MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

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Locations of main offices of member and partner organizations.

(†) Community organizations in process of incorporating as nonprofit organizations or operating as nonprofit organizations.

(‡) Current grantees

MEMBER AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Member Organizations (Latina-led and Latina-serving/governed)
- Akilia Sumak (†)
- Alliance Hispanic de Gainesville
- Caminar Latino
- Coalición de Líderes Latinos (CLILA) (‡)
- Contigo ATL (†)
- Contrapunta (‡)
- Cross Keys Foundation
- El Refugio de Stewart
- Generación Latina
- Georgia Association of Elected Officials (GAEO)
- Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC)
- Georgia Latino Law Foundation (GLLF)
- Hispanic Organization Promoting Education (HOPE) (‡)
- Latin American Chamber of Commerce (LACE-Georgia) (‡)
- Latino LinQ
- Lifting Latina Voices
- Los Vecinos de Buford Highway (†)
- Sandy Springs Mission
- Ser Familia (‡)
- Somos Panamá
- Ventanillas de Salud

Partner Organizations ( Latina-serving nonprofits)
- ACE Women’s Business Center
- Access to Law Association for Latino Professionals For America - Georgia (ALPFA)
- Catholic Charities Atlanta
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The Latinx community in Georgia has grown and diversified significantly in the last 40 years. Georgia’s Latinx population started with a small group of Cuban refugees, agricultural workers and day laborers, but the community boomed when Georgia received a huge influx of Latinx workers in the early nineties to build the infrastructure for the 1996 Olympics. In the following decades, construction, agricultural, and maintenance workers and day laborers would stay and build industries such as poultry and carpeting, become self-employed or small business owners, and purchase property in the suburbs and make Georgia their home.

Today, our community is vibrant, colorful, diverse and one million strong. Latinxs in Georgia are the fastest growing segment opening businesses in the country and very much civically engaged.

**Hispanic Population Growth in GA**
Source: Atlanta Regional Commission, 2018

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This growth and evolution also meant our community spread geographically. Needs and aspirations diversified. Local leaders reacted to this reality and a number of grass-roots organizations germinated across the state to meet specific community needs. However, the funding community has been slow to respond to the financial needs of these organizations to support their missions.

At LCF Georgia, we work to facilitate, connect and catalyze a new funding model that is more equitable, inclusive and appropriate to meet the needs of our community. This path, we believe, will accelerate progress towards shared wellbeing for Latinx families in Georgia.

In this report, you will learn about the progress we made in each one of our three strategies in 2017:
- Amplifying Our Voice
- Capacity Building
- Collaborative Grant Making

**Strategies: Amplifying Our Voice**

- Ensuring that the diversity of our experiences and voices is understood and represented when discussing what it means to be "Latino."
- Showcasing the important work member organizations and families do in our communities on a daily basis.
- Advocating for a seat at decision-making tables for our organizations and community leaders.
- Advancing knowledge of our community through research, data and information consolidation.
- Striving to be seen for who we are: A complex, culturally rich, diverse, generous, hard working community and an effective investment and partner for funders, policy makers, individuals and civic leaders.

**Impact:**

- Chronically and distributed 34 unique stories highlighting the many contributions of Georgia’s Latinx communities.
- Achieved a 16,000+ average monthly reach through our social media informational page containing updates on legal issues, community events, opportunities for engagement and family resources.
- Issued Georgia’s first calendar for Hispanic Heritage Month events and activities.
- Through our Speakers Bureau, participated in and provided speaker referrals to mainstream media and international and regional events.
**STRATEGY: CAPACITY BUILDING**

- Providing technical assistance to grassroots and emerging nonprofits so that they can be highly effective with their programs and fundraising efforts.
- Ensuring that Latino-serving organizations are ready to apply for competitive funding.
- Working to sustain organizational operations and develop effective programs to appropriately serve our families, students and entrepreneurs.
- Helping the community find reliable partners on its journey towards self-sufficiency.
- Supporting members of the Latino community so that they thrive and fully participate in the state they call home.

**IMPACT:**

- Provided technical assistance to five local Latino-serving nonprofit organizations.
- Offered Nonprofit 101 coaching to five grassroots groups interested in becoming nonprofits or in the process of incorporation.
- Designed and facilitated the 2017 Hispanic Business Summit, the first collaborative business event between chambers of commerce dedicated to serve the Latino/Hispanic community.
- Co-hosted the 4th Annual Latino Summit for Latino-serving nonprofit professionals in partnership with Ser Familia and the Administration for Children and Families.
- Hosted “Know Your Rights” and voter registration trainings and events for the community.

**STRATEGY: COLLABORATIVE GRANT MAKING**

- Making direct investments in our organizations and community so that our members and families know we believe in them, the work they do, and their potential.
- Ensuring that philanthropy is stewarded and built within the community, creating a path for families and individuals to invest on their own.
- Supporting Latino-led and Latino-serving nonprofits so that they are strong, efficient and sustainable.
- Building an infrastructure of services, organizations and programs that can adequately meet the needs of our families, students and entrepreneurs.

**IMPACT:**

- Provided three educational scholarships through member organizations HoPe and Ser Familia.
- Invested in two micro entrepreneurs with seed capital through members Latin American Chamber of Commerce Georgia and ACE Women’s Business Center.
- Provided financial assistance for two individuals in their naturalization process through our member Coalición de Líderes Latinos in Dalton and DACA renewals for two students through the Georgia Undocumented Youth Alliance.
- Provided eight need-based arts and sports enrichment scholarships for children.
- Made Puerto Rican recovery investments through two grants on the island: Taller de Salud and Casa Pueblo.
THIS IS WHY OUR WORK MATTERS

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“Casa Pueblo in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, recipients of a grant to help fund a coffee plantation providing employment and income to citizens affected by Hurricane María.

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AMPLIFYING OUR VOICES

Advocating for inclusion and recognition, highlighting our diversity, and promoting and advancing knowledge of our community.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Technical assistance and program development for Latinx-serving organizations in Georgia.

COLLABORATIVE GRANT MAKING

Grants supporting educational scholarships, seed capital for micro entrepreneurs, financial assistance for naturalization and DACA, and disaster relief.

PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

$7,246

$20,960

$36,738
Our diverse and engaged board members bring decades of combined nonprofit, corporate, legal and entrepreneurship experience. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment.
WE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHOSE GENEROSITY MADE OUR WORK POSSIBLE IN 2017.

OVER 180 INDIVIDUAL DONORS, A SCHOOL IN DECATUR COUNTY COLLECTING PENNIES FOR PUERTO RICO, FAMILIES BUILDING THEIR LEGACY, AND A CORPORATION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

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Juliana Ramírez
Lillian Rodríguez-López
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SCHOOL INVESTMENTS

Fernbank Elementary School

FAMILY INVESTMENTS

Lavender DREAM BBQ Fund
Bo and Angelica Young
Laura’s Dream Fund (anonymous)

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Consulting Médico Hispano
The Four Seasons Atlanta
Interpoint Communications

CORPORATE INVESTMENTS

Coca-Cola

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT LATINXGIVING.COM/FUND
Latino Community Fund (LCF Georgia) supports Latinx-serving nonprofits in Georgia with advocacy, program development, technical assistance and grant making.

Our mission is to be a catalyst for investment, collaborative work, and positive narrative with and within the Latinx/Hispanic Community in Georgia.

http://www.LCFGeorgia.org

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