



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 helped me discover something  
about myself that I didn't know I had. It made  
me want to keep going in life and become  
someone who advocates for the community."

- Brian, Youth Participant

# 2011 Annual Report



# 40 Years of Empowerment, Hope and Resistance

Querid@s Amig@s/Dear Friends,

El Centro de la Raza is turning 40 years old this year! We will look back at the beginning, commemorate the present, and share our vision for the future at a celebration banquet on Saturday, September 29, 2012 as we honor: ***Cuarenta Años Trabajando for the Beloved Community***- *for justice, equity and peace with unconditional love for all people*. In continuing the legacy of Roberto our beloved leader, principal founder and resolute advocate, we weave the theme of the “Beloved Community” that he worked tirelessly to build into all that we do.

Over the last 40 years, you have positively impacted the lives hundreds of thousands of children, youth, adults, seniors and their families. Your incredible generosity and unyielding support through both good times and bad has honored and humbled us. Roberto tirelessly endeavored to build the “Beloved Community” through multi-racial unity and by serving and helping empower the most vulnerable and marginalized in our communities.

**Your support** made many exciting accomplishments possible in 2011 and 2012 that we are overjoyed to report back to you:

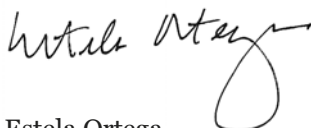
- **THE REZONING!** Our *Plaza Roberto Maestas* mixed-use development project lot was unanimously rezoned to NC-65 by City Council! Gracias to our neighbors, supporters, the North Beacon Hill Community Council for your countless letters, email and testimony. We hope to break ground on the new development in the summer of 2013!
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGES.** As part of the Minority Executive Directors Coalition for Law Enforcement Accountability, El Centro has actively participated in police accountability work, helping to make 94 progressive reform recommendations to the Seattle Police Department.
- **ADVOCATING FOR EQUITY.** El Centro advocated for community needs and social justice issues through several community led initiatives including organizing for the May Day March, comprehensive immigration reform, marriage equality, employment issues, Latino Legislative Day in Olympia, and in opposition to Secure Communities and misguided gang legislation.

Several developments are already coming to fruition in 2012. We know we still face economic and social challenges, but we will continue our commitment to involving the community in our development plans, social justice work, fundraising initiatives, and volunteer opportunities. **You can help directly impact the lives of our participants in the following ways:**

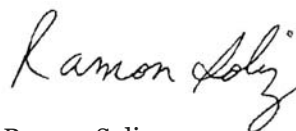
- Purchase tickets at [www.elcentro40.org](http://www.elcentro40.org) for our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Seattle Westin. Made possible by the Marguerite Casey Foundation, two Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Awards and four scholarships will be presented at the event. Funds raised benefit our core programs.
- Support our **economic development opportunities** that earn revenue for our programs and services including parking in our Parking Lot (adjacent to the Beacon Hill Station), attending a Spanish Class or Tamale Class, or purchasing a Christmas Tree.
- **Volunteer** for programs, events and projects at El Centro – we cannot do this work without you! Advocate for the rights and issues that are important in our community. Through our eNewsletter, we are able to keep you abreast of the latest community issues, volunteer opportunities and events in our community.

We will showcase our exciting projects this year as we edge closer to our celebration on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Roberto fought for justice on issues from the environment, indigenous rights, immigration, and civil and human rights with a focus on those in the dawn and twilight of their lives. He is present in all that we do, and his tenacious spirit and resolve continues to inspire us as we document El Centro’s extraordinary history and look ahead to the next 40 years. ¡Roberto Maestas, PRESENTE!

Respetuosamente,



Estela Ortega  
Executive Director



Ramon Soliz  
Board of Directors President



**EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA** **40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 29 2012**

# 40





# Volunteers Fill Unique Rolls to Meet Community Needs

*Mil gracias* to all our fantastic volunteers! Your hard work and dedication keeps El Centro de la Raza's programs running smoothly and effectively. You provided an eight percent increase in volunteer hours from 2010 to 2011. In 2011 alone 1,242 volunteers provided 28,516 total volunteer hours. The Independent Sector estimates that the total value of these volunteer hours is \$621,363. A special *gracias* to the Northwest Area Foundation for generously supporting our volunteer program.

The generous gift of time, energy, and effort has kept our programs flourishing. Free Legal Clinics, hosted graciously in cooperation with Schroeter Goldmark and Bender Law and the Latino/a Bar Association of Washington, would not have been possible without the help of 147 volunteers who provided hours of interpreting, intake, and other assistance. Volunteers complete unique projects and fill important roles within the organization including search engine optimization, cooking class instructors, English and Spanish teachers, and coordinating events, donations and programs.

Our Legacy Awards and Auction Banquet was a huge success thanks to the dedicated work of 99 volunteers providing 691 hours procuring items and other tasks imperative to the success of the event. El Centro de la Raza was honored to be a Comcast Cares Day and United Way Day of Caring site. We hosted a diverse range of volunteer groups during 2011, including Microsoft, Expedia, Starbucks, Comcast, the Latino Bar Association of Washington, NPower Northwest, United Way, Mortenson Construction, Plumbers Without Borders, Engineers Without Borders, and SeattleWorks. El Centro was also proud to serve as a site for service-learning students from Seattle University, the University of Washington, UW Bothell, Seattle Central Community College and Bellevue College.



*Gracias to the University of Washington Design Build Studio architecture students for completing major park additions. Last year, 28,516 hours of service were provided by 1,242 volunteers!*

 To see our current volunteer opportunities, please visit [elcentrodelaraza.org](http://elcentrodelaraza.org) and click the Volunteer Now button!

## Gracias to Our Dedicated Volunteers & Staff

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

**Volunteer Hero Award:** Roxana Amaral

**Exemplary Volunteer Award:** Susan McDougal

**Volunteer Equipo del Año Award:** United Way and Architects Without Borders

**Employee of the Year Award:** Anastasia Mendoza

**Spirit Award:** Alex Bautista

**Executive Director's Award:** Leslea Bowling

**Service of 25+ Years:** Carmen Miranda

**Service of 15+ Years:** Alex Bautista

**Service of 5+ Years:** Elisa Miranda, Ricardo Soliz and Janet Stafford

**Service of 3+ Years:** Graciela Ayala, Hiromi Fermin, Susan Maisel, Mike Moore, Cecilia Perez, Franz Perez, and Maria de Jesus Ramiraz



**Architects Without Borders  
& United Way,  
Volunteer Equipo del Año  
Award**



**Employee of the Year,  
Anastasia Mendoza**



**Employee Spirit Award,  
Alex Bautista**



**Executive Director's  
Award, Leslea Bowling**



**Exemplary Volunteer,  
Susan McDougal**

# Participants Served in 2011

<b>Total Individuals</b>	<b>19,489</b>
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## Gender:

Male	9,222
Female	8,530
Unknown*	1,737

## Ethnicity:

Latina/Latino	15,211
Non Latina/Latino	3,078
Unknown	1,200

## Race:

African American	581
Asian/Pacific Islander	962
Native/Alaskan	125
White	1,115
Other	2,026
Undisclosed*	14,680

## Age:

0-5 yrs	1,685
6-11 yrs	1,304
12-17 yrs	1,967
18-23 yrs	778
24-69 yrs	11,574
70 and over	408
Unknown*	1,173

<b>Total Families</b>	<b>9,721</b>
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## Household Size:

1-2 Members	5,951
3-4 Members	1,899
5-6 Members	463
7+ Members	282
Unknown*	1,126

## Type of Household:

Single Person	2,213
Single Parent	1,232
Two Parent	2,204
Other	741
Unknown*	3,331

## Income of Poverty Threshold:

0% to 50%	2,472
51% to 100%	1,435
101% to 150%	793
151% to 175%	180
176% to 200%	167
201% and over	201
Unknown*	4,473

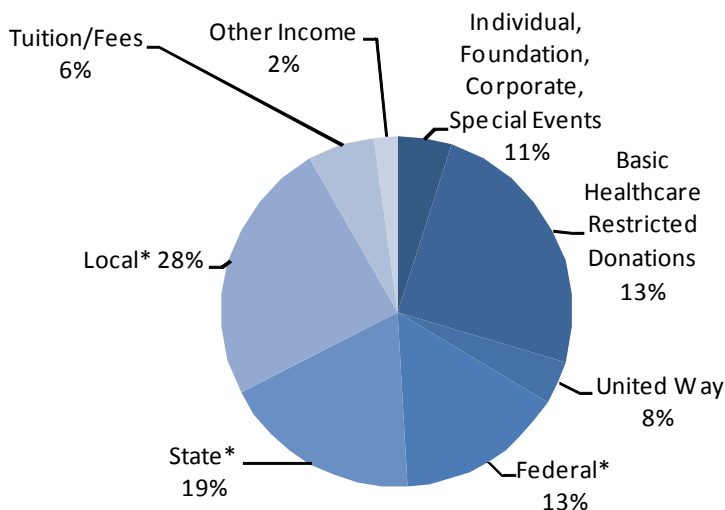
*\*We were unable to capture complete data on all participants that attended cultural events, legal clinics, tax preparation sessions and individuals enrolled in the Basic Healthcare Plan.*

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 2011.

## 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.

## 2012 Projected Funding



\*Capital improvement funds from these sources total \$633,145

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Individual, Foundation, Corporate, Special Events	\$570,838	11%
Basic Healthcare Restricted Donations	\$700,000	13%
United Way	\$428,844	8%
Federal*	\$669,659	13%
State*	\$988,763	19%
Local*	\$1,454,099	28%
Tuition/Fees	\$327,670	6%
Other Income (rent, etc.)	\$107,561	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,247,434</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2011 Accomplishments & Highlights

## Culture, Social Justice and Community:

- Over 450 people attended our free annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration open to the public. The event featured traditional Mexican foods for sale, children's activities, a health and services fair, and dance and musical presentations.
- Our annual Día de Los Muertos celebration drew over 700 people with free food, live music and children's activities. Our theme was *No Olvidado, Not Forgotten: paying tribute to our sisters and brothers who have lost their lives crossing the Mexico – U.S. border.*
- Principal founder and long-time Executive Director of El Centro, Roberto Maestas, was honored when a Seattle street was named South Roberto Maestas Festival Street and unveiled during the "Beacon Rocks!" festival.
- El Centro opened a *temporary parking lot* to earn much needed revenue for our programs and services. The lot will be in use *until the ground breaking takes place* to build a mixed-use development on the site. *Gracias* to Mayor Mike McGinn, to the Beacon Hill Council and Seattle City Council, and to you for supporting the project.
- El Centro conducted Community Listening Sessions with hundreds of people from the Latino community. We integrated the insights into our 2012-2016 Strategic Plan in order to effectively target the community's most pressing needs and continue our advocacy on behalf of all Latinos in Seattle and Martin Luther King Jr. County.
- El Centro began a community input process for ideas on the planning the Plaza Roberto Maestas mixed-use development with a community meeting in February. More information about this project will be available, so please keep in touch by signing up for our email updates at [www.elcentrodelaraza.org](http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org).

## Awards, Accomplishments and Recognition:

- El Centro was presented with the Roberto Maestas Humanitarian Award by Washington State Community Action Partnership, the Seattle Japanese American Citizens League Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Musica Festival Martin Luther King County Executive's Award for Excellence in Hip Hop all in honor of Roberto's memory and work.
- Roberto was honored with the Martin Luther King County Award on MLK Day, Estela Ortega and Roberto Maestas were honored in ParentMap's 2011 Superheroes for Washington Families, and Estela received the Women of Valor Award.
- The National Football League (NFL) partnered with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation to recognize the contributions of Latino/a leaders. The Seattle Seahawks honored Roberto Maestas for his positive impact on Seattle's Latino community. The NFL also donated \$2,000 to the Roberto Maestas Scholarship Fund. *Mil Gracias!*
- United Way of King County Free Tax Prep at El Centro de la Raza filed over 526 returns with \$241,087 in EITC and refunds totaling \$812,632! *Gracias* volunteers and United Way of King County!
- El Centro endorsed the Families & Education Levy and avidly campaigned for its passage. The initiative passed and secured \$232 million in vital services and programs for Seattle's most vulnerable children including early learning, school-based health centers, family support and out-of-school programs.
- 95% of seniors enrolled in our youth programs and Proyecto Saber graduated.
- Free monthly bilingual legal clinic were provided by Schroeter Goldmark and Bender and the Latino/a Bar Association of Washington.

## Building Use:

- Building usage totaled approximately 4,422 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.
- El Centro provided free space ranging from one-time to ongoing use to organizations and groups including Latino/a Educational Achievement Project, City of Seattle, Beacon Hill/Balgüe-Nicaragua Sister Schools, John T. Williams Organizing Committee, and the MLK Annual March Organizing Committee.
- Ongoing use of space is provided free to cultural dance and music groups, United Way Free Tax Prep Campaign, free bilingual Legal Clinics and Café con El Centro.





## Legacy Awards Banquet:

- \$190,213 was raised at our 2011 Annual Auction Banquet. Mil Gracias to our event sponsors: presenting sponsor Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Clear Channel, Lilly USA, Verizon, Homestreet Bank, Union Bank, Vulcan, Amerigroup, Seattle Children's, Seattle City Light, Washington Education Association, BECU, Plaza Bank, Seattle Sounders FC, Sprague Israel Giles, Teamsters Local Union 760, and Turner Construction. Gracias to everyone who helped make the event a success!
- During the event, El Centro de la Raza was proud to recognize the Inaugural Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Award recipients: Dorry Elias-Garcia, Executive Director of the Minority Executive Directors Coalition of King County (MEDC); and Michael Ramos, *Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle*; awards were made possible by generous funding from the Marguerite Casey Foundation.
- Save the date for our 40th Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday, September 29, 2012** at the Seattle Westin.



## Capital Improvements:

- With a \$20,000 City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Grant, the architecture students from the Community Design Build Studio at the University of Washington improved a portion of the Santos Rodriguez Memorial Park.
- Mortenson Construction and Architects Without Borders tackled another El Centro project by completing a **pro bono renovations** in our main conference room. The work included a new ceiling, TV monitor for presentations, whiteboards, a gallery wall panel, new lighting and wiring, storage space and a paint job. **Mil gracias to all who contributed volunteer time, funds, and in-kind donations to this project.** A special gracias to Mark Drzewiecki, Mortenson Construction; Davide Helton, Architects Without Borders; and Stephen Deal, United Way for making this project possible.
- Life-Safety Seismic and Plumbing renovations were funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Large Projects Fund, Washington State Building Communities Fund and Washington State Tax Payers. Gracias to our project community steering committee for organizing and advocating for these funds. Renovations will get underway in 2012.



## New Program Helps Families Grow and Learn Together

### Family Involvement in Education Program:

El Centro now has a free program for Latino families with children six years and/or younger who are not attending a child development center. The program offers individual support and interactive workshops that provide education on how parents can engage with their children with activities that will help the development of their child. The program is supplemented with speakers and presenters on specific topics (such as educational rights), these workshops focus on informing parents on the policies and procedures of the schools their children attend, as well as resources available to them to help their children succeed.

The program empowers families with children, from infancy to six years old, to acquire and strengthen their **parenting skills** through involvement in their child's education and development. To date, **the program has recruited over 50 families** in Seattle and South King County areas. Seven workshops, including Raising a Reader/Literacy Night, Homemade Educational Toys, and FIESTAS Early Literacy have been provided.

For more information, please contact [family.participation@elcentrodelaraza.org](mailto:family.participation@elcentrodelaraza.org) or (206) 957-4614.



# Thank you for helping provide:



- 1) 55 youth, volunteers and staff participated in Latino Legislative Day in Olympia.
- 2) Students testify at City Council hearings to save the Proyecto Saber program.
- 3) Gracias to the Center for Wooden Boats for providing a free learn to sail program to our youth participants.
- 4) Tamale Classes offered monthly help raise much needed funding for El Centro.
- 5) A community design meeting was held to get input on El Centro's future development, recently named, *Plaza Roberto Maestas—The Beloved Community*.
- 6) Youth help phone bank calling for support of the vital Education Levy.
- 7) ESL Classes are provided twice per week in partnership with Seattle Central

- Community College.
- 8) Through the United Way Free Tax Prep Campaign, volunteers prepared 526 returns for a total refund amount of \$812,632 at El Centro.
- 8) Cultural education and a fashion show were part of Cinco de Mayo festivities.
- 9) Through its Hope for Youth, Seattle Youth Violence Prevention and College Readiness programs, El Centro helps youth empower themselves to graduate.
- 10) Long-time executive director of El Centro, Roberto Maestas, was honored when a Seattle street was named after him. South Roberto Maestas Festival Street was unveiled during the Beacon Hill Festival, "Beacon Rocks!"



# Mil gracias por ayudar a ofrecer:



11) We were privileged to have 119 individuals dedicate a total of 833 volunteer hours at a value of about \$18,000 for the United Way Day of Caring.  
 12) Through the United Way MLK Day National Day of Service, Omega Delta Phi fraternity at the UW held food drives for El Centro at two local Red Apple Markets.  
 13) Judge Steven Gonzalez, former El Centro Board member, was appointed to the state Supreme Court by Governor Chris Gregoire. The Hon. Gonzalez is the second justice of Latino heritage to be appointed to Washington's highest court.  
 14) Our Día de los Muertos theme *No Olvidado, Not Forgotten* remembered our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives crossing the Mexico-U.S. border.

15) El Centro celebrates its 39th anniversary with a community panel discussion.  
 16) Our 6th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration was a huge success.  
 17) Join us for our Annual Christmas Tree Sale! Fresh trees supplied by a local Latino small business owned and operated by the Gonzalez brothers from Oaxaca.  
 18) Senator Patty Murray on a housing panel hosted at El Centro.  
 19) Courtesy of Delta Airlines Seatac Operations Inflight Services children from our child development center took a field trip to the "North Pole."  
 20) Lakeside student complete an intergenerational oral history project.

\*\*\*Visit [www.elcentrodelaraza.org](http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org) to see more pictures!\*\*\*



# Your Impact on Outcomes & Measurable Results

Between July 2010 and June 2011, 97 percent 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 nineteen Core Outcomes through four main program and service areas below.

## 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. These programs are free with the exception of the Child Development Center and After School Program, which are fee-based but also provide subsidies for low-income families.



## Human & Emergency Services

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



## Education & Skill Building Programs

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

## Community Building & Advocacy

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.



### Programs & Services:


With over 28,500 volunteer hours, El Centro de la Raza served 19,489 individuals and 9,721 families in 2011 through the following programs and services:

Luis Alfonso Velásquez Flores  
After School Program  
Basic Healthcare Enrollment  
Café con El Centro  
College Readiness  
Crisis Advocacy  
ECR Transitional Housing  
El Patio Apartments  
ESL Classes  
Financial Literacy  
Food Bank

Foreclosure Prevention  
Homeless Assistance Program  
Homeownership Program  
Hope for Youth Poetry & Civil Rights History Classes  
Bebes-Infant Mortality Prevention  
José Martí Child Development Center  
Juvenile Justice Policy/Advocacy  
Family Involvement in Education  
Latino Hot Meal Program

Youth Violence Prevention  
Youth Employment Program  
Senior Nutrition & Wellness  
Senior Home Delivered Meals  
Veteran Services  
Legal Clinic Site  
Tax Preparation Site  
Local, State, National & International Coalition Building  
Immigrant/Human/Civil Rights  
Social Justice Advocacy

Cultural/Political/Social Events  
Community Service Site  
Service Learning Site  
Community Meeting Space

 To see all our programs and services up close, please visit [elcentrodelaraza.org!](http://elcentrodelaraza.org!)



# Mil Gracias to Our 2011 Donors & Funders

## **Roberto Maestas Scholarship**

### **Fund**

Eddie Demmings, Jr.  
Miguel Maestas  
Charles Wilkinson  
Ashley Haugen  
Frances J. Carr  
Michael Predmore  
Consuelo Mares

## **Roberto Maestas Memorial Fund**

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