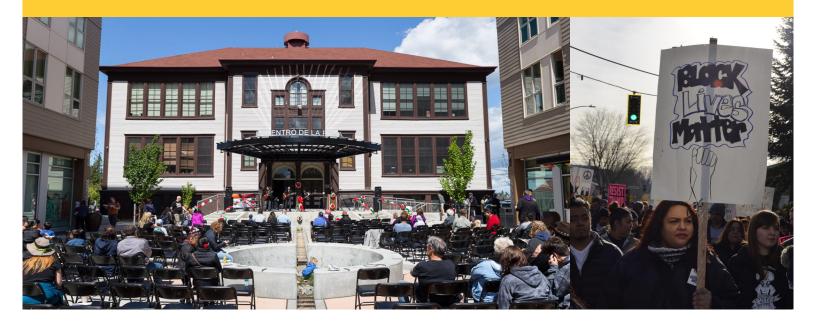


## The Center for People of All Races

A voice and hub for the Latino community as we advocate on behalf of our people and work to achieve social justice.



# 2017 Annual Report Celebrating 45 Years



## STANDING STRONG TOGETHER

Querid@s Amig@s/Dear Friends,

Throughout 2017, you were there for your community. You demanded justice during the travel ban, immigration restrictions, DACA repeal, and more. You volunteered during Know Your Rights Trainings and Emergency Safety Planning, and with your support we became a "sensitive location."

We are so appreciative to have 24,846 hours of service done by 1,198 volunteers who have given their time to support their community. Together we served 14,506 individuals and 8,246 families in our 49 programs and services, and hope to expand our reach in the coming year.

You helped us celebrate our 45th anniversary this year. On October 11, 1972 the occupation of the abandoned Beacon Hill School began and El Centro de la Raza was born. Since then, you have worked with us to support our immigrant community, propel youth to bright futures, help people acheive their dreams, and so much more.

In this time of anti-immigrant darkness, our light shines even brighter. We will continue to protect and serve our immigrant community, and will remain a sensitive location for our families to receive information and resources in a safe and welcoming space. This is a continuation of our fight for justice, and we will continue to resist as we always have: by standing together.

Together, we will not be defeated. Mil gracias for your support and involvement in our "Beloved Community." Together we can organize, empower, and defend our most vulnerable and marginalized populations. Thank you once again for all the ways you fight for justice.

Respetuosamente/Respectfully,

Estela Ortega
Executive Director

Juan Cotto Board President





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Pictured above: English as a Second Language class at El Centro de la Raza.

## **EMERGENCY SAFETY PLANNING**

For two weeks during February 2017, we worked together to serve **over 300 members of our community through Emergency Safety Planning**. These one-on-one sessions covered Know Your Rights training and provided assistance with legal paperwork. Thanks to the support of our community, we are now able to provide ongoing Emergency Safety Planning in 2018.

Call <u>(206) 717-0089</u> or email <u>aortiz@elcentrodelaraza.org</u> in order to make an appointment to create a plan for your children and assets in case you are detained or deported by immigration authorities.



#### SENSITIVE LOCATION

For purposes of immigration enforcement policy, El Centro de la Raza is a sensitive location, like any other school.

#### LUGAR PROTEGIDO

Para cuestiones de aplicación de leyes de inmigración, El Centro de la Raza es un lugar de especial consideración, como cualquier otra escuela.



Rally and press release to defend DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) outside Plaza Roberto Maestas in September 2017.

You also helped us declare ourselves a "sensitive location" for purposes of immigration enforcement policy. Like other sensitive locations, we expect federal authorities not to conduct immigration enforcement activities on any of our properties.

## **NUESTRA COMUNIDAD**

Last summer Marílu, a single mother of two children, came to the Parent-Child Home Program looking for help with her 2-year- old son, Jossue. Jossue was impatient and unwilling to do many activities, including sit through stories.

Using books and educational toys, Marílu and her son received twice-weekly visits from our staff in the Parent-Child Home Program to best support Jossue's development. The program provides new parents with information about child development, health, and education in order to increase parenting skills and improve the child's life outcomes.

Six months later, Marílu is amazed at Jossue's progress! They now enjoy reading and acting out books together, and Jossue is asking questions, taking turns, and appreciates listening to stories! They will continue with their second year and graduate the program in June 2018. We are very excited that the program will be doubling from 35 families to 70 in 2018, and expanding into South King County!





gnacio\* left his mother in Guatemala in pursuit of his dream to become an electrical engineer. He has been an extremely hard worker, joining the workforce at age 12 to support his mother, and maintaining a high G.P.A. in school. On top of work and school, Ignancio has taken ESL courses at El Centro de la Raza, been a part of our Hope for Youth program, and volunteered for the food bank and youth programs here.

After learning more about social justice and community engagement in our youth programs, he now hopes to combine his interest in electrical engineering with civic engagement. He will now be one of just 24 students from around the country to participate in Citizen University's 2018 Youth Collaboratory, an unique and exiting opportunity to gain skills for future involvement with civic engagement! *Gracias to Eric Liu, founder of Citizen University, for making these opportunities possible.* 

\*name changed for privacy Above: Child plays on the playground outside El Centro de la Raza. Left: Ignacio receiving his acceptance to Citizen University.

You helped build well-being for 14,506 members of our community through our 49 comprehensive services.

## **NUESTRA COMUNIDAD**



Vendors at Cinco de Mayo offer handcrafted goods in Centilia Cultural Center.



Cooking class attendees learn to make Pork Red Chile Tamales! All proceeds support our Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program.



Children at Hirabayashi Place march on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



A girl gets her face painted at our annual Día de los Muertos celebration. Our theme this year was "Building Bridges Not Walls."



Left: Graduating class of Young Adults in Tech.

The respondent map for our 2017 **Community Needs** Assessment. Secure employment, safety from discrimination, and affordable housing were

top needs. Read the full

report on our website!



Left: Students in the Youth Job Readiness Training program volunteer their time at Cinco de Mayo.



"I believe in community and friends, and we have to stick together if we want to make a change in the world. Every time I come here I am treated like family. You make people feel like humans instead of second-class citizens." - Jack, Food Bank Participant

## YOUR IMPACT

After the 2016 presidential election, Luke was motivated to share his skills in coding to help others. He got involved the Young Adults in Tech program, which teaches young adults who are out of school and out of work technology skills, and started teaching HTML for the program.

"Somebody who doesn't fit that geeky white guy stereotype and who didn't have a 'plain' peaceful childhood has a lot of challenges and a higher hill to climb to get into the tech field." -Luke

Young Adults in Tech tackles this problem head-on by teaching young adults who are out of school and out of work technology skills that will allow them to transition into the workforce!









Services like our Free Legal Clinics, in partnership with Schroeter Goldmark and Bender, the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, and the King County Bar Association would not have been possible without the help of 103 volunteers who helped provide nearly 600 hours of translation and legal services.

Above: Luke, a Young Adults in Tech volunteer.
Left: Comcast employees help refurbish picnic tables for
the playground during Comcast Cares Day in April.

Want to volunteer? Call (206) 957-4602 or email volunteer@elcentrodelaraza.org to learn about upcoming opportunities.

# BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY GALA



In 2017 we were overjoyed to celebrate 45 years at our 45th Anniversary Gala. You made it our most successful yet, with over **1,000 attendees and 108 volunteers who helped us raise over \$488,000.** Our keynote speaker was **john a. powell**, an internationally recognized expert in the areas of civil rights and civil liberties.

Congratulations to our Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Award Recipients: **Jorge L. Baron and Erin Okuno**, and to our scholarship winners Aaron Roque, Eric Rodriguez, Graciela Gomez, Gisselle Vazquez, Billy Joel Silva Morales, Eduardo Ojeda, Jesus Garnica, Andreina Preciado Macedo, Juan Carlos Gomez De Jesus and Nancy Mendoza Ruiz. Awards were made possible by generous funding from Starbucks Hora del Café and our Roberto Felipe Maestas Scholarship donors.



Save the date for our 46th Anniversary Building the Beloved Community Gala on September 22, 2018 at the Washington State Convention Center!

www.belovedcommunitygala.org

## **2017 DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Individuals	14,506
Male	3,543
Female	3,387
*Unknown	7,576
Ethnicity	
Latino/Latina	3,855
Non Latino/Latino	2,977
Unknown	7,674
Race	
African American	455
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,730
Native/Alaskan	68
White	759
Multi-race	270
Other	2,805
Undisclosed	8,419
0-5 yrs	670
6-11 yrs	472
12-17 yrs	754
18-23 yrs	594
24-69 yrs	3,300
70 and over	473
*Unknown	8,243

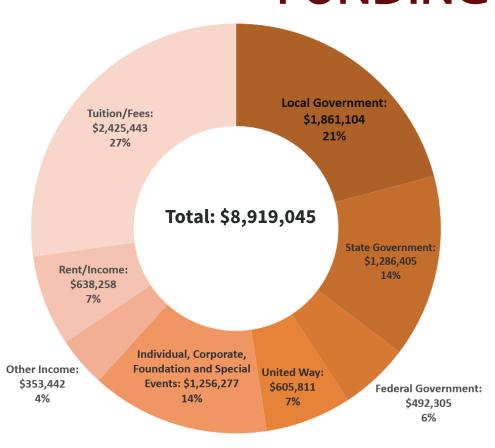
Total Families	8,246
1-2 Members	1,852
3-4 Members	862
5-6 Members	452
7+ Members	105
*Unknown	4,975
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Single Person	1,283
Single Parent	704
Two Parent	942
Other	194
*Unknown	5,123
% Income of the Poverty Threshold	
0% to 50%	1,448
51% to 100%	705
101% to 150%	722
151% to 175%	112
176% to 200%	265
201% and Over	294
*Unknown	4,700

\*We were unable to capture data on all participants that attended cultural events, some of our food programs, legal clinics, and tax preparation service.

# 2018 PROJECTED FUNDING



The historic El Centro de la Raza building.





## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & BUILDING USE**

## In 2017, we provided:

## 2,520 hours of affordable meeting and event space

- 40% of those hours provided at no cost- 5% provided at a discounted rate

Above: Newly renovated south entrance and outdoor stage. Bottom left: "Explosion of Chicano Creativity" by Daniel DeSiga (1977). Bottom right: Unveiling of the Roberto Maestas statue.

## In 2018, we will:

Improve the boiler control system to increase energy efficiency and savings, reduce operating and maintenance challenges, and improve occupant comfort in the historic building.

To lease office space or reserve a room, please email facilities@elcentrodelaraza.org or call (206) 957-4603.



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We couldn't do the work we do without our amazing staff and volunteers! Our staff and volunteers are united by their passion for social justice and their dedication to providing high-quality programs and services to our community. Mil gracias for your outstanding work and commitment!

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