

"To improve the quality of life for Latino children and families"



The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

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Dear Friend,

As part of our effort to keep our friends and supporters informed of the activities and accomplishments of The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc. (CHCF), we have created this quarterly e-newsletter. We hope you will take a few minutes to read it and become more familiar with our programs.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Elba Montalvo
Executive Director

News

Elba Montalvo was named one of "20 New Yorkers Who Have Made The City A Great Place To Raise Children" by New York Family Magazine.



[Read more.](#)

Helena Yordan, Site Coordinator, CHCF After-school Program at PS/MS 279, was featured in the Daily News' "Big Town, Big Heart: New Yorkers Who Make A Difference."



After-school special: Helena Yordan turns class into a celebration

BY MELANIE ROSENBERG
She's a dedicated teacher, but she's also a mother, and she's also a volunteer. Helena Yordan, site coordinator for the after-school program at PS/MS 279, is a woman who does it all.

The 31-year-old site coordinator for the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, who works at PS/MS 279, has a unique program she oversees at PS/MS 279 in the Bronx and named one of the "20 New Yorkers Who Have Made The City A Great Place To Raise Children."

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2006 Past Events

Sixth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala

On Thursday, March 9, 2006 CHCF held its Sixth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala at the Grand Hyatt New York. New York City's most celebrated chefs, coordinated by OLA Executive Chef Douglas Rodríguez, presented a sampling of their own Latin-inspired masterpieces. The delicious food, music, and dancing made this legendary event a tremendous success, raising over \$300,000. This year the Gala also featured a live auction, silent auction and raffle.



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[Click here to view our Gala 2006 photos.](#)

Summit on Latino Families

The Summit on Latino Families, held at Baruch College on March 28, 2006, brought together 111 Latino service providers, scholars, parents, and advocates to provide recommendations for enhancing community based, culturally competent, Latino family support services throughout New York City.

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2006 El Dia de los Niños Celebration

At The New York Times on Thursday, May 18, 2006, The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families (CHCF) celebrated El Día de los Niños with a special breakfast. El Día de Los Niños (The Day of the Children) is an event celebrated throughout Latin America. In the United States, El Día de Los Niños has been adopted by a number of organizations and groups that are committed to the well-being of Latino children.



Univision News Anchor Denisse Oller served as MC for the event. Honorable Joel Rivera, Majority Leader of the New York City Council, provided a special introduction to keynote speaker Christine Quinn, Speaker of the New York City Council. This year Johnson & Johnson received CHCF's Corporate MVP (Most Valuable Partner) Award.

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Fourth Annual East End Benefit, "Opening Doors for New Generations"

On August 5, 2006 CHCF held its Fourth Annual East End Benefit "Opening Doors for New Generations". The garden cocktail party took place at the beautiful home of Elizabeth and Larry Becker in East Hampton and honored Jacqueline Candemir, Owner of Springs Travel / Servicios Latinos in East Hampton, for her dedication and service to the Latino community.



This year, CHCF also presented a scholarship to Diego Acero. Diego, a freshman in college, was selected for the scholarship by Sister Margaret Smyth, founder and director of the Spanish Apostolate in Riverhead. The event, co-chaired by Barbara Cashin and Margaret Myhan, was a huge success, raising nearly \$40,000 for CHCF's programs and services.

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Fourth Annual Conference for Latino Child Care Providers

CHCF held its Fourth Annual Conference for Latino Child Care Providers at Scholastic on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Participants were moved by the words of guest speakers Arminda Figueroa, Project Director for Scholastic Entertainment, and Sonia Ivany, Regional Coordinator for Workforce Development



for the New York State AFL-CIO and President of the NYC Central Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

Designed especially for Spanish-speaking child care providers, who make up the majority of all providers in New York City, all workshops, speeches, and materials were provided in Spanish. The conference is the first of its kind. This event provides a valuable resource to Latino child care providers, who are given the opportunity to network, learn about available resources and receive high-quality training in order to improve their professional development and elevate the quality of the services they provide.

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Youth Development

CHCF's Youth Development programs are dedicated to providing services not offered during the regular school day curriculum to enhance students' education through cultural activities, individualized attention, and parent involvement. Our drop-out prevention services and after-



school programs offer culturally sensitive activities that excite students about learning, help improve self-esteem, and teach students how to set positive life goals.

- Our After-school Program at PS/MS 279 was named one of the 10 in New York City where participants in the program improved more significantly on Math and English/Language Arts standardized tests than students at the same school who did not participate in our after-school program.
- Recently, Helena Yordan, Site Coordinator of the CHCF After-school Program at PS/MS 279, was honored by the Partnership for After School Education (PASE) with the prestigious PASEsetter Award. [Read more.](#)
- Our Drop-out Prevention Program at MS 391 was named one of the top 10 in New York City based on participants' attendance improvement.

[Click here for more information about Youth Development.](#)

Child Care Services

CHCF's Child Care Services work to improve the quality of child care available to Latino families by providing trainings and professional development for family daycare providers and offering free bilingual (Spanish and English) child care referrals and consultations to parents seeking child care throughout New York City. If you are looking for child care, call us at (212) 206-8043 for a free referral or with any questions about how to find child care.



[Click here to submit a referral request online.](#)

For information about our schedule of classes, please call (212) 206-8043.

Would you like CHCF to attend your community or school event, and provide information about child care? Call Krystal Reyes, Outreach Coordinator, at 212-206-1090, Ext 320.

[Click here for more information about the Child Care Services.](#)

Family Health Education

CHCF's Family Health Education programs address the special concerns and needs of new immigrant Latino families. Many of these programs utilize peer educators, who are members of the communities they serve, to provide outreach and education. This technique is culturally competent, building trust between the constituents and the service providers, and validating the information being shared.



Peer education also helps create group unity. This technique has been hailed nationally as the most effective way to reach isolated and marginalized communities, such as new immigrant Latinos.

[Click here for more information about Family Health Education.](#)

Latino Family Policy Center

The Latino Family Policy Center was developed to empower Latino communities and provide them with an active policy voice in areas in which they have historically been excluded.

The purpose of the Center is to fulfill the interests of Latino children and families on the national, state, and local levels. The Latino Family Policy Center is devoted to accomplishing the following goals:

- Public Policy / Advocacy
- Social Services Network
- Local Consortiums and Coalition Building
- Public / Private Partnership in Program Development and Policy Research
- Culture and Social Justice

[Click here for more information about the Latino Family Policy Center.](#)

Junior Advisory Board

The purpose of the [Junior Advisory Board \(JAB\)](#) is to promote and support The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families' mission.

The [JAB](#) works with the Board of Directors to encourage young professionals to become involved in volunteer and fundraising activities for CHCF.

The JAB consists of young professionals who are dedicated to the mission of CHCF. Board members represent the fields of: Finance, Advertising, Media, Law, and Technology to name a few. They host several fundraisers annually, in support of a specific CHCF program area. Their focus this year is the Youth Development program. So far, they have hosted networking socials, a movie screening, and comedy nights, with more events to come.

Interested in becoming a member of our [Junior Advisory Board](#)? Call (212) 206-1090 or send an e-mail to info@chcfinc.org.

Upcoming Event

Be sure to put this one on your calendar today. You don't want to

miss it!

February 28, 2006 - [Seventh Annual "A Slice of Latin America"](#)
[Gala at Gotham Hall](#)