



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 de la Raza's Auction Banquet is our major fundraising event of the year!



The theme for this year's Banquet is "**Celebrating Las Américas: Meeting the Needs of Today - Creando una Esperanza Para un Mejor Mañana (Building Hope for the Future).**"

This fun, exciting event celebrates the culture of Latin America with live music and entertainment. Complimentary wine and refreshments and a multi-course gourmet meal are provided.

And of course, we will be auctioning off hundreds of unique items, such as:

**Two round-trip airline tickets** on [Horizon or Alaska Air](#) donated by Horizon Air, including **four Park Hopper passes**

to [Disneyland](#) donated by Disneyland Resorts!

- [Ocean Shores](#) Condo **Week-Long Getaway** donated by Barbara Iverson!
- **\$200 Canlis Restaurant Certificate** donated by [Canlis Restaurant](#)!
- **Two Tickets to Seattle Opera's *Don Quixote*** donated by [Seattle Opera](#)!
- And many more - click here for the [rapidly growing list](#)!

RSVP in advance and reserve your seat for only \$100! At-the-door seat cost is \$125. Reserve now and [click here](#) or send check payable to El Centro de la Raza at:

*El Centro de la Raza  
Attn.: Auction Committee  
2524 16th Ave. So.  
Seattle, WA 98144*

If you would like to get *more* involved - with a donation, becoming a table captain, or volunteering - contact our Events Coordinator at (206) 957-4649 or [events@elcentrodelaraza.org](mailto:events@elcentrodelaraza.org).



With interest rates on the rise, Elsa Covarrubias\* and her husband Saul had a hard time making payments on their mortgage. Trying to get their finances in order, the Covarrubias family paid someone who was supposed to help them qualify for the a Loan Modification Program. Months went by with no response.

Wounded financially by the scam, Elsa and Saul jumped at the chance when they heard about the **Homeownership Orientation at El Centro de la Raza** on the radio. After speaking with program director Arturo Gonzales, the couple enrolled in the **Financial Literacy** classes with Simona Alvarez. *"We learned about how to care for and manage our credit, banking services, buying a house, protecting our investment . . . and remaining in control of each step."*

Now in the first stage of Modification, Elsa can gratefully say, *"We feel very confident and secure that we are with the right people. We have changed the way of administering our incomes and take care of the money that we, like many people, honestly make with our jobs and efforts."* The success of the **Homeownership and the Financial Literacy** classes means that, *"We have learned also that we should look for help at **Non-Profits like El Centro de la Raza** . . . thank God that there are people like Arturo and Simona who fight to inform our community."*

*\*Names have been changed. Quotes translated from Spanish.*

[Wells Fargo](#) has teamed up with our **Homeownership Center** to offer a **FREE** event on how to become a successful home owner. Join us on **Saturday, September 11th, 2010 at El Centro de la Raza** and have your questions regarding foreclosure, mortgage products and becoming a successful homeowner answered by professionals. Bring your family - there will be food, games, and FREE babysitting! Call 206-957-4633 to make your reservation today.

## MIL GRACIAS TO UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY!



El Centro de la Raza is pleased to report that from June 2009 through July 2010, **99%** of our program participants met their outcomes in all **11 programs** that receive funding from [United Way of King County](#)! That means that nearly all participants received the essential food, housing and educational services they need to make it through these trying times. Thanks to generous ongoing support from United Way, we will continue to reach out to positively affect our community in the years to come. Take a look!

- **Food Bank, Latino Hot Meal and Senior Home Delivered Meals Programs** - distributed *27,801 bags* of nutritious food/essential items to *5,819 people*, and served *14,091 hot meals* to *1,159 others!*
- **Homeless Assistance Program** - helped *36 families* who were homeless or at risk of homelessness find secure and stable homes!
- **José Martí Child Development Center** - *107 children* met their development goals that readied them for kindergarten!



On Tuesday, August 24, friends and family gathered for the annual **José Martí Child Development Center** year-end celebration to congratulate the students and their parents for a wonderful year of participation at **JMCDC** and in the **Raising a Reader** project, as well as to honor the 65 preschool students who are graduating to kindergarten.

This year in **José Martí**, we emphasized literacy and growing each child's "amor a los libros" (love of reading). As part of the Raising a Reader/*Creciendo un Lector* project, the [Seattle Public Library](#) provided age-appropriate books all year long for the children in all classrooms to take home and read with their parents.

*We would like to thank all of the children, families, and all others who contributed to this event and to a successful year in **José Martí CDC**. We look forward to another great year ahead of us!*



## NEWS ROUNDUP

### LOCAL

- ▶ Report by the King County Prosecutor's Office on why Seattle Police Officer will not be charged with the crime of Malicious Harrassment <http://bit.ly/9GPx1a>
- ▶ Programs offered by El Centro de la Raza to prevent family homelessness highlighted in this two-part article <http://bit.ly/cunQ6A>
- ▶ And in related news, families are the fastest growing homeless group in the Seattle area <http://bit.ly/cl1sdJ>
- ▶ El Tianguis Mexican-Style Market in Burien helps bridge cultural gap <http://bit.ly/cHWOHN>

### NATIONAL

- ▶ New policy encourages ICE to dismiss thousands of deportations <http://nyti.ms/a4440E>
- ▶ America's falling birthrate can be helped by Immigration <http://bit.ly/bQOGAD>
- ▶ New York asks Schools to Avoid Pupil Immigration Status <http://nyti.ms/9sxOgR>



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Thank you for reading. And of course, for your support, whether monetary - [donate here now](#) - or through volunteering - [e-mail us!](#) - makes our work possible!

*Siempre bienvenidos, nuestra casa es su casa.*

Estela Ortega  
Executive Director

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actually save money!)

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[Twitter](#), and [MySpace](#)!

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what El Centro is doing?

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## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS 2010!

**Las Adelitas: Women of Strength and  
Courage**



**Opening Day –**  
Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010



Dinner 5:30 PM

Opening Ceremony  
6:30 PM

*Día de los Muertos is a time of remembering and rejoicing in the lives of those who have passed. In honor of the bicentennial of Mexican independence and the centennial of the Mexico's Revolution, this year's theme honors **Las Adelitas**, the women soldaderas who fought in the Mexican Revolution. In time the term "Adelita" has become a symbol of action and inspiration, and the name is used to represent all women of strength and*



*courage who struggle for their dreams. Let us celebrate the spirit and legacies of the Adelitas in our lives!*

**Come celebrate with free food, entertainment, children's activities and lots of fun!**

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The Ofrenda exhibit features the work of more than 20 organizations from around Seattle

Open Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
10am – 6pm Wednesday 12pm – 8pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Café Con el Centro

Thursday, October 7th | 8-9am

*El Centro de la Raza*



Café Con el Centro is a great way to meet our staff, tour our building, and enjoy coffee and *pan dulce*

on us!

Café Con el Centro takes place on the 1st Thursday of every month from 8am - 9am.

Reservations are already being made for the October 7th Café! To RSVP call (206) 957-4652 or [e-mail!](#)

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Hola! Quieres aprender Español?

Class is in Session!

**Adult Beginner - Intermediate Spanish Classes**



Tuesday and  
Thursday | 6-8pm  
September 28 -  
December 2, 2010

Classes are instructed by professional Spanish speakers in an interactive community-based setting. **Space is limited. Class fee is \$300. Sign up today!**

Call (206) 957-4605 or [email](#) for more details. Print out registration form [here](#).

*Note: no class will be held on Thursday, November 25*

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**¡COMADRES!**  
*Un grupo de apoyo y de conversación para la mujer Latina!*

Quieres conocer nuevas amistades, hablar y aprender sobre temas que son importantes para la mujer Latina?

Estas cordialmente invitada:

Próximas Reuniones 5:30 - 7:30pm

*El Centro de la Raza, Cuarto de Salvador Allende en el sótano*

Septiembre 9

Septiembre 20

Octubre 6

Octubre 20

Noviembre 3

Noviembre 17

Se proveerá cuidado de niños, rifas y merienda.

Para más información favor de contactor a Diana Mena (206) 957-4641

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**Come Celebrate Leno's 65th Birthday and "Write-tirement"**



Sunday, September  
12th | 5-8pm

New Holly Community  
Center

7054 32nd Ave. S

Seattle, WA 98118

Ten years ago **Magdaleno "Leno" Rose-Avila** spent his retirement funds to begin a bi-national organization that works with at-risk youth and gang members called [Homies Unidos](#). Leno is now going into semi-retirement, "write-tirement" so that he can complete two books that are in progress! Please join in the celebration!

To honor and support Leno on this important milestone, funds need to be raised to help send him to Micronesia for several months to allow him to concentrate on his writing! Leno served in Micronesia as the Peace Corps County Director and found great peace and solace there, ideal for writing and dreaming. *All donations are welcome and appreciated! Address donation checks to Magdaleno Rose-Avila, or for tax deductible donations, please address check to Latino Community Fund.*

**Support Leno and help this dream come true!**

To RSVP please call Aviva Rose-Avila at (786) 368-5756 or email

[aviva.roseavila@gmail.com](mailto:aviva.roseavila@gmail.com)

**MIL GRACIAS TO OUR WONDERFUL  
AUGUST FUNDERS!**

El Centro de la Raza relies on donations from our individual supporters to keep our programs running.

But we are also fortunate enough to have corporate and foundation sponsors and grants for many of our programs and services. For example:

[Tulalip Tribe](#) - **\$2,000.00** for our History Project!

[Norcliffe Foundation](#) - \$2,500.00 for our annual Dia de los Muertos event!

*Mil Gracias* to all of our wonderful funders!

### GET MORE INVOLVED WITH EL CENTRO BY VOLUNTEERING!

Would you like to get more involved with El Centro? One of the best ways to connect with us is by volunteering!

**To get more information about volunteering, call Sarah at (206) 957-4602 or e-mail her at [volunteer@elcentrodelaraza.org](mailto:volunteer@elcentrodelaraza.org)!**

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### EL CENTRO'S PROGRAMS:

**Annually, El Centro de la Raza serves 22,884 individuals and 9,673 families 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 & Citizenship Classes  
Eviction Prevention  
Financial Literacy  
Food Bank  
Foreclosure Prevention  
Homeless Assistance Program  
Homeownership Program  
Hope for Youth Poetry & Civil Rights History  
Classes  
Bebes!  
Employment Program  
José Martí Child Development Center  
Parent Involvement & Education  
Latino Hot Meal Program  
Youth Violence Prevention  
Teen Pregnancy Program  
Senior Nutrition & Wellness  
Senior Home Delivered Meals  
Legal Clinic Site  
Tax Preparation Site  
Local, State, National & International  
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