

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



The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

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## News

### CHCF Chosen NY1's "NYer of the Week"

In case you missed it, CHCF was recently chosen NY1's "NYer of the Week" for its dedication and service to the Latino community. This honor is awarded to organizations and individuals giving back to the New York City community. As part of NY1's salute to Hispanic Heritage Month, CHCF was featured several times during NY1 News broadcasts.

Click [here](#) to view the clip. Can't view it? Click [here](#) to read the transcription.

### CHCF Featured in Contribute Magazine

The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families was featured in Contribute Magazine's September/October "Measuring Up" section.

#### NYer of the Week



October 10, 2007

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month at NY1, the latest NY1's NYer of the Week award recipient organization was an individual from the Latino community: NY1's Hispanic Youth Center's founding report.

Even in the face of tough economic conditions, Hispanic youth at CHCF's Youth Center continue to receive the support and resources they need to succeed. CHCF's commitment to providing educational and cultural programs to young Latinos is a true testament to the organization's dedication.

"Hispanic youth are the future of our nation, and it is our responsibility to ensure they have the resources and support they need to succeed. CHCF's commitment to providing educational and cultural programs to young Latinos is a true testament to the organization's dedication."



## Recent Events

### Honor Roll Reception 2007

On September 25, 2007, CHCF held its first Honor Roll Reception in honor of the organization's six past Chairs of the Board of Directors. The event's name is a reflection of the organization's commitment to providing educational programs and services to the Latino community in New York City.

Hosted by Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, the event featured a live auction of art created by students in CHCF's After-school Program at PS 59 and framed by Chelsea Frames. Eric Chelman of



Our Honorees & Executive Director. Cecilia Gastón, José Nazario, Elba Montalvo, Wilfred Chabrier, I. Alexei Martinez, and R. Miriam Santos.

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Franklin Bowles Gallery served as auctioneer and provided interesting information regarding the influence of children's art on notable artists such as Joan Miró (whose artwork is featured on our Gala "Save the Date") and Pablo Picasso.

Making the evening more special, Digna Sánchez, Assistant Commissioner/NYC Regional Coordinator for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, presented a proclamation from Governor Eliot Spitzer.

***Thank you, William Malpica, Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw, Eric Chelman, and Chelsea Frames!***

Click [here](#) to view photos from the event.

## Youth Development

### Healthy Living Summer Program

CHCF is happy to announce that it has received a \$40,000 grant from the Aetna Foundation for a Healthy Living Summer Program at MS 391 in the Bronx. This program will combine nutrition, exercise, and stress-relief techniques to equip Latino families with skills and tools they can use to prevent or combat obesity.

Click [here](#) to read more.

***Thank you, Aetna!***

### Broadway in the Bronx

This past Spring, the students in our After-school Program at PS/MS 279 put on a terrific show titled "Broadway in the Bronx". The students exhibited the magic of Broadway through performances of famous musicals including *West Side Story*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Annie*, *The Lion King*, *The Wiz*, and *Phantom of the Opera*.



José Nazario receives his award, a bonsai tree, from Elba Montalvo.



José Mendez and Katie Graziano with the student artwork they won in our live auction.



## Child Care Services

### 5th Annual Latino Family Child Care Provider Conference

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, CHCF hosted its Fifth Annual Latino Family Child Care Conference at Scholastic Inc. The theme of the conference was "Your Professional Development Makes a Difference." Digna Sánchez, Assistant Commissioner/NYC Regional Coordinator for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, served as keynote speaker. She spoke about the importance of professional development for child care providers, as well as the unique assets they bring to their very important job of caring for our children.



By providing this professional development opportunity to family day care providers, CHCF aims to develop the skills of current and prospective family day care providers; elevate the quality of child care programs in New York City; contribute to the education and development of young children; provide collaboration and networking opportunities to family day care providers; increase providers' awareness of their role as early childhood educators; increase providers' awareness of the resources available to them; and celebrate and recognize providers' hard work.



**Thank you, Scholastic!**

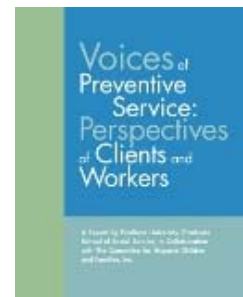
Click [here](#) to view pictures from the conference.



## Latino Family Policy Center

### "Voice of Preventive Services: Perspectives of Clients and Workers"

The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc. (CHCF) and Fordham University released their publication, "Voice of Preventive Services: Perspectives of Clients and Workers", at a policy forum on September 25, 2007. The report, which is based on a study conducted by Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service in collaboration with CHCF, focused on the experiences of Hispanic families receiving preventive



services in New York City.

Additionally, the report outlines eleven recommendations derived directly from clients' and workers' descriptions of their preventive service experience, followed by more detail on the nature of the study, and direct quotes that support the findings.

Click here to [view](#) the report. To receive a copy by mail, please call (212) 206-1090.

### **CHCF Continues to Offer Civics Classes**

CHCF will continue to offer free civics classes in Spanish and English to adults throughout New York City thanks to the New York City Council's Immigrant Opportunities Initiative. The classes offered include U.S. History, U.S. Government, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Vanessa Ramos, Deputy Director for Policy, developed the curriculum for these classes, which help to prepare people for the U.S. citizenship test. In addition, CHCF will continue to offer advice on citizenship requirements and assist people in completing their Naturalization Application.

Click [here](#) to view our class calendar.

### **Upcoming Event**

#### **Eighth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala and 25th Anniversary Celebration**

CHCF's Eighth Annual "A Slice of Latin America" Gala and 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the landmark Roosevelt Hotel. This event is not to be missed!

For information about sponsorship, journal ads, or tickets, please contact Anne Logan, Deputy Director for Development, at (212) 206-1090.

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