



The Center for People of All Races

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



"When my family and I first came to the U.S.
from Mexico we used a lot of the services that
were offered here. I thought since El Centro
helped us out when we needed it, it was time
I volunteered to help out."

- Edwing Gómez, Volunteer

2010 Annual Report



Continuing Roberto's Legacy

Querid@s Amig@s/Dear Friends,

Mil gracias to you for your outpouring of love, support and kindness after the passing of Roberto Maestas, our beloved leader, advocate, partner, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Your incredible generosity has both honored and humbled us and kept our spirits high. We are truly grateful. A special thanks to those who donated to the Roberto Maestas Scholarship Fund and to every organization that honored the memory of Roberto Felipe Maestas through an award or memorial.

Roberto's life was dedicated to building the "Beloved Community" through multi-racial unity, and he believed deeply that poverty, racism and social inequality could only be eradicated if people of all races and backgrounds came together. This legacy continues with the wonderful developments happening at El Centro that we would like to share with you. On **September 24, 2011** we will hold the inaugural Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Awards and Auction Banquet. Made possible by the Marguerite Casey Foundation, two legacy awards and five scholarships will be presented at the event.

Your support made many exciting developments possible in 2010 and 2011 that we are thrilled to report:

- South Lander Street between 16th and 17th Ave S (between El Centro and the Transit Station) will be named **South Roberto Maestas Festival Street** in honor of our principal founder and leader. Gracias to North Beacon Hill Community Council for your unanimous support, City Council and Mayor McGinn!
- El Centro advocated for rights, community needs and **social justice** issues and organized for the May Day March, immigration reform, Latino Legislative Day and the Foreclosure Fairness Act. After blocking an intersection for more than three hours, 22 demonstrators, including El Centro advocates, were arrested at a downtown Seattle rally urging an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws.
- As part of the Community Coalition for Law Enforcement Accountability, El Centro has actively participated in **police accountability work**, helping to make progressive changes to enforce greater police accountability.

In 2011, our goal is to continue involving the community in developing social justice, community building and fundraising opportunities through several initiatives, including:

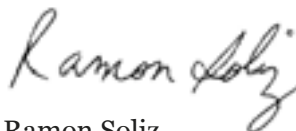
- Establishing a **temporary pay parking lot**, as part of the development stage of our South-End Lot, to provide a safer environment with improved surface lighting and security, and to increase Light Rail ridership, improve access and availability for neighborhood businesses, and alleviate parking by current riders adjacent to the station. Information about the zoning change will be available soon, so please keep in touch by signing up for our email updates on our website at www.elcentrodelaraza.org.
- Providing **free parking** and other accommodations for Festival Street events and a Farmers Market along with small business opportunities on the El Centro lot.
- Presenting annual **Christmas Tree Sales**, quarterly **Spanish Classes** and monthly **Tamale Making Classes**.

Roberto's tenacious spirit and resolve will continue to inspire us in the challenges to come. Roberto chose to live his life with integrity, courage, compassion and humor, whether helping to build coalitions to justly resolve community concerns, speaking to inner-city youth, leading international delegations to increase political awareness, supporting and defending the homeless, or documenting El Centro de la Raza's extraordinary history. We will emulate his example. ¡Roberto Maestas, PRESENTE!

Respetuosamente,



Estela Ortega
Executive Director



Ramon Soliz
Board of Directors President

¡Viva Roberto Felipe Maestas!



Photo by Kathy Sauber

Volunteers Respond to Community Needs



Gracias to United Way Day of Caring volunteers from Microsoft, Ben Bridge Jewelers and United Way!

Mil gracias to all of our outstanding volunteers! It is with the help of our hardworking, dedicated volunteers that El Centro de la Raza's programs and services run smoothly. El Centro's Volunteer Program is proud to report a 6 percent increase in volunteer hours from 2009 to 2010. The whopping 1,110 volunteers who served a grand total of 26,334 hours in 2010 alone were pivotal in this year's success! The Independent Sector estimates that the total value of these volunteer hours is \$569,341.

This incredible gift of time, energy and support has allowed our programs to flourish. Our Free Legal Clinics, hosted graciously in cooperation with Schroeter Goldmark and Bender Law and the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, would not have been possible without the help of 111 volunteers who helped provided 402 hours of translation and assistance.



In 2010, over 26,000 hours of service were provided by 1,110 volunteers!

On the United Way Day of Caring in September, volunteer groups from Ben Bridge Jewelers, Microsoft, Mortenson Construction and United Way of King County donated their time and energy, leading to a wonderfully successful volunteer event! They spent the day creating sugar skulls and paper flowers for our Día de los Muertos celebration, preparing invitations for mailing, designing auction packages, and helping trim trees, weed, and clean up the grounds for a grand total of 385 hours of service in one day!

El Centro de la Raza hosted several diverse volunteer groups throughout the 2010 year including those from Lakeside Middle School, Seattle University School of Nursing, Seattle Pacific University, City of Seattle Upward Bound Program, Mortenson Construction, The City Church, Molina Healthcare of Washington, University of Washington Center for Jewish Life, and US Christian Chaplain Association.

 To see our current volunteer opportunities, please visit elcentrodelaraza.org and click the [Volunteer Now](#) button!

Gracias to Our Dedicated Volunteers and Staff

Mil gracias to our hard working staff and volunteers:

Volunteer Hero Award: Ariel Mendoza
Exemplary Volunteer Award: Kendehl Corley
Volunteer Equipo del Año Award: Mortenson Construction
Employee of the Year Award: Mirabella Mendiola, Youth Violence Prevention
Spirit Award: Victoria Castañeda, Veterans Service Coordinator
Executive Director's Award: Graciela González, Human Service Director

Service of 10+ Years: Bobbie Stephens, Virginia Culbertson, Arturo González and Janet Monrroy
Service of 5+ Years: Rocío Espíritu, Belem Ruiz, Marisela Argüello, Elvia Guzmán and Enrique González
Service of 3+ Years: Michi Robinson, Jessica Harris, Anastasia Mendoza, José Rosales and Langston Gossett



Participants Served in 2010

The demographic data to the left represents individuals and families who were served by El Centro de la Raza's programs, services and events in 2010.

Total Individuals	23,565	Total Families	11,518
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Male	9,367	1-2 Members	5,979
Female	9,232	3-4 Members	1,763
Unknown*	4,966	5-6 Members	914

Latina/Latino	16,403	7+ Members	201
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African American	330	Unknown*	2,661
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Asian/Pacific Islander	875	Single Person	2,032
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Native/Alaskan	31	Single Parent	1,073
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White	348	Two Parents	1,757
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Multiracial	1,541	Other	544
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Other	980	Two Adults no Child	335
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Unknown*	3,057	Unknown*	5,777
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0-5 yrs	3,471	0% to 50% Income of Poverty Threshold	2,855
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6-11 yrs	1,465	51% to 100% Income of Poverty Threshold	1,754
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12-17 yrs	1,635	101% to 150% Income of Poverty Threshold	441
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18-23 yrs	1,269	151% to 175% Income of Poverty Threshold	123
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24-69 yrs	10,299	176% to 200% Income of Poverty Threshold	44
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70 and over	494	201% and over Income of Poverty Threshold	166
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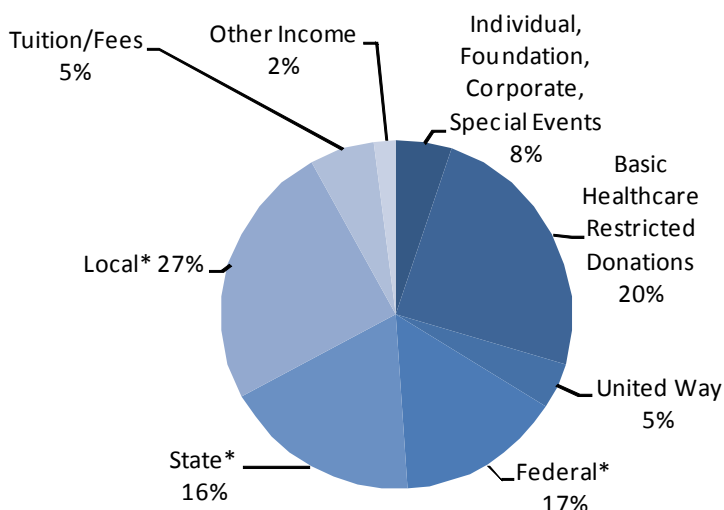
Unknown*	4,934	Unknown*	6,135
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**We were unable to capture complete data on all participants that attended cultural events, legal clinics, tax preparation sessions and individuals enrolled in the Basic Healthcare Plan.*

Geographic Reach of Services

El Centro de la Raza is located on Beacon Hill in Seattle. We provide Basic Healthcare Plan enrollment services in Tacoma, which serves participants in MLK, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Clark, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties. The majority of our participants come from the Seattle and Martin Luther King, Jr. County area.

2011 Projected Funding



SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Individual, Foundation, Corporate, Special Events	\$402,750	8%
Basic Healthcare Restricted Donations	\$1,000,000	20%
United Way	\$261,758	5%
Federal*	\$834,969	17%
State*	\$811,616	16%
Local*	\$1,347,741	27%
Tuition/Fees	\$234,783	5%
Other Income (rent, etc.)	\$118,424	2%
TOTAL	\$5,012,041	100%

*Capital improvement funds from these sources total \$575,745

2010 Successes and Highlights

Cultural, Social Justice and Community Events:

- El Centro de la Raza, other Latino leaders, and representatives of Seattle's diverse communities formed a multi-racial coalition to address police accountability - the Community Coalition for Law Enforcement Accountability.
- Mayor Mike McGinn created a new Youth Initiative and appointed former mayor Norman Rice, former deputy mayor Bob Watt and El Centro Executive Director Estela Ortega to head the initiative.
- Youth revitalized two Beacon Hill bus stops with inspirational artwork and cultural murals with funding provided by King County Metro.
- Over 500 community members joined us for our 5th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration, presented by Seattle 4Culture, KEXP and Community Health Plan of Washington.
- In honor of the bicentennial of Mexican independence and the centennial of Mexico's Revolution, our Día de los Muertos theme celebrated *Las Adelitas*, woman *soldaderas* who fought in the Mexican Revolution. Over 1,700 people viewed two dozen social justice community *ofrendas* throughout November.
- Hundreds wrote letters in support of our future community enhancement project - a retail/multi-use development.
- El Centro began a community input process for ideas on the planning of our South End Development with a community design meeting in February. More information about this project and zoning change will be available, so please keep in touch by signing up for our email updates at www.elcentrodelaraza.org.



Estela Ortega represents El Centro de la Raza on the Community Coalition for Law Enforcement Accountability at a press conference in May with State Representative Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney.

Awards, Accomplishments and Recognition:

- City of Seattle Human Service Coalition Ron Chism Anti-Racist Award.
- NeighborWorks National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program recognition for dedication to preserving and promoting sustainable homeownership.
- CASA Latina's memorable dedication to Roberto Felipe Maestas.
- Congratulations to the José Martí Child Development Center for their story selection showcasing their achievements published in the National Association for the Education of Young Children's 25th Anniversary Conference Booklet!
- Gracias to United Way of King County for selecting El Centro as a Free Tax Prep site. Over 489 returns were filed at our site with refunds totaling \$740,691! Gracias to volunteers who provided 350 hours of service!
- Providing Free Legal Services provided by Schroeter Goldmark and Bender and the Latino/a Bar Association of Washington.



El Centro de la Raza is honored to receive the City of Seattle Human Service Coalition Ron Chism Anti-Racist Award.

Building Use:

- Building usage totaled approximately 4,422 hours with events ranging from Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshops to graduation celebrations. We have space available for meetings, weddings, and community activities, including wireless Internet. Please call 206.957.4603 to inquire about leasing or reserving space.
- El Centro events free to the public include Día de los Muertos, Cinco de Mayo and Café con El Centro, a free continental breakfast where attendees receive a tour of the building and programs.
- El Centro provided donated space ranging from one-time to ongoing use to organizations and groups including Latino/a Educational Achievement Project, Garfield High School, Seattle/Cuba Friendship, People's Place, City of Seattle, Beacon Hill/Balgüe-Nicaragua Sister Schools, John T. Williams Organizing Committee, Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual March Organizing Committee, Rainbow Haven Meeting and Campaña Quetzal. Ongoing use of space is provided free to cultural dance and music groups, United Way Free Tax Prep Campaign and free bilingual Legal Clinics.

Annual Auction Banquet:

- Over \$135,000 was raised at our 2010 Annual Auction Banquet! *Gracias* to everyone who helped make the auction a success!
- *Mil gracias* to our auction sponsors: presenting sponsors Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Lilly USA, Vulcan, Boeing, College Success Foundation, Washington Education Association, Clear Channel, HomeStreet Bank, Plaza Bank, Seattle Sounders FC, Teamsters Local Union 760, Verizon, Caravan-Serai, Inc., Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Sprague Israel Giles.
- **Save-the-date for our 2011 Awards and Auction Banquet - Saturday, September 24th** at the Washington State Convention Center where the inaugural *Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Awards and Scholarships* will be presented; made possible by generous funding from the Marguerite Casey Foundation.



Gracias to Senator Murray for attending the Auction Banquet!



Rain or shine, 123 volunteers and staff, led by Washington Playgrounds, provided over 511 hours of service, showing their labor of love by helping to build our fabulous new playground.

Capital Improvements:

- With funding from King County Parks and a Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Grant, Santos Rodríguez Memorial Park has new playground equipment and amenities. The park is open to the public with posted hours. Please come enjoy the park! In addition, \$350,000 from the Seattle Parks Opportunity Fund will be used to improve the park with a community oversight committee that has representatives from Beacon Hill.
- Through a project organized by United Way, new exterior stairs were completed for the North, South and West entrances. *Mil gracias* to Mortenson Construction, Architects W/O Borders, Engineers W/O Borders and McKinstry for their generous pro bono efforts. The project will save El Centro de la Raza over \$180,000 in needed improvements.

New Programs!

Veterans Services:

King County and El Centro de la Raza have started a unique program to assist **Minority and Women Veterans** and their families. Many men and women Veterans of color, for different reasons, do not access or know how to use the entitlements they earned for their loyal service. By fulfilling a service contract obligation, a Veteran agreed to receive basic training, to be sent anywhere in the world, to be away from family and friends and to make many other sacrifices. In exchange, Veterans receive entitlements from the government like disability compensation, widow's pensions, education payments, medical care and home loans as part of their contract, with his/her life in the balance. Our program can help start a claim, aid in accessing benefits and enrollment, and navigate the VA system or local programs.



Juvenile Justice Policy and Advocacy:

El Centro de la Raza was awarded a grant by the **MacArthur Foundation** to begin working on **Juvenile Justice Policy and Advocacy**. The goal is to reduce the number of Latino youth serving sentences for nonviolent offenses and to improve the outcomes for Latinos in the juvenile justice system by working with the community to develop policy reform and by better informing students, parents and others of their rights and responsibilities. Truancy reduction and alternatives to formal incarceration are areas that parents, teachers, public defenders, youth and other community members are focusing on to make a difference in the future of our youth. Through public forums, focus groups and school engagement the Latino community is becoming more involved in the prevention of juvenile incarceration and more knowledgeable on how to advocate for youth.

Thank you for making this possible:



- 1) Through United Way, volunteers prepared 489 returns for a total refund amount of \$740,691 at El Centro.
- 2) Thanks to contributions of various local companies, community volunteers were able to build raised garden boxes for 40 low-income seniors in the Beacon Hill area.
- 3) Mayor McGinn helped served 75 participants at our Annual Holiday Hot Meal.
- 4) Tamale Classes offered monthly help raise much needed funding for El Centro.
- 5) Holiday toys were donated to Rainbow Haven, a low-income community.
- 6) 55 youth, volunteers and staff participated in Latino Legislative Day in Olympia.
- 7) Mortenson Construction volunteers painted, hauled away debris and more on their Day of Service at El Centro.
- 8) Cultural education and a fashion show were part of Cinco de Mayo festivities.
- 9) The Beaconettes perform at our Las Posadas celebration.
- 10) Students testify at City Council budget hearings to save vital programs.
- 11) 74 individuals began the long process to achieving citizenship.
- 12) GE Capital hosted the Bee Healthy Fair for After School Program students.

Mil gracias por hacer esto posible:



- 13) Hundreds of children and their families celebrated Children's Day at El Centro.
 14) This ofrenda at Día de los Muertos condemned the murder of John T. Williams by a Seattle Police Officer and demanded an end to police brutality.
 15) Seattle Sounders Fredy Montero and John Hurtado sign autographs at Cinco de Mayo, gracias to Community Health Plan of Washington for making it possible.
 16) Mortenson Construction complete pro bono exterior stair renovations saving the organization \$180,000.
 17) The senior program meets daily for a congregate meal, activities and exercise.
 18) 55 youth, volunteers and staff participated in Latino Legislative Day in Olympia.

- 19) Volunteers from Microsoft, Ben Bridge Jewelers and United Way of King County, had a wonderfully successful Day of Caring; 55 volunteers provided 385 hours.
 20) 55 volunteers provided 385 hours of service on the United Way Day of Caring.
 21) The May Day march and rally brought out thousands of supporters.
 22) The Comadres program provides support for women.
 23) El Centro celebrated the graduation of over 90 students in our youth programs.
 24) Seattle Works volunteers help build garden boxes for seniors and complete landscaping projects at El Centro.

Visit www.elcentrodelaraza.org to see more pictures!

Your Impact on Outcomes and Measurable Results

Between July 2009 and June 2010, 99 percent of our program participants achieved their personal outcomes. Each program listed below has established an outcomes framework involving quantifiable evaluation tools and immediate and intermediate milestones that help participants progress toward one of twenty-one Core Outcomes through four main program and service areas below.

Child & Youth Programs

Investing in our children and their future, El Centro provides an array of bilingual, multicultural child and youth services to the local community. These programs are free with the exception of the Child Development Center and After School Program, which are fee-based but also provide subsidies for low-income families.



Sixty-five children in our early learning program celebrated moving on to kindergarten at a graduation ceremony organized by parents and teachers in August.

Photo by Jeff Hockema.

Human & Emergency Services

Seeking to address immediate aspects of human suffering such as hunger, healthcare and homelessness, our Frances Martínez Community Service Center provides free diverse bilingual human and emergency services.



In 2010, 365,917 pounds of food were distributed by our Food Bank and 11,088 plates of food were served by our La Cocina Popular Hot Meal Program.

Photo by Raquel García.

Education & Skill Building Programs

El Centro promotes self-sufficiency and empowerment through free bilingual education and skill building initiatives.



El Centro provides ESL Classes, Financial Literacy Classes, Parent Involvement Workshops, Comadres Women's Support Group and more.

Photo by Jeff Hockema.

Community Building & Advocacy

El Centro believes that only through civic involvement, grassroots organizing and social activism will our community be able to effectively address the profound contradictions facing our world. We unite communities of all races, genders, ages and classes to fight for civil and human rights both locally and globally.

Programs & Services:

With over 26,000 volunteer hours, El Centro de la Raza served 23,565 individuals and 11,518 families in 2010 through the following programs and services:

Luis Alfonso Velásquez Flores
After School Program
Basic Healthcare Enrollment
Café con El Centro
College Readiness
Crisis Advocacy
ECR Transitional Housing
El Patio Apartments
ESL & Citizenship Classes
Eviction Prevention
Financial Literacy

Food Bank
Foreclosure Prevention
Homeless Assistance Program
Homeownership Program
Hope for Youth Poetry & Civil Rights History Classes
Bebes-Infant Mortality Prevention
José Martí Child Development Center
Juvenile Justice Policy/Advocacy
Parent Involvement & Education

Latino Hot Meal Program
Youth Violence Prevention
Senior Nutrition & Wellness
Senior Home Delivered Meals
Veterans Services
Legal Clinic Site
Tax Preparation Site
Local, State, National & International Coalition Building
Immigrant/Human/Civil Rights
Social Justice Advocacy

Cultural/Political/Social Events
Community Service Site
Service Learning Site
Community Meeting Space

 To see all our programs and services up close, please visit elcentrodelaraza.org!

Mil Gracias to Our 2010 Donors and Funders

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