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Progreso en Acción

Inspiring Latine Philanthropy— Now and into the future

A newsletter of the **Progreso Latino Fund**, a component fund of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

Progreso Latino Fund's mission is to empower a diverse Latine community in the Greater New Haven region through education, leadership, culture and philanthropy.

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celebrate a special veteran themed Puerto Rican Festival. The annual celebration on the New Haven Green was hosted by Puerto Ricans United and CT LEAD and featured Manny Manuel, Luis Figuero, Orquesta Afinke, Movimiento Cultural, Choco Band, DJ Red El Colorao, and DJ Carlos "Lokito." [SEE THE NEWS 8 STORY](#) or [READ THE NEW HAVEN INDEPENDENT STORY](#).

On July, 25, Puerto Rican's United held its **Annual Awards Dinner**. See pictures from Smoothlenz Photography below.

2024 PRU GALA PHOTOS

Katherine Xilotl-Portillo: Founder's Scholarship Recipient



Katherine Xilotl-Portillo is a 2024 recipient of a Founder's Scholarship. Every year, Progress Latino Fund awards two \$3,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from New Haven Public Schools through the New Haven Scholarship Fund.

Katherine Xilotl-Portillo is a graduate of New Haven's Metropolitan Business Academy. This fall, she plans to study to become a bilingual elementary teacher. A first-generation college student, Katherine decided that working in elementary education was the right career for her after shadowing teachers through a weekly program called, "Educators Rising." Observing the classroom and interacting with the young students confirmed what she always knew about herself — she loves spending time with children. She has been a babysitter for many years, ever since her first job watching the daughter of her mother's friend.

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“Xilotl-Portillo says. “It brings me that energy. Helping them, seeing them learn, interacting with them, it makes me happy inside.”

Xilotl-Portillo grew up in New Haven’s Westville neighborhood and will be studying Elementary Education – Bilingual at Southern Connecticut State University.

Help increase our impact with a contribution!

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**Fund Profile: La Mariposa Fund
Est. 2023 by Nancy Roldán Johnson and Craig Johnson**



Nancy Roldán Johnson has always believed in Latine empowerment. In 2016, as part of a nonprofit she co-founded called Together for Latinas, Roldán Johnson developed La Mariposa (The Butterfly), a 12-session empowerment program for Latina adolescents. Now, as part of the 20th anniversary of the

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community through the La Mariposa Fund.

“For the evolving journey that every individual goes through, we want our fund to help Latine youth and young adults in need of support,” Nancy says. Craig adds, “I have seen the extra barriers that are often in place for Latines and the challenges of access [to opportunity].” In particular, the couple intends to focus their philanthropy on improving access to education and mental health services.

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20th Anniversary Fund Challenge Continues

The Progreso Latino Fund is excited to build on the momentum of 2023! If you open a named charitable fund in 2024, The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven will contribute \$2,000 to it! Individuals, families and businesses can take up to four years to build their funds with a commitment to annual contributions. We invite you to learn more about how a named fund can maximize your philanthropic dollars to support causes that you care about and amplify your voice.

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LOCAL STORIES



“Grandma’s Sofrito” Served Up In School

Former Principal Miriam Camacho returned to her old school in Fair Haven to encourage students to



Puerto Rican Festival Honors Veterans

Each year, the Puerto Rican Festival of New Haven features a special

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make [sofrito](#) from scratch. The retired teacher and principal recently released her children's book, *El Sofrito de Abuela/Abuela's Sofrito*,

displayed on stage. This year's theme is dedicated to honoring veterans, paying tribute to their service.

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Puerto Ricans United honored veterans at its annual awards gala. [WATCH THE NEWS8 STORY.](#)

A Note on Our Use of "Latine"

In 2022, The Progreso Latino Fund Advisory Committee approved the use of **Latine** (pronounced Latin- ay) as a more inclusive way to address the community while retaining the historical name of the fund. [READ MORE.](#)

September 26 Building Trust, Creating Impact: The Latine Philanthropy Forum

The Progreso Latino Fund Forum is back! Join us in person on September 26, 2024 for Building Trust, Creating Impact: The Latine Philanthropy Forum, an empowering dialog on Latine representation in philanthropy. Hosted by The Community Foundation's Progreso Latino Fund, this dialog will explore the

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your Latine philanthropic voice.

Where: New Haven Lawn Club

When: Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m.

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EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

Sep 26: Progreso Latino Fund Forum at [New Haven Lawn Club](#).

Oct 2: [Arte, Inc's](#) 20th Anniversary Celebration, Carousel Lighthouse Point Park



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