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Latino Community Foundation Virtual Gala 2021

June 10th

ABOUT LATINO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We unleash the civic and economic power of Latinos in California through love, culture, and power. You are essential to our work. Join us!

BUILDING A MOVEMENT OF LATINO PHILANTHROPISTS

LCF leads the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country. Driven by a sense of justice and generosity, the [Latino Giving Circle Network](#) has invested \$1,700,000 in Latino leaders working to create opportunities for youth and families to fulfill their highest potential. LCF has unlocked the power of this growing network, made up of 500 philanthropists in 20 Giving Circles throughout California.

ACCELERATING LATINO NONPROFITS & ENTREPRENEURS

LCF believes in the power of our nonprofits and entrepreneurs. Through the groundbreaking [Latino NonProfit Accelerator](#), a fundraising and marketing incubator, LCF provides mentorship, strengthens infrastructure, and builds courage to help leaders reach their biggest dreams. The Latino Entrepreneurship Fund will unleash small businesses through support in marketing, communications, business planning, and fundraising.

INCREASING CIVIC & POLITICAL POWER

LCF works to [amplify the voice and power](#) of Latinos in California. LCF is committed to strengthening our democracy by increasing Latino political participation and advancing a progressive agenda towards equity. LCF invests in youth and civic participation, leads voter mobilization campaigns, ensured Latinos are counted in the census, and creates opportunities for Latinos to inform local and state policy.

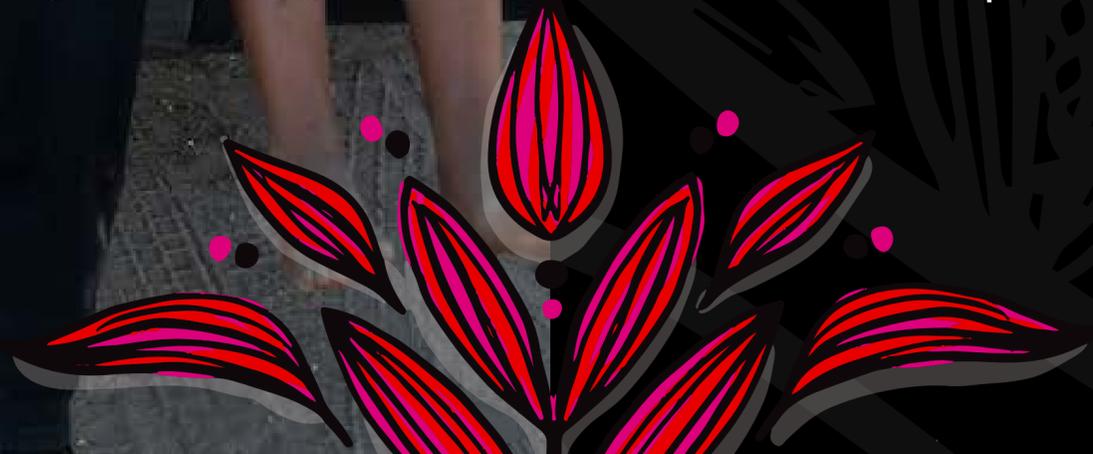
[Click to meet the Latino Community Foundation Team and Board of Trustees.](#)



OUR GALA PURPOSE

The night is about celebrating our essential workers, our families, and our communities. We honor the strength, faith, and determination of Latinos to press forward and build a more just California and nation. Latinos are the backbone of our economy, and they hold our communities together. From small business owners to dreamers that served as nurses and doctors to our farmworkers that made it possible for us to have food on our table, we stand with them. And we call on our elected leaders to invest in their future because the future of our nation depends on it.

Thank you for joining us!



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PROGRAM

SPOKEN WORD Erzsabet Gonzalez, Youth Speaks

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND Performed by Las Cafeteras

BIENVENIDOS! Jacqueline Martinez Garcel, CEO, Latino Community Foundation

A BRINDAR! Masha V. Chernyak, Senior Vice President of Programs and Brand Strategy, Latino Community Foundation

HONORING LATINOS Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

RISE UP Performed by Rachel Wyley

PRESENTING NUESTRO ORGULLO AWARD Maria Elena Salinas, 2018 Nuestro Orgullo Awardee and Emmy Award Journalist

NUESTRO ORGULLO AWARD Adriana Diaz, CBS News National Correspondent

ADELANTE FAMILIA Lin-Manuel Miranda and Luis Miranda

CELEBRATING OUR STORIES In the Heights Movie Cast

SPECIAL REMARKS U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

CELEBRATING THE CENTRAL VALLEY

PRESENTING LEADING CHANGE AWARD Adriana Saldivar, Program Manager, Latino Community Foundation

LEADING CHANGE AWARD Armando Valdez, Executive Director, Community Center for the Arts and Technology

A TIME TO GIVE Masha V. Chernyak and Adriana Saldivar

PRESENTING TRAILBLAZER AWARD Jacqueline Martinez Garcel

TRAILBLAZER IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD Chef José Andrés, Humanitarian

THANK YOU and CLOSING REMARKS Jacqueline Martinez Garcel and the LCF FAMILIA

YA ME VOY Performed by Las Cafeteras

VAMOS A BAILAR! Anna Gagliuffi, Director of Visual Communications, Latino Community Foundation

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ARMANDO VALDEZ Leading Change Award

Armando Valdez is the Founder and Executive Director of the Community Center for Arts and Technology (CCAT) in Fresno, CA. For decades, Armando has been advocating and serving families from across the Fresno county. He grew up in the Lowell Neighborhood of central Fresno, an area known for its poverty and high crime rates. But Armando saw much more than that. He saw and knew dedicated families and aspiring and brilliant young people who simply needed an opportunity to pursue their highest potential. After receiving a degree in Telecommunication from CSU Long Beach, and working as a news producer for over 30 years with Univision, he returned to Fresno with a vision of opening doors for young people and providing them with the skills, resources, and love-filled environment to foster their growth and fuel their dreams. Today, CCAT is a hub for young people and their families to learn about photography, videography, podcast recordings, sound engineering, drone building and coding, graphic design, custom printing, and art. It is a place where youth can come to be reminded that their lives and their dreams matter. Since starting CCAT, Armando has seen young people return as accomplished adults living out their dreams as Emmy-award winning journalists and producers.

During the COVID19 pandemic, Armando was also the first person to pack up his car with food boxes and drive to the most remote parts of Fresno to ensure farmworkers and their families had their basic needs cared for as the state began to shut down. He distributed PPE and financial support for housing in the days and months that followed. Armando has not stopped working to serve, advocate, and love the families of Fresno, CA.

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ADRIANA DIAZ Nuestro Orgullo Award

Adriana Diaz is a CBS News National Correspondent and anchor of the Saturday edition of the “CBS Weekend News.” She embodies the hope of a rising generation of civic leaders committed to guarding our democracy by sharing facts, serving with integrity and moral clarity, and lifting up the issues that matter most to communities of color. From COVID19 to its economic fallout and nationwide vaccine efforts, Adriana has amplified the stories of the families most impacted by the pandemic with love, compassion, and dignity.

Adriana has also lifted up the stories related to gun violence, youth-led movements for social change, the racial reckoning of our generation. She is part of the CBS News team that won an Emmy for “39 Days,” a primetime documentary about the Parkland student movement. Adriana was previously CBS News’ Asia correspondent based in Beijing, where she used her Mandarin skills to report from China on U.S.-Chinese relations, Chinese politics, science, and culture.

She has covered Pope Francis’ visits to Brazil in 2013, Israel and Palestine in 2014, Cuba in 2015, and Mexico in 2016. She was part of the first team dispatched to Havana for the normalization of relations with the U.S. in December 2014.

A Princeton University alum, she went on to earn a master’s degree in public affairs and public administration at Columbia University and France’s Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris. A New York City native, Adriana’s family is from the Dominican Republic.

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CHEF JOSÉ ANDRÉS Trailblazer in Philanthropy

Chef José Andrés is an internationally-recognized humanitarian, Nobel peace prize nominee, a New York Times bestselling author, and chef/owner of ThinkFoodGroup.

Chef José Andrés has been named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in both 2012 and 2018, and awarded "Outstanding Chef" and "Humanitarian of the Year" by the James Beard Foundation. In 2010, Andrés formed World Central Kitchen, a non-profit that provides smart solutions to end hunger and poverty by using the power of food to empower communities and strengthen economies. His team served over 3.6 million meals to the people of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

A pioneer of Spanish tapas in the United States, he is also known for his groundbreaking avant-garde cuisine and his award-winning group of more than 30 restaurants located throughout the country and beyond, ranging in a variety of culinary experiences from a food truck to his multi-location vegetable-focused fast casual Beefsteak, to world-class tasting menus like minibar by José Andrés and Somni, both of which have received two Michelin stars.

As a naturalized citizen originally from Spain, Andrés has been a tireless advocate for immigration reform.



Chef José Andrés
Trailblazer in Philanthropy



Adriana Diaz
Nuestro Orgullo Award



Armando Valdez
Leading Change Award

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SPECIAL APPEARANCES



Lin-Manuel Miranda & Luis Miranda
With *In the Heights* Movie Cast



Las Cafeteras
Band & Activists



Rachel Wyley
Singer, Songwriter & Activist



Senator Alex Padilla
U.S. Senator for California



Erzsabet Gonzalez
Youth Poet - Youth Speaks



California Governor **Gavin Newsom** &
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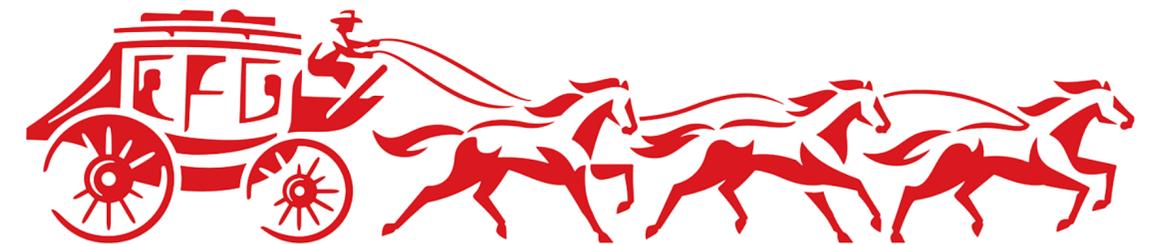




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