



EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA

THE CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES



2006 ANNUAL REPORT

A MESSAGE FOR 2006 AND 2007

"Si Usted hace lo correcto bastante tiempo, cosas buenas pasarán..."

-Baldemar Velásquez, Fundador del Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Granja de Ohio

"If you do the right thing long enough, good things will happen..."

-Baldemar Velasquez, Founder of the Farm Labor Union of Ohio

Estimadas Amigas y Amigos,

Adiós 2006, bienvenido 2007. Esperamos que todo esté bien con Usted y sus amadas personas.

Este año, El Centro de la Raza celebrará 35 años de victorias notables para dar poder, solidaridad inflexible, programas innovativos, con algunos contratiempos humillantes pero siempre amando y sirviendo al más vulnerable, o como dice el dicho popular, "lo menos de estos."

En el 2006, El Centro de la Raza trabajó debajo de un techo agujereado y una administración federal agujereada para estirar los dólares modestos que obtuvimos. Estiramos estos dólares para apoyar a miles de niñas/os y familias, proveer comida, refugio, viviendas, educación y oportunidades para el crecimiento de la comunidad.

A pesar de las restricciones que afrontamos, celebramos movilizaciones grandes, victorias políticas y triunfos sociales con el apoyo de nuestras/os amigas/os, familias y comunidades de todas las razas. Participamos en dos marchas grandes para los derechos justos de inmigrantes y nuestras/os niñas/os y mayores organizaron su propia marcha de los derechos de los inmigrantes en Beacon Hill. También fuimos visibles en los movimientos anti-guerra relacionados con la pesadilla en Iraq y los ataques brutales en Lebanon.

También celebramos la propuesta de asignación de \$821,000 en el propuesto de la Gobernadora Gregoire para reemplazar y mejorar sísmicamente nuestro techo agujereado y reemplazar las ventanas que ya tienen 100 años por ventanas nuevas y eficientes de energía en Febrero.

El Consejo Nacional de La Raza y la Fundación de Annie E. Casey otorgaron a El Centro el Premio de "Dar Fuerza a la Familias" de \$10,000 y continuamos el trabajo del Bank of America "Iniciativa de la Excelencia en el Barrio" fondo irregistrado y prestigioso de \$200,000 en el 2005.

Los desafíos políticos, contratiempos del medioambiente, y tensión social del 2006 proveyeron muchas oportunidades para trabajar una/o con otra/o y crear "la comunidad amada" que Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Y Cesar Chavez visionaron para nuestras/os niñas/os y las personas de todo el mundo.

Lo dejo con una pregunta que va a definir al 2007 y caracterizar el futuro de toda la gente con quien compartimos este planeta hermoso: **"¿Qué tipo de Mundo vamos a dejar a nuestras/os Niñas/os?"** ¡Buena suerte siempre!

Cariñosamente/Lovingly,

Roberto Maestas
Founder/Exec. Dir.



Dear Friends,

Good-bye 2006, welcome 2007. We hope all is well with you and your loved ones.

This year, El Centro de la Raza will celebrate 35 years of remarkably empowering victories, unyielding solidarity, innovative programs, some humbling setbacks, but always loving and serving the most vulnerable, or as popularly stated, "the least of these."

In 2006, El Centro de la Raza worked under a leaking roof and a leaking federal administration to stretch the modest dollars we obtained. We stretched these dollars to support thousands of children and families and provide food, shelter, housing, education and community building opportunities.

In spite of the constraints we faced, we celebrated major mobilizations, political victories and social triumphs with the support of our friends, families and communities of all races. We participated in two large marches for fair immigrant rights and our children and seniors organized their own immigrant rights march on Beacon Hill. We were also visible in anti-war movements related to the Iraqi nightmare and brutal attacks on Lebanon.

We also celebrated the proposed allocation of \$821,000 in Governor Gregoire's budget for the replacement and seismic upgrade of our leaking roof and will be replacing the 100-year old windows in the building with new, energy efficient windows in February.

The National Council of La Raza and Annie E. Casey Foundation awarded El Centro the Family Strengthening Award of \$10,000 and we continue the work of the prestigious and unrestricted grant from the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative of \$200,000 from 2005.

The political challenges, environmental setbacks, and social strains of 2006 provided many opportunities to work with each other in creating the "beloved community" that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez envisioned for our children and peoples worldwide.

I leave you with a question that will define 2007 and characterize the future of all the peoples with whom we share this beautiful planet: **"What kind of World will we leave our Children?"** Good luck always!

David Gasca
Board President



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mil gracias to Governor Gregoire for allocating \$821,000 in her budget for our leaking roof. If this amount remains in the state budget it will complete the funding needed to replace our roof! Our boiler has already been replaced and Windows, Doors & More, Inc. will be installing new windows in February, increasing our energy efficiency. El Centro would like to thank the Washington State legislative sponsors of our current request: **Representatives Sharon Santos, Eric Pettigrew, Bob Hasegawa, Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, Zack Hudgins and Senator Adam Kline.** **Sen. Patty Murray** secured \$300,000 from the federal government and **MLK County Council and Ron Sims** allotted \$200,000 for our roof. Mil gracias!



**El Centro de la Raza
The Center for the People of All Races**

FAMILY STRENGTHENING AWARD WINNER

A very special 'Mil Gracias' to the **National Council of La Raza** and the **Annie E. Casey Foundation** for honoring El Centro de la Raza with the **Family Strengthening Award of \$10,000**. All of the awardees demonstrated exemplary dedication to families in their communities by offering programs that meet educational, housing, employment, health, and advocacy needs. The funds will be used to continue to develop our Homeless Assistance Program, which assists over 50 families out of homelessness each year.

BANK OF AMERICA 2005-2006

El Centro received the **Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative award of \$200,000** in 2005, as a two year award. In 2006, we continued to carry out the work funded by this initiative. Bank of America also donated truck loads of office furniture to El Centro this year. Mil gracias Bank of America!

THOMAS C. WALES PASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Roberto Maestas, was presented with the Thomas C. Wales Passionate Citizenship Award on November 18, 2006. The award "recognizes a Puget Sound resident who inspires positive activism through passionate citizenship - the energetic, courageous, persistent and informed involvement of ordinary citizens in the issues and challenges that affect their communities." The award is named in honor of **Thomas C. Wales**, a federal prosecutor gunned down in October 2001 in his Queen Anne home. Mr. Wales' daughter, Amy Wales, visited El Centro prior to the award ceremony and was welcomed by the children in the José Martí Child Development Center.



**Amy Wales shaking hands with
José Martí students.**

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



**El Centro's ofrenda, created by
Raquel Garcia, as a tribute to the
missing women of Juárez, Mexico.**

Mil gracias to everyone who helped make Día de los Muertos a success!

Committee Members: Aimee Khuu, Ada Mares, Martha Diaz, Raquel Garcia, Graciela Gonzalez, Cristina Jimenez, Maria Rico, Sandra Villagarcia, Belinda Zintzún and Carmen Miranda.

Visiting Schools: Seattle University, University of Washington, Meany Middle School, Edmonds High School, St. Frances of Assisi, Northwest School-High School, Lake Washington Junior High, Northwest School-Junior High, Ballard High School, Kirkland Junior High, Lake Washington High School, Assumption Elementary and Evergreen State College.

Participants: American Friends Service Committee, Amigos de las Americas, Arab American Community Coalition, Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Beacon Hill Elementary School, Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, El Centro de la Raza-Las Mujeres de Juarez, Guatemaltecos Unidos, MAAFA, People of Color Against Aids, Proyecto Saber, Rhonda Gosset, University of Washington-Save Darfur, Seattle University-Coalition for Global Concern, Silent War-Black on Black Violence, Susan G. Koman Foundation, Tent City/Share Wheel and United Indians of All Tribes.

Sponsors: Vulcan Inc., Qwest, Both Ways Catering Company, Costco, Columbia City Alehouse, Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria, Lottie's Lounge, Piccora's, Colombia City Movie Theater, Willie's Taste of Soul, La Cabana, Yoga on Beacon, Domino's Pizza and La Cocina Santiago.

BUILDING USES

We have space available for meetings, weddings, birthday parties and community activities. In 2006, our building usage hours totaled approximately **3,524 hours**. National Council of La Raza and many local organizations and businesses utilized our facilities for meetings.

EL CENTRO'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

*"Para los niños trabajamos porque los niños son los que saben querer,
porque los niños son la esperanza del mundo."*

Human Services: Seeking to address immediate aspects of human suffering such as hunger, healthcare and homelessness, El Centro provides diverse human services from our Frances Martinez Community Service Center.

▪ *Senior Nutrition & Wellness* ▪ *Homeless Assistance* ▪ *Basic Healthcare Plan Sponsorship* ▪ *Food Bank* ▪ *"La Cocina Popular" Latino Meal Program*

Child & Youth Services: Investing in our children and their future, El Centro provides an array of child and youth services to the local community.

▪ *José Martí Child Development Center* ▪ *Luis Alfonso Velasquez Flores After School Program* ▪ *Hope for Youth Poetry & Civil Rights History Classes* ▪ *Seattle Team for Youth* ▪ *Infant Mortality Prevention* ▪ *Next Generation* ▪ *Parent Involvement Program*



Children and elders at El Centro march along Beacon Avenue in support of fair immigration rights in April 2006.

Education & Skill Building Programs: El Centro seeks to promote self-sufficiency and empowerment through education and skill building initiatives.

▪ *First Time Homebuyer Education* ▪ *Financial Literacy* ▪ *Life Skills & Employment Training* ▪ *ESL & Citizenship Classes* ▪ *Bilingual Legal Clinics*

Community Building & Development: El Centro believes that only through civic involvement, grassroots organizing and political and social activism will our community be able to effectively address the profound contradictions facing our city, state, nation and world. We bring together communities of all ages, races, genders and classes to fight for civil rights and human rights both locally and globally. We also offer voter education and registration to empower people to become active, voting citizens.

▪ *Low-Income Housing* ▪ *Commercial Space* ▪ *Building Uses & Tenants* ▪ *Volunteerism* ▪ *Global Relations*



A family in our Homeless Assistance program.

NEW AND EXPANDING PROGRAMS

A **Financial Literacy for Women** component has been added to the Financial Literacy Program that offers bilingual classes on analyzing credit reports, budgeting, saving, and more to families and now additional classes specifically for women.

The **Parent Involvement in Education Program** provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services to engage parents in the education system, allowing them to support their children's academic success. Issues addressed include school entry, transitions, graduation and monthly workshops on various education topics. Case managers also work with parents of students retaking the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) exam to provide tools for success. This program is integrated with our **Seattle Team for Youth Program** that reaches out to students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who have dropped out of school.



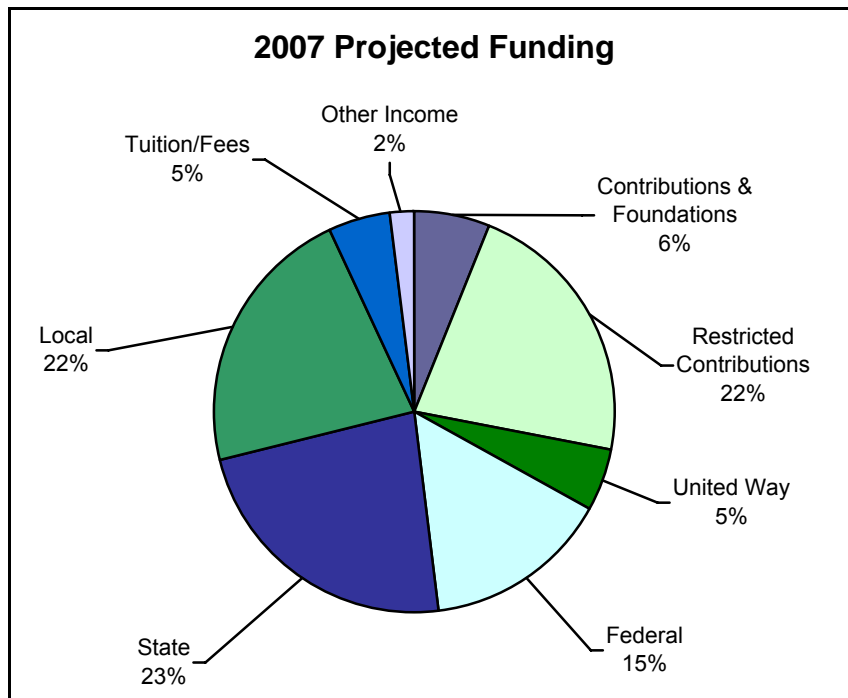
Families and staff at a Parent Involvement meeting, which bilingually educates families on education issues.

Our **José Martí Child Development Center** had five teachers complete their AA Degree in 2006, paid for by the Early Learning Network and SERF program. Five teachers are also currently enrolled in Bachelor's Degree programs.

*"It is for the young that we work, for they are the ones who know how to love,
for they are the hope of the world."*

-José Martí, Cuban Poet and Martyr (1853-1895)

2007 PROJECTED FUNDING



2007 Projected Funding		
SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Contributions & Foundations	\$287,995	6%
Restricted Contributions	\$972,772	22%
United Way	\$219,446	5%
Federal	\$640,949	15%
State	\$998,761	23%
Local	\$990,771	22%
Tuition/Fees	\$221,028	5%
Other Income (rent, etc)	\$75,500	2%
TOTAL	\$4,407,222	100%

GEOGRAPHIC REACH OF SERVICES

El Centro de la Raza is located on Beacon Hill in Seattle. We offer services in South Park and have an office for Basic Healthcare Plan sponsorship in Bellingham. A majority of our participants come from the Seattle and Martin Luther King, Jr. County area, but we serve people from all across Washington State.

PARTICIPANTS SERVED IN 2006

Total Individuals	12,314	Total Families	9,718
Male	3,962	1-2 Members	2,876
Female	3,589	3-4 Members	1,268
*Unknown	4,763	5-6 Members	653
		7+ Members	158
Latino/Latina	5,386	*Unknown	4,763
African American	394		
Asian/Pacific Islander	841	Single Person	2,068
Native/Alaskan	247	Single Parent	854
White	358	Two Parent	1,221
Other	5,088	Other	812
		*Unknown	4,763
0-5 years	861		
6-11 years	784	No Income	1,446
12-17 years	1,053	Public Benefits	861
18-23 years	594	Combined Sources	332
24-69 years	3,671	Employment/Pension	1,937
70 years and over	588	Other	379
*Unknown	4,763	*Unknown	4,763

Basic Healthcare Plan

In 2006, El Centro de la Raza sponsored the membership fees of 4,763 individuals in Washington's Basic Healthcare Plan. These individuals are included in the chart at right.

Bellingham Location

Basic Healthcare Plan
4455 Cordata Parkway
Bellingham, WA 98226
360.788.7157

*Demographics for El Centro's Basic Healthcare Plan sponsorships were unable to be taken and were therefore placed in the unknown category.

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1. El Centro's Arturo Gonzalez and Estela Ortega with James Earl Jones at the Verizon Foundation award ceremony where El Centro received \$10,000 for our Financial Literacy for Women Program. ¡Mil gracias!
2. Campaña Quetzal members and El Centro staff. Photo by Kathy Sauber, University of Washington Photography.
3. University of Washington Professor Juan Guerra and renowned author Ana Castillo with two Hope for Youth poets at El Centro.
4. Guo Hong, Professor and Director of Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences and Institute of Sociology of Beijing meeting with Maestas.
5. National Council of La Raza President and CEO Janet Murguía, El Centro Board Member Ricardo Aguirre and Roberto Maestas.
6. Representative Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney speaking at the NCLR Far West Affiliates reception at El Centro in November.

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7. El Centro at the silent May Day march for immigration rights in Seattle, which drew an estimated 30,000 people.
8. Elaine Bast, Senior Reporter for Globo TV Brazil, is welcomed by children from the José Martí Child Development Center in June.
9. Children and seniors at El Centro march for immigration rights on Beacon Hill in a march they organized in April.
10. Estela with Ken Lewis, CEO of Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina at a leadership conference, as part of the Bank of America Neighborhood Building Initiative awarded to El Centro in 2005. Photo by John Daughtry, LOF Productions.
11. Bienvenido new board members Brenda Williams of the Defender Association and Benita Horn of Achievement Architects North!

MIL GRACIAS TO OUR 2006 DONORS

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U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Washington State Department of Communication,
Trade & Economic Development
Washington State Legislature

DONACIONES ESPECIALES

Dedication to Lynn McKiernan and Joseph Ngari
in celebration and honor of their marriage on
September 23rd, 2006 from Kim Kelly
Dedication to Leah Koehn from Megan Farwell

¡GRACIAS!

Thank you Kristin Houser and Mark Burke at the Law
Offices of Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender for providing
free, bilingual legal clinics for our clients!

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers donated over 5,700 hours of their time in
2006. Thank you to all our volunteers!

BENEFACTORES \$10,000+

Bank of America Foundation (\$100,000)
National Council of La Raza (\$40,000)
United Way of MLK County (\$208,130)
Verizon Foundation (\$10,000)
Washington Mutual Foundation (\$25,000)
Wells Fargo Housing Foundation (\$40,000)

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- Donate stock or property.
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- Bring in donations for our *Wish List* found on our website under Giving.
- Donate your car! Call 206.957.4652 or e-mail donor@elcentrodelaraza.org.
- Tell your friends, family, co-workers and community members about El Centro de la Raza!

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2006, the work of our loyal staff members was recognized in a celebration ceremony. Mil gracias for all your hard work! Please see the list of recipients and photographs below.

Employee of the Year: **Heyda Raymundo**

Spirit Award: **Leilani Finau**

Volunteers of the Year: **Esperanza Silvestre**
and **Theresa Burns**

Service of 10+ Years: **Alex Bautista**

Service of 5+ Years: **Pablo Mendoza**

Service of 3+ Years: **Ricardo Solis, Bertha Hernandez,**
Raquel Garcia, and Sandra Villagarcia

El Centro would like to highlight work-study students from Seattle University: **Jessica Harris, Aimee Khuu, Josue Licea, Ada Mares, Thomas Martinell, Cassie Martinez, Pedro Meza, Matt Pierson, Raphel Weber and Rubi Zamora.**



Employee of the year Heyda, center.

In 2006, El Centro de la Raza applied for several volunteer corps positions. We welcomed our new corps staff members in September: **Steve Araujo** with AmeriCorps*JustServe to Hope for Youth, **Cordelia Hall-Reinhard** with AmeriCorps*VISTA to the Development Office, **Juanita Jasso** with AmeriCorps*Literacy to Employment and Life Skills Training, **Laura LaBedz** with Lutheran Volunteer Corps to the Development Office, and **Briseida Nevarez Torres** with AmeriCorps*JustServe to the Financial Literacy Program. Thank you to these dedicated individuals for devoting their year of service to El Centro de la Raza!

I AM

I am funny and lonely
I hear Banda and Durangense
I see people of all races, but cannot see peace
I want people to think of me as a happy human being
And not let people see what's deep inside of me,
Which is sadness and tragedy
I am happy and lonely

I pretend that nothing is worrying me
But deep inside my heart is ripped apart
I feel happy when I am wrapped inside
My mothers or fathers arms
Knowing that I am by their side
I worry that my family will never
See each other again and
Instead be in a gang

I cry when my aunts call and say "hi"
And say they hope the family could
Come back to California and spend time together

"Remember Magi when you were 5?"
And I start to cry, because when I was 5
My brother Nati was still by my side
I am happy and lonely

I understand that my brother is here or near
I say and pray that one day Ezequiel will
Come thru and come out of those
Dark rooms and come inside my room
And say, "I am back" and Jr.
Will say that too

I dream of this once and will always be
Inside of my heart, all my life
I try my best when I am with my
Friends and not show my stress
I am happy and lonely

—*Maria Ocampo, age 14*
Proyecto Saber at Denny Middle School

El Centro was honored to have volunteers from **Microsoft, Bank of America, Preston Gates and Ellis LLP, MLK County Library System and ANEW/AOP** for the **United Way Day of Caring** in September. Numerous projects and tasks were completed to clean-up and organize El Centro, both inside and out.

Washington Mutual and United Parcel Service (UPS) employees also volunteered to do some much needed painting in October.

The impact of these projects was amazing, benefiting clients, staff, our community and the mission of El Centro de la Raza.

Mil gracias to all our volunteers!



Bank of America Washington President, Marie Gunn working hard along side Maestas during the **United Way Day of Caring.**

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El Centro de la Raza staff and children.

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VISION STATEMENT

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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35th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Saturday, October 13th (time TBA) at the
Washington State Convention and Trade Center

ANNOUNCEMENT

Spacious Rooms Available July 1st

Spacious rooms will be available to rent at El Centro de la Raza. Rooms include new windows, free parking and some have scenic views. Please call (206) 957-4603 for more information.

El Centro is filled with beautiful, original murals like this one called the "Cuaco Quilt" by Alfredo Arreguin. Cuaco is the Aztec name for "untamed horse." Arreguin represents El Centro de la Raza as the untamed horse, running into the future.



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