



Latino
Community Development

**A Look Back
at 2023!**

EMPOWER.

ENCOURAGE.

EDUCATE.

Our Vision



We envision a thriving, diverse, and inclusive community that embraces the richness of the Latino experience. This past year of 2023 has been the ultimate embodiment of that vision.

Food for Your Heart Boxes

TACKLING **FOOD INSECURITY** ONE BOX AT A TIME!

- One food distribution **every month**
- Served an average of **200 families** a month
 - over **40,000 pounds** of fresh produce and goods distributed





Advance Your Finances

We reached over **200** families this year teaching financial literacy. We informed the community of **predatory lending**, **banking 101**, acquiring assets, and **homeownership**.



Hispanic Heritage Month

A TIME FOR **CELEBRATION!**

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time of **cultural acknowledgement** that we hold close to our hearts. We **celebrated** the **uniqueness** and **joy** of Latin culture with a **Hispanic Heritage Kick-Off** that showcased **singing, dancing, art,** and many more the many talents and mediums that make up Latin culture. Over **600 students** attended with their parents. **Fun for the whole family!**



Dia De Los Muertos

The Day of the Dead is a beautiful holiday in Latin culture that celebrates the lives of the beloved who have passed away.

This year we held a screening of the movie "Coco" free of charge to the community, with popcorn, drinks, and candy! We even hosted a panel discussion afterwards with experts on the holiday. Over 150 community members attended in support of the event.



Three Kings Day

Three Kings Day is a festive celebration in Latin culture, in which children receive their presents in honor of the Three Kings. This year we celebrated by **hosting the day at an elementary school with a high minority and Spanish-speaking population. We donated over 1,500 schools supplies to the students. Supplies included pencils, composition notebooks, crayons, erasers, and more. We gifted over 500 students in total, brought a live camel, and featured bilingual storytelling.**



Conferences & Connections

This year we were **honored to be invited to participate in and present at so many conferences and events hosted by our community partners.**

From SCACED to Homeless No More to KRJ Consulting and many more. We are so humbled to be apart of such an esteemed group of community-based organizations that support and encourage the work that we do.



Pediatric Advocacy

We are **committed to removing the systemic barriers that minorities face in healthcare by providing interpreting and translation for families who do not speak English or English is their second language**

- **Certified Interpreters (Spanish, Vietnamese, Burmese, etc.)**

- **over 900 medical documents translated**

- **over 700 appointments interpreted / an average of 60 appointments interpreted a month**



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