

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

The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

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News

Good News!

We are happy to announce that Lynda Baquero, WNBC 4 New York, will be participating in our Ninth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala as one of our Celebrity Emcees. Lynda, who is dedicated to children's issues and CHCF's work, rescheduled her calendar so she could join us at this event.

Click [here](#) for more information about the gala.

Support CHCF on Facebook

CHCF has joined the millions of users on Facebook in an effort to spread the word about our work and gain support for it. Below are links to CHCF's Facebook pages:

- [Cause Page](#)
- [Group Page](#)
- [Fan page](#)

So, join us on one page or all of them today. Tell your friends! Because, we know we'll *get by with a little help from our friends.*

Youth Development

Latin Legacy Culinary Competition

CHCF hosted the final round of its 3rd Annual "Latin Legacy Culinary Competition" on February 9, 2009 at the Institute of Culinary Education (ICE). Three high school seniors, all from our Youth Development programs, competed in a cook-off for a partial scholarship to ICE.

The competition was coordinated by CHCF, in collaboration with Chef Daisy Martínez of "Viva Daisy!" and ICE. Each student prepared, executed, and served an original entrée, which was evaluated by a panel of judges based on originality, presentation and balance of flavors and textures. The winner of the competition, Yamilka Santana, received a partial scholarship from the ICE. Her prize-



Competition winner
Yamilka Santana

Rita DiMartino
Michael Donahue
Ronald H. Furman
Federico Gómez-Schumacher
Harley M. Griffiths
Lew Leone
Sallie Mars
José Luis Mendez
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winning creation was "Barco Dulce de Camarones en Puré de Auyama (Sweet Shrimp Boat over Gem Squash Puree)."

The competition offered high school seniors of Latino descent the opportunity to creatively channel their passion for the culinary arts in an actual kitchen, and it encouraged these students to pursue careers in that field. High schools across New York City were contacted to draw participants for the competition, which consisted of an essay and original recipe submission, as well as the cook-off. The cook-off was coordinated by Andrew Gold, Director of Student Affairs for ICE.

To learn more about our cook-off judges, please click the photos below.



Daisy Martinez

Chef

Food Network's *Viva Daisy!*



Julian Medina

Chef-Owner

Toloache & Yerba Buena



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Denisse Oller

Chef, Telemundo's *A la mesa con Denisse*

Chef & Owner, Boca Dulce Gourmet
Delights

CHCF would like to thank Rick Smilow, President, and Andrew Gold, Director of Student Affairs, of The Institute of Culinary Education (ICE) for making this event possible and for generously contributing a partial scholarship to the competition winner.

Thank you, ICE!

Click [here](#) to view photos of the cook-off.

Child Care Services

Do you need child care?

CHCF offers a FREE service that can help you find child care that meets your needs.

Our professionally trained staff can help you locate a variety of child care options in the zip code(s) of your choice.

For more information or to get your free referrals, please call CHCF at (212)206-8043. You can also complete a [referral request form](#) on our website.



Upcoming Event

Ninth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala

Join The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families for its Ninth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala at the Roosevelt Hotel on March 5, 2009. New York City's most celebrated chefs will once again present a sampling of their own Latin-inspired masterpieces. This legendary event also features music and dancing, in addition to the delicious food.

Tickets are \$400 each. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, please contact Anne Logan at (212) 206-1090 or click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view photos from our 2008 Gala.



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