Centro Tyrone Guzman serves Latine* families with diverse needs in Minneapolis and surrounding communities. Nearly all households we serve live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and many live below 100% poverty. Most families are led by first or second-generation immigrants that speak Spanish or an indigenous language of South or Central America as their native language.

**OUR MISSION**

To contribute to the well-being and full participation of Latines through education and family engagement.

**OUR VISION**

We envision a vibrant, diverse and inclusive Latine community that belongs and contributes to the social and economic vitality of Minnesota.

*Centro Tyrone Guzman has chosen to use “é” in place of the Spanish-language masculine “ó” to include people of all genders.*
In 2020, families faced serious and unexpected challenges with courage, always maintaining hope. Centro Tyrone Guzman’s staff offered support, resources and an attentive ear. Though we look back on the year with much sorrow and grief, we also look forward with optimism - energized by families’ engagement and contributions that carried us through 2020.

Approximately 60% of families who accessed Centro Tyrone Guzman’s services during the year tested positive for COVID-19 at some point, and the consequences reached every aspect of families’ lives – from job loss to housing instability, death of family members, heightened immigration fears, and the palpable effects of disparities in healthcare access.

Although the losses have been significant and life changing, families have showed great resilience and have made incredible contributions. Our elders made and distributed facemasks. Elders and youth created videos and reached out to their networks so everybody in our community was counted in the 2020 Census and voted in the elections. Our youth and adults have been working together to disseminate accurate information related to COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and vaccination. Parents took on new responsibilities in their children’s learning, supporting them emotionally and academically. We are humbled by their strength and courage.

In 2020, Centro Tyrone Guzman staff worked collaboratively to provide weekly, family-centered case management services to 984 families (3,602 individuals), connecting them to resources and support and addressing housing and food insecurity.
Centro’s Intergenerational Learning Community uses a Montessori-influenced approach across the lifespan to provide information, connect, and engage Latines of all ages through Early Childhood, Youth, and Adult and Aging Programs.
Early Childhood Program Goal:
To support the well-being and academic and social development of Latine children by promoting and providing Montessori learning environments that inspire children to become independent, responsible and engaged learners.

“Karina” is a four-year-old Siembra student. When her teenage brother tested COVID-19 positive, the whole family needed to quarantine and her mother, “Marta”, was unable to go to work. Marta shared she had fallen behind on electric bills and that Karina was struggling emotionally with the challenges created by the pandemic. Thanks to generous donors, we were able to pay the electric bill and send a basket of food, activities and books in Spanish for Karina. Marta participated in a virtual 8-week Circle of Security training and learned new ways to talk with Karina about her emotions and practice breathing techniques. Karina is doing much better emotionally and learning so much. Marta continues to participate actively in parent workshops to provide the best support to Karina and her brothers.

Youth Program Goal:
To promote healthy behaviors, strengthen families, and support youth to achieve a successful future.

“Nayeli’s” children were struggling to adapt to the new distance learning requirements, especially because they only had one computer for the three siblings. Nayeli also needed assistance establishing a routine for their children to do school work. Centro staff helped the family obtain two additional laptops, and provided strategies to organize children’s activities. The children have shown great improvements in their schoolwork and now participate regularly in online learning. Nayeli is happy and proud to see their children succeed.

Adult & Aging Program Goal:
To support the holistic health and well-being of Latine adults, as well as honor their abilities and leadership skills as they contribute to a diverse, inclusive and equitable community.

“Liset” joined Centro Tyrone Guzman’s Educational Advocacy Program about a year and a half ago to support her children better. Through the program, she practiced speaking up for her two adolescent children and joined the Minneapolis Public Schools Latine Parent Advisory Council. She participates in the virtual meetings supporting positive changes for the education of all children in our community. At home, Liset actively supports her children in their classes. She was able to obtain an additional computer to ensure both children had resources and a positive distance learning experience. Liset’s children now participate in our Raices Youth Development Program, and she continues to demonstrate great leadership in generating energy and enthusiasm amongst other Latine families as we advocate together for a just and equitable educational system.
Community Support Services Goal:

To respond to food insecurity and housing crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, Metro Transit helped us with 6,100 deliveries to families in 62 zip codes.

“Working with Centro has been a wonderful experience for us at Transit Team. Not only has this relationship served our communities’ needs in a time of crisis, but it has also kept our drivers employed. How unique it is that by helping put food on the table for those in need, we put food on ours. We are grateful for the work Centro does and the generosity of those that enable them to do so. Thank you!”

- P. Depa
Operations Manager Transit Team

Information Center:

Across all programs, Centro Tyrone Guzman helps Latine families access the resources and information they need to thrive– from education resources to legal assistance to housing and more.

“...In a year of such turmoil and confusion, I feel blessed that we have been able to provide such wide range of services and resources to our community. I was distressed and anxious as I listened to families, and so happy when we were able to connect them to resources or approve support for their rent. Sometimes all I could do was listen to them. I will always remember the sound of hope in our voices when we feel we are not alone.”

- M. Ferrey
Information Center Manager
Before COVID-19, the “Ortiz” family was financially stable. The father, "Luis," had an established job working in a restaurant. The mother, "Elsa," provided childcare in her home and was the primary caregiver for her mother, "Ana." In March, Luis’s employment reduced drastically, and there was no longer a need for Elsa’s childcare services. The family needed to rely on Ana’s social security as their primary source of income, though it was not sufficient to meet the basic needs of the family of six. The situation became even more stressful when Luis was hospitalized with a severe case of COVID-19. Thanks to the generosity of many donors and funders, Centro Tyrone Guzman was able to provide short-term financial assistance, monthly food packages, and weekly hot meals to the family. The entire family has shown great strength facing these challenges. The two teenage children began participating remotely in the Raíces Youth Development program; Luis and Elsa actively shared new information about COVID-19 prevention and community resources with other families. Ana participates in Wise Elders programming remotely, using an iPad, and she volunteers her time to write thank-you letters to donors and make masks to donate to community members.

**Community Engagement Goal:**

To celebrate the beauty and power of our culture in partnership with Latine families.

Community members gathered virtually to celebrate the Day of the Dead and our annual Christmas party.

“My family and I wish you a blessed Christmas with your loved ones. If a little star could grant us a wish, I would ask that in this world we all could be equal, that there would be no poverty or discrimination, and that all the children and adults could be happy. May God bless you for your generosity.”

- C. Lopez,
  Program Participant
“I am so grateful to Centro for the opportunity to make new friends. Before, I was alone.”
- Program participant
OUR IMPACT:

**Early Childhood**

- 88% of Siembra children made age-appropriate development.
- 95% of Siembra parents/caregivers increased knowledge of school readiness for their children.
- 100% of maternal health program participants reported their stress level was reduced after receiving support and services.
- 96% of babies were born healthy.

**Youth**

- 95% of youth feel proud of their identity.
- 88% of youth reported that the program helped them plan and make good choices.
- 81% of youth feel optimistic about their personal future.
- 81% of youth reported that the program has given them positive adult role models.
- 100% of youth know where they can go to obtain sexual health resources and information.

**Adult & Aging**

- 100% of parents in our Family Engagement Program learned new ways to support their children in school.
- 99% of participants in the Family Nutrition Program reported that they would make changes to their behavior based on what they learned through the program.
- 99% of seniors reported reduced sense of isolation and loneliness.
- 100% of caregivers in our program accessed resources to support their caregiving responsibilities.

**Community Support**

- 182 families received diapers, baby supplies and baby food.
- 124 families received tablets, hotspot connectivity, and activity packages for children.
- 1,356 food baskets and hot meals were distributed.
“As board member of Centro Tyrone Guzman, it warms my heart to know that my husband’s life work to build an inclusive and more just community continues every day in our organization, changing the lives of children, youth, their parents and grandparents through programs that include art and affirm the beauty of our culture.”

- Osiris Guzman
Board Member

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Extension: Master Gardener Volunteer Program

“The work done at Centro, the love and magic that transform lives, can’t even be described in a way that does it justice. When I’m tempted to despair about our society, I remember that Centro is a light, one of many which shines in the darkness.”

- Notre Dame Alumni Club Volunteer
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“I feel committed to helping other parents become more involved in their children’s education and to work more with my own children to help them achieve a professional career and gain respect by knowing their rights.”

- Program participant
CORE SUPPORT:

2020 Income and Expense Statement

Income: $ 2,964,108.62  
Expense: $ 2,455,002.18

Expenses:

Early Childhood $474,899.73  
Adult and Aging $520,108.08  
Youth $325,385.99  
Covid Community Support $644,489.38  
Administration $433,599.00  
Fundraising $56,520.00

Total Expense $ 2,455,002.18

Statement of Financial Position  
For the year ending on December 31, 2020

GRANTS & INCOME

Total net assets $1,586,704.00

Balance Sheet:

Assets

Current Assets $1,213,148.00
Noncurrent Assets $814,726.00
Total Assets $2,027,874.00

Liabilities

Forgivable Loan PPP $211,000.00
Current Liabilities $183,485.00
Long-term Liabilities $46,685.00

Net Assets

Unrestricted $874,877.00
Temporarily Restricted $711,827.00
Total net assets $1,586,704.00

Total liabilities and net assets $2,027,874.00