Latin American Youth Center

Gala 2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
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Schedule

5:30 PM - Networking Reception Sponsored by Heleny Cook
7:00 PM - Program, Live Auction, Dinner, and Awards Ceremony
9:30 PM - After Party

Host Committee

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What stands out to you among LAYC’s accomplishments from this past year?

I would say the ongoing adaptation to the changed world as a result of COVID-19 and other social changes. We have ensured that our youth and families continue receiving the services they need despite the challenges we all faced. The team has been remarkably adaptable, flexible and creative in order to make this happen.

One specific standout I’d like to mention: The Promotor Pathway research and the power of the model. The Pathway research is illustrative of how serious LAYC is about learning from our own youth and teaching new generations lessons learned. It was powerful to hear alumni of eight-some years come back and speak about the impact of their program. You don’t often see such long-term, tangible results.

From last year to this year, what have you seen as a specific example of our growth?

I would say the mental health services and supports that we have continued to offer amid the increased need in our youth population. This service has grown and we have gotten better at it, adapting to fit the situation but never faltering.

How do you see LAYC’s role in terms of rebuilding a sense of community in a post-COVID, socially-tense world?

Building community has been a part of LAYC’s DNA since day one; we have always sought to offer a safe space for youth and families to connect as a community. We have increased our focus on equity and making sure everyone feels like they have a place.

Returning to face to face programming is critical for our work, and we have done it safely and strategically. It feels like coming home.

Can you build on the idea of emphasizing equity this past year?

From the very beginning LAYC has been about caring for individuals who are marginalized and/or feel alone. We have always offered services to kids who sometimes don’t have the opportunity to get these services anywhere else.

This past year there have been terrible pressures on LGBTQ youth, Black and brown communities, and the immigrant community. It is essential that these communities continue knowing that LAYC is there for them and always will be.

How do you feel the Board has stepped up in this past year?

We have continued to support in a financial role. The finance committee has worked closely with the CFO to ensure stability for the organization. The DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) committee on the board has been critical in identifying ways for the organization to enhance its inclusivity.

Can you identify one precise moment this year that made you proud to be associated with LAYC?

I was amazed at the end-of-year highlight video that showed all the events we put on. This was really impressive, and I had no idea how impactful this year was until I saw everything in one place.

Any message for the LAYC staff and team?

On behalf of the Board, we want to thank Lupi for her steady hand during trying times. She was an amazing leader before, but leading during the pandemic and guiding us through it, alongside her senior team and the entire staff, was nothing short of amazing.

What do you want to ask of the Gala attendees?

Give, give, GIVE - any way that you can, whether it be a donation, volunteering your time, or creating a partnership.”
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I am so proud of all that we accomplished for our youth and community. The standouts for us are about how our team stayed connected and maintained our program standards despite difficult decisions and program growth.

We had to evolve a storied housing program into the Esperanza Program for unaccompanied children. I’m excited to see our team train and prepare to greet the unaccompanied children through this program funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Our team will be ready with open arms.

We also expanded our AmeriCorps program through an award from the US Corporation for National and Community Service. As a result, LAYC can create more opportunities for young people to be part of the solution for public health challenges in our community. Previously, our AmeriCorps members focused on our out-of-school education programs in DC and Maryland. In the aftermath of COVID-19, as we responded and collaborated with government partners and local organizations on vaccines and health education, we applied to AmeriCorps’ national Public Health initiative to ensure we supported long-term recovery. This award is not only a testament to LAYC’s work in public health to date, but opens doors for our youth to become community health providers.

We want to continue building an organization of people who are inspired to serve and connected to the idea of rebuilding community. We want an organization that looks like the people we serve. We are on the ground working with the trust we have built with our youth, partners, and supporters. Thanks to earned community trust, we can build a transformative organization.

We need you to understand the work before us and to help us rise to the challenge. In light of the workforce being affected by the pandemic, continue to help us attract bright, motivated people who understand the service gaps in our community and want to have a transformative impact on our youth.

It would be so encouraging if we could enrich the content of our summer programs by offering broader professional development opportunities and field trips. The summer is my favorite time of year and we strive to provide opportunities that help our young people stay engaged, make connections, and feel positive about their future.
It might seem basic, but thank you for showing up and being present for our young people, caring for them, and helping to create that magical space for youth. Do not lose sight of the impact that you have. You help lift the community and nurture in ways - seen and unseen.

Our work would be impossible without our partners: individuals, foundations, corporations, governments and nonprofits. It is impressive for any organization to remain standing through recent challenges and we are standing STRONG. The goodness and the belief of so many people is what keeps us going. Thank you so much for your support and showing up for our youth.

Can you describe one moment this year that made you proud to be the leader of LAYC?

During a GED (Graduate Equivalency Degree) ceremony for Montgomery County, I felt immeasurably proud when a parent told me they were overwhelmed to see their child obtain their diploma. The parent was grateful for LAYC’s message that their child has limitless potential. The parents hadn’t heard that message about their child before. Community impact is often hard to measure, but this was a tangible, rewarding response that illustrates how we empower our youth and their families.

Anything you want to say to the LAYC staff?

It might seem basic, but thank you for showing up and being present for our young people, caring for them, and helping to create that magical space for youth. Do not lose sight of the impact that you have. You help lift the community and nurture in ways - seen and unseen.

Any closing thoughts?

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Thanks to

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and Julie Jensen for your outstanding dedication to supporting our youth and their families.

-Lupi Quinteros-Grady
Tonight’s Emcee:
Vee Solomon

Vee Solomon is an attorney, budding author, wife, and a devoted full-time mother of two children, Wesley and Christopher Solomon. She has over a decade of legal experience in large law firms, non-profit associations, and corporate legal departments. She is devoted to charitable causes including the Chronic Illness Foundation of America, IDEALS Fund-a-Scholar, and the Salvation Army’s Grate Patrol. She also partners with several organizations aimed at helping chronically ill Americans thrive amidst long-term health challenges and rare diseases.

Mrs. Solomon grew up in the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, DC, completing her primary education in parochial school and the District of Columbia Public School system. Throughout her childhood, she worked for her farmer-turned-entrepreneur father in a family-owned and -operated chain of cleaners and laundromats. She served in various capacities at the historic H Street locations in Washington, DC, until her family divested from the business during her high school years. Her dreams of becoming a lawyer and entrepreneur developed in high school during her work as an intern at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Office of the General Counsel’s Office. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina and she earned her Juris Doctorate from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, where she served as president of her 1L class and of her Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Mrs. Solomon has served in numerous leadership positions involving domestic violence awareness and literacy, and shaping the minds and dreams of young people in DC. Most recently, she served as co-chair of the IDEALS Fund-a-Scholar campaign, raising funds for socio-economic access for deserving scholars at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School. Her passions lie in giving a voice to those facing illness and helping mentor youth in the areas of professional development, fiscal, and civil responsibility. She has been a tireless fundraiser and volunteer advocate for youth programs, including supporting LAYC’s food distribution efforts.

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Panel Facilitator:
Christian Rhodes

Christian Rhodes is the Deputy Executive Director of the William Julius Wilson Institute at Harlem Children’s Zone and one of the newest members of LAYC’s Board of Directors. Previously he was the Superintendent in Residence at BookNook, an e-learning provider on a mission “to ensure equitable access to rigorous and engaging instruction through technology innovation.” Prior to this role, Mr. Rhodes served as Senior Advisor to US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and Chief of Staff for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Before serving at the US government level, Mr. Rhodes played a critical role in our region’s education system as Chief of Staff for Prince George’s County Public Schools. Other formative roles in Mr. Rhodes’s career include serving as a political organizer for the Maryland State Teachers Association, education advisor Office of the Prince George’s County Executive, and as a state affiliate of the National Education Association. Mr. Rhodes has a Masters of Public Administration from American University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Meet our Panelists!

Calvin
LAYC Youth Participant, Washington, DC

Carina
LAYC Youth Participant, Prince George’s County

Kevin
LAYC Youth Participant, Montgomery County

Ronald
LAYC former Youth Participant and Staff member, Prince George’s County

Cheili
LAYC former Youth Participant and Staff member, Washington, DC

Tia Scott
Court Liaison Specialist, Montgomery County Public Schools
Tonight’s Honoree:
Julie Jensen

Arlene Kogod Philanthropic Legacy Award
Presented annually to selfless individuals whose commitment to improving the lives of young people never falters.

Julie Jensen grew up on a farm in Iowa, one of five siblings in a family committed to community involvement. She has memories of her parents going to all the children’s games and volunteering regularly. Her parents were very influential on her philanthropy, teaching her that opening one’s eyes to see what others might need will allow one to find a solution and make the world better. In college she studied biology and ecology, before surprising everyone with her decision to go to law school. She finished her formal education with a Master of Law in taxation.

Following law school, Julie pursued a short-lived political career before transitioning back to law and continuing her volunteer work. After the death of her husband, she returned to working in the family business: an opportunity to work closely with her family’s foundation and empower non-profit organizations to deliver transformational results for their communities.

She became involved with LAYC in 1998, and still loves working with everyone there. Beyond LAYC, she has worked with Youth Radio Media, Youth Communications, Washington Area Women’s Foundation and the Campaign for Youth Justice.

Julie understands the inequities that persist for our youth and families and understands the impact of her support. Whether it be accessing food, earning their GED, participating in arts and media classes, or receiving wrap-around services, our youth and families have received enthusiastic support from Julie Jensen. During the pandemic, Julie attended several online youth celebrations and engaged with our young people to celebrate their hard-earned achievements.

Tonight we honor and recognize Julie Jensen with the Arlene Kogod Philanthropic Legacy Award. This award, established last year and given to namesake Arlene Kogod, recognizes selfless individuals who are committed to improving the lives of youth in our nation’s Capital.

Julie’s support over the years has laid the foundation and provided infrastructure support for us to rebuild our communities.

Thank you Julie for all your support throughout many years!

“During my transition, I was grateful to have people like Julie Jensen to believe in my leadership and vision of the organization”
- Lupi Quinteros-Grady

Thank you Julie Jensen, for your decades of support for LAYC!
- Maggie Prieto and Mark Michael
Tonight’s Honoree:
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is a shining example of the power of philanthropy to create positive change in our communities. For over 70 years, the Cafritz Foundation has been a beacon of hope for young people and their families throughout the DC-metropolitan area.

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Calvin Cafritz became the Foundation’s Chair in 1989 and served as President and CEO of the Foundation from 1993 until 2022, when he stepped into the Emeritus role. Since Mr. Cafritz’s leadership began, the Foundation has awarded more than $454 million to 10,433 projects to uplift our communities. Jane Cafritz currently serves as Chair, President and CEO of the Foundation.

Through its tireless work, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation has become a trusted partner and ally to countless organizations in our region. For LAYC, this partnership has empowered and sustained our critical efforts to prepare our young people to successfully transition into adulthood. The Cafritz Foundation has always been willing to support innovative, never-before-done projects that pave the way for transformative new opportunities for our youth. Their steadfast vision has successfully realized pivotal projects for LAYC, such as the Bard College credit program and the support of the Kaplan Building.

From their earliest electronic records from 1970, the Foundation has awarded more than $507 million dollars in grants; in the last 10 years, the Foundation has awarded $194 million to more than 985 organizations in the areas of community services, arts and humanities, education, health, and environmental conservation and care. Today, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation continues to be a force for good in our communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to social justice and equity is an inspiration to us all, and a reminder that, through philanthropy and collective action, we can build a brighter and more just future for all.

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- Lupi Quinteros-Grady

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The strongest connection is the one among all of us.
October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022
4,429 youth were served by our multiple programs.

LAYC Staff provided 17,883 case management services

### Housing
- 499 youth served by the LAYC housing programs in DC
- 82% of youth exited a residential housing program to a safe and stable location

### Education
- 903 youth were served through the after-school programs, community schools, and higher education access programs
- 82% of youth improved their math grade or maintained at least a C average

### Social Services
- 407 youth served by LAYC’s mental health programs
- 88% of youth assessed showed an improvement in mental health symptoms and an increase in coping skills

### Community Wellness
- 407 youth received counseling, HIV/STI tests, linkages and referrals.
- 293 youth were provided risk reduction counseling and referrals.

### Promotor Pathway
- 355 youth served across 11 schools and community based sites
- 80% of youth demonstrated good or improved school attendance

### Montgomery County
- 356 youth were served by LAYC/MMYC’s programs in Montgomery County
- 46% of youth obtained at least one certification

### Prince George’s County
- 903 youth were served by LAYC/MMYC’s programs in Prince George’s County
- 77% of youth improved their English grade or maintained at least a C average

### AmeriCorps
- 35 members served across DC and Prince George’s County

### Teen Center
- 191 youth were served by the Teen Center programs
- 71% of youth served gained knowledge of technology or media, including technical skills
Congratulations to The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and Julie Jensen.

Your support allows LAYC to help thousands of young people have a successful transition to adulthood.

- Heleny Cook
Congratulations to Julie Jensen and the Cafritz Foundation. Their generosity has contributed to LAYC’s success for many years.

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Congratulations to this year’s honorees Julie Jensen and The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation.

Thank you!

I am so pleased to receive this award established in honor of Arlene Kogod from LAYC, an organization that means so much to me. The Center’s work makes a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of youth and families in the Washington region.

Julie Jensen, The Jenesis Group
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The Horse

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The Horse
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Enjoy five days and four nights at Solitude.n.Aruba condo property. Enjoy this modern condominium with two bedrooms (sleeps four), two baths, and ample closet space in the happy island of Aruba. Located in the Harbour House, an ultra-sleek, modern building with a 24-hour doorman and incredible views of the marina and ocean, this luxury condominium community features its own restaurant, bar, pool, gym and private hot tubs. Whether cooking in the kitchen, sunning on the patio, swimming in a sparkling infinity pool overlooking the sea, or relaxing in the privacy of your bedroom, the sounds and colors of Aruba are all around you. High-end shopping, including Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Bvlgari and Breitling, are steps away from your front door. Bars, restaurants, and upscale nightlife are all within walking distance. Enjoy your mornings watching the sunrise from your bedroom or balcony, and spend a day feeding flamingos, snorkeling with dolphins, or never leaving the building. Rejuvenate in Aruba.

Expires April 30, 2024 - Cannot be used for major holidays - Christmas/ New Year’s / Thanksgiving.

Donor: Vee Solomon

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Item #905 - **Beyonce Concert Tickets**

Looking for a fabulous night of dancing and fun? We’re giving you the opportunity to snag two tickets to one of Beyonce’s most anticipated concert tours to date. Beyonce is a generational talent like no other, and you don’t want to miss this exclusive opportunity to see this household name live and in concert. Tickets are for an August 6th performance at 7:00pm at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland. Comes with an $150 Uber gift card so you can arrive at the show in style. Prepare to be dazzled by Queen Bey!

Sunday, August 6 at 7:00 pm
FedExField – Landover, Maryland

Donors: Anonymous and Shari Thomas
Item #906 - Madonna Concert Tickets in Las Vegas!

Now is your chance to bid on two tickets (plus travel!) for the highly-anticipated, sold-out Madonna concert in Las Vegas. Have an up-close and personal experience with the queen of pop, and revisit her iconic songs that changed music forever. Madonna is known for her high-energy shows, elaborate stage productions, and incredible performances: these exclusive, in-demand tickets are your pass to a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Whether you’re a die-hard fan or just looking for a night of unforgettable entertainment, these tickets are the perfect way to experience Madonna at her very best. Tickets are for an October 7th performance at 8:30pm at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, and comes with a $500 gift card for Southwest Airlines to ensure you travel in style. Package also includes a two-night stay in a MGM Grand Resort Room and dinner for two at any MGM Grand restaurant (up to $250; gratuity & alcohol not included). Reservations are subject to availability and please note blackout dates do apply. Not valid on holidays. Certificate valid through May 2024. Don’t miss your chance to let your body move to the music. Find your vogue.

Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 pm
T-Mobile Arena – Las Vegas, Nevada

Donors: Simon Fairclough, John Gotche and MGM

Item #907 - Nationals Game in the Capital One Corporate Suite

Get your week started by spending a fun night with loved ones at the May 23 Nationals vs. Padres game! Enjoy your stay in a Capital One VIP Suite in Nationals Park, with an exclusive event package including 16 tickets, a catering menu of assorted food, snacks, and beverages. Go Nats!

Wednesday, May 23 at 7:05 PM
Nationals vs. Padres

Donor: Capital One
Item #908 - Adirondack Home Getaway

Located on Trout Lake in Diamond Point, New York, this home features four bedrooms, four baths, a gourmet kitchen, a great room, den, game room, four fireplaces and a newly-added eight seat hot tub. The home’s wrap-around decks provide lovely views of the lake, while hiking trails, mountain-biking, apple-picking, and leaf-peeping are a short drive away. Enjoy a lovely dinner or a round of golf at the luxury Sagamore Resort on Lake George; listed in the National Register of Historic Places and a recipient of the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award. The resort’s championship golf-course, designed by Donald Ross, has stunning views of the lake and was named one of the “Best Golf Resorts In The Americas” by Golf Digest in 2016. Includes a one week (seven day) stay.

Availability: Fall 2024

Donors: Elizabeth and Chet Burrell

Item #909 - Rancho La Puerta Wellness & Resort Spa

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Donor: Rancho La Puerta
Item #910 - South African Safari for Two

Spend six nights (standard room) for two people at the Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Lodge or the Tented Safari Lodge in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa. Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and two game viewings per day on Zulu Nyala Game Reserve are also included.

The Heritage Safari Lodge offers buffet-style meals in the restaurant and has a wide, welcoming veranda, a bar, and a library. Experience the relaxing atmosphere and share good times and conviviality. Be sure to keep an eye out for the impala, nyala, warthog, zebra, blesbok, and Zulu nguni cattle that roam freely on the property. The Tented Safari Lodge has a tennis court, a games room, a bar, and reading lounges to ensure that there’s always something to do.

The package does not include airfare, airport transfer, drinks, laundry services, and extra excursions. Trip is valid for two years from the date of purchase and is non-refundable.

Donor: Zulu Nyala Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

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