



With Thanksgiving in our Hearts

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recognizes that countless Latino seniors in the country often fall through the cracks, and are burdened with feelings of depression and loneliness to only mention a few. As they congregate with other Latino seniors and partake of a delicious meal it fills them with joy, even if only this moment.

Minerva Rios, a 96 year old Puerto Rican native, and member of Casita Maria, a senior center in East Harlem, New York, wrote in gratitude of her experience:

To: Latino Gerontological Center

Dear Mr. Tapia:

I would like to thank everyone that made our special meal possible on Thanksgiving Day. It is very important to us, particularly so that we do not feel so lonely.

God Bless You!

Minerva

This activity was provided free of charge to participating elderly seniors, and it will continue taking place in centers full of friends and warmth. The Latino Gerontological Center held its traditional Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday November 28, 2002. The organizations contributed to making this a meaningful event.

Casita María Senior Center
East Harlem Coalition of Senior Centers
Mujeres Quisqueyanas en Acción Community Center
Borinquen Plaza* Senior Center
Program CASA
EOFULA* Senior Center
Latino Elderly, Inc.
The Life Centre

"Thanksgiving Day for the Elderly Without Family" was made possible this year thanks to Allria Group Inc., Verizon Foundation and Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, New York.



Thanksgiving Day at Casita María Senior Center, East Harlem, NY. LGC's President Mario Tapia, the Directors of Corsi and Casita María Senior Centers, Aida Martínez and Diana Román, respectively, joined by volunteers that signed up via Internet. To the right, participants were treated to some fun after dinner dancing.



Washington, D.C. - Thanksgiving meal at EOFULA Senior Center on Columbia Road. For the past 5 years LGC has been supporting this activity, every time resulting in a complete success. The Center's Director is Ana María Neris



Un día muy especial para nuestros mayores

Viene de portada

disfrutando en grande, aunque fuera por un momento. Minerva Ríos, una anciana de 96 años originalmente de Puerto Rico, y miembro de Casita María, un Centro de ancianos en el Harlem Este (el barrio) de Nueva York, escribió con mucho agradecimiento acerca de su experiencia:

Al Centro Gerontológico Latino:

Querido Señor Tapia:

Le quiero dar las gracias a todos que hicieron posible esta Cena de Acción de Gracias. Es de mucha importancia para nosotros los ancianos porque muchas veces nos sentimos muy solos. Dios lo Bendiga!

Minerva



Esta actividad es totalmente gratuita. Las siguientes son las organizaciones que ayudaron a que el Día de Acción de Gracias 2002 fuese uno inolvidable: (Ver cuadro pág. 8)

Queens, NY - Thanksgiving Day at the "Mujeres Quisqueyanas en Acción" Community Center. LGC offered this year's meals through a special contribution from the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. On this photograph we see Board member Adriene Rosell representing LGC, joined by her family, and Andrea Ramirez, director of the Community Center.

Organizaciones que se preparan con el CGI para el "Thanksgiving" del 2003

• Centro "Casita María"
55 East 102nd Street
New York, New York 10029
Teléfono: (212)289-2708
Directora: Diana Ayala
Abierto de 11:00 AM a 3:00 PM

• Centro "Mujeres Quisqueyanas en Acción"
37-77 103rd Street, Corona, NY
Teléfono: (718)271-9244
Coordinadora: Andrea Ramirez
Abierto de 10:00 AM a 4:00 PM

• Centro "Borinquen Plaza"
80 Seigel Street
Brooklyn, New York 11206
Teléfono: (718)782-6334
Directora: Mary Rivera
Abierto de 7:00 AM a 4:00 PM

• Programa CASA
560 Main Street
Paterson, NJ 07513
Teléfono: (973)523-5452
Coordinadora: Lourdes Ríos e Iliá Villanueva

• Centro "EOFULA"
1844 Columbia Road, N.W. Suite #C-1
Washington, D.C. 20009
Teléfono: (202)483-5800
Directora: Ana María Neris

• Latino Elderly, Inc.
2859 South Bumby Avenue
Orlando, FL 32806
Teléfono: (407)896-4409
Director: Miguel López

• The Life Centre
2140 W. Flagler Street, Suite 203
Miami, FL 33135
Teléfono: (305)631-1997

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