in crisis receive immediate information, referral and services
- Low-income participants obtain health care services for themselves or family members
- Seniors grow vegetables in their home garden boxes as an additional source of food

## Education & Skill Building Programs

El Centro promotes self-sufficiency and empowerment through bilingual education and skill building initiatives.

- Low/moderate income people are able to purchase a home
- Increased knowledge of banking and personal money management
- People acquire/improve English language and literacy skills
- Successful default counseling; families remain in their homes
- Low-income families receive emergency legal assistance
- Low-income households achieve an increase in financial assets and/or financial skills through participation in a tax preparation program
- Low-income participants obtain citizenship in support of stability

## Community Building & Development

El Centro believes that only through civic involvement, grassroots organizing, and social activism will our community be able to effectively address the profound contradictions facing our world. We unite communities of all races, genders, ages and classes to fight for civil and human rights both locally and globally.

Additional services: Low-Income & Transitional Housing, Bilingual Legal Referrals, Commercial & Tenant Space, Immigration & Civil Rights Advocacy, Volunteerism, Global Relations, Cultural Events, and Community Meeting & Event Space

# Mil Gracias to Our 2009 Donors and Funders

## Voluntarios

*Mil gracias* to our **1,007** volunteers who donated **24,804** hours in 2009! This time is valued at **\$502,281** as estimated by Independent Sector. Please call 206.957.4602 to become a volunteer.

## Mil Gracias to Our Volunteer

### Corps Staff Members:

#### AmeriCorps Volunteers:

Heidi Blocker  
Mallory Erickson  
Sarah Haywood  
Nicole Keenan  
Lauren McElroy  
Connor Murphy  
Irene Routte

#### Lutheran Volunteer Corps

##### Volunteers:

Molly Jacobson  
Elliott Jones  
Irene Routte

##### AARP Volunteers:

Sandy Capps  
Terrance Chapman  
Jeanette Ester  
Marlene Murias  
Emma Octavo  
Duane Osborne  
William Smith  
Dolores Thompson

##### In Honor or Memory of

Alberta Jackson  
Ignacio Mares  
Janice Turner  
Katie Vick  
Nancy McKee  
Ricardo Aguirre

##### Auction Banquet Support

##### Valor Sponsor:



##### Dignidad Sponsors:

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##### Honor Sponsors:

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##### Solidaridad Sponsors:

HomeStreet Bank

##### Comunidad Sponsors:

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##### Auction Table Captains

Eric Barber  
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Dave Gandara  
Rhonda & Larry Gossett  
Rob Keefe  
Latino Community Fund  
Manny Lee  
Eric Liu  
Jimmy Matta  
Lakeside Middle School  
Linda Mullen  
Martin Padilla  
Pepsi Bottling Group  
SeaMar Community Health Clinic  
Steve Robinson, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission  
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Mike Sotelo  
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##### El Centro Board Member Captains:

Roxana Amaral  
David & Ellen Gasca  
Victoria Kill  
Brenda Williams

##### El Centro Staff Captains:

Frances Martinez Community Services Department  
Heather Hudson  
Hilda Magaña  
Susan Maisel  
Roberto Maestas  
Estela Ortega

##### A special gracias to our Auction Procurement Committee for all their hard work and support:

Ada Mares  
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##### Auction Item Donors

5th Avenue Theater  
8 Limbs Yoga Center  
A Dog's Dream  
Ada-Reva Franklin  
Adriana Maestas  
Agua Verde Cafe and Paddle Club  
Aim to be Fit  
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Anthony's Restaurant  
Apollo Activities, Inc.  
Appropriate Technology Group  
Ashley Haugen y Brandon Lehnerz  
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Bellevue Collection  
Belo Hair Design  
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Better World Club  
Blame it on Rios  
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Body Shop  
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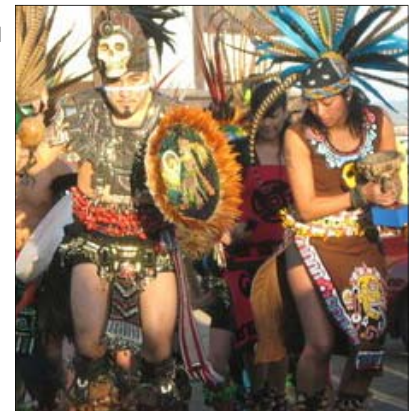
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*Gracias to Ameyaltonal  
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Please consider giving a special contribution to El Centro de la Raza to support our 28 programs and the thousands of people we serve each year in Seattle, Martin Luther King, Jr. County and across the state.

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## Homes Saved at Rainbow Haven

In May of 2009, a group of approximately 45 residents from the Rainbow Haven community in Tukwila came to El Centro de la Raza and requested a meeting to discuss their living situation. The mobile home community is located one block from the Tukwila Sound Transit station that opened last July. The City of Tukwila issued code violations for 41 of the 49 homes that had additional rooms built and electrical issues. Residents were told that they needed to make modifications to their homes by November 13th or face heavy fines and eviction action by the city. A sense of intimidation was felt by the families and residents.

With limited resources and means to make the necessary changes demanded by the City of Tukwila, residents were left with few options. Most Rainbow Haven residents are low-income families with no other housing options, and the community is comprised largely of Latinos from all across Latin America. El Centro met with members of Rainbow Haven and with the City of Tukwila throughout the summer, and organized work parties to help complete the proper renovations. El Centro de la Raza made a \$2,500 donation for building supplies and organized volunteers to help with repairs. In addition, *gracias* to an anonymous donor who also contributed \$2,000 to the project. A special thanks to Jesus Sanchez with the City of Shoreline for helping with the creative solution to build firewalls between the homes to meet fire code and safety requirements. Dedicated and experienced electricians, carpenters, sheet-rockers and laborers volunteered their time and labor to help complete repairs for 45 homes at work parties every Saturday for two months. Repairs were completed in November! *Gracias* to all our volunteers for their time and generosity! *Mil gracias* to Ruperto Gomez for his leadership on the project and to LADS Local 1144, NW Pacific Regional Council of Carpenters, UPS, Habitat for Humanity, and others who helped rebuild Rainbow Haven (or Rainbow Heaven as we like to call it). This would not have happened without your help!



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### Café con El Centro

8-9 am first Thursday of every month  
 Please RSVP to 206.957.4652

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

May 2nd

Asa Mercer Middle School  
 Free parking. Call 206.957.4640.

### Annual Auction Banquet

September 25th  
 Seattle Design Center

### Día de los Muertos

November 1st Opening Ceremony  
 El Centro de la Raza

## Mission

As an organization grounded in the Latino community, our mission is to build unity across all racial and economic sectors, to organize, empower, and defend our most vulnerable and marginalized populations and to bring justice, dignity, equality, and freedom to all the peoples of the world.

## Vision

Our vision is a world free of oppression based on poverty, racism, sexism, sexual orientation, and discrimination of any kind, that limits equal access to the resources that ensure a healthy and productive life for all peoples and future generations, in peace, love and harmony.

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