2015 NCLR ANNUAL REPORT

AM LATINO

THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO HARNESS OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH AND LEAD OUR NATION TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO SAY **I AM LATINO**.

OUR MISSION

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR)—the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States—works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, NCLR reaches millions of Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas—assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its Affiliates who work at the state and local level to advance opportunities for individuals and families.

Founded in 1968, NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, DC, serving all Hispanic subgroups in all regions of the country. It has regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix, and San Antonio and state operations throughout the nation.

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THERE'S NO DENYING IT.

LATINOS ARE AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, AND WITH THE 2016 ELECTIONS AROUND THE CORNER, THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO STAND PROUD AND SAY...

I AM LATINA.

After a promising start, 2015 ended up being a very challenging year for the Latino community. We began the year celebrating the aftermath of President Obama's executive order that would provide temporary legal status to millions of immigrants in this country and gearing up to implement the program. Sadly, the president's order was stalled by a lawsuit and is now awaiting a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court. And that was just the beginning. The presidential campaign kicked off with an attack on Hispanic immigrants from Donald Trump, who then

catapulted into the lead for the Republican nomination. Since then, his campaign's rhetoric and policies have unleashed dark and divisive sentiments among all too many voters against a host of communities in this great nation. Yet at a time when the value of Latinos in the United States is being questioned by some, I have never been more proud to be Latina.

It is undeniable that Latinos are an economic and political force to be reckoned with and a key player in all that will continue to make this nation great. We are the largest ethnic consumer market and the fastest-growing group of voters in the United States. Today, we are Supreme Court justices, Golden Globe winners, corporate CEOs, university presidents, acclaimed scientists, life-saving physicians, and even coaches in the Super Bowl. And we are executive directors and local leaders who head community-based organizations, ensuring that the social and economic needs of Hispanics are met so that we can continue making tremendous contributions to this country.

Our nation is in the midst of political turmoil and uncertainty. During this time, it is even more important for us to remind our fellow Americans who we are and what we contribute, and reaffirm where we are headed as a community. We have to embrace our legacy and values as a community and maximize our potential to be the changemakers of tomorrow. At NCLR, we are committed to continue opening the doors to opportunity for Latinos.

We know that the road to progress is not easy, but despite roadblocks, we had some great accomplishments in 2015. Thanks to our work with a group of bipartisan lawmakers on the Every Student Succeeds Act, schools will be held accountable for the progress of the five million English language learners in our public schools for the first time ever. An additional 13 million people will continue to have access to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit that has helped lift millions of families out of poverty. And thanks to NCLR's advocacy with the federal government, more than two million home care workers will get the pay and protection they need as they care for our sick and elderly.

These are major accomplishments, but our work is not done. Innovative programs like Escalera STEM and the Innovation Lab will continue preparing our youth to compete in a 21st-century workforce. And this year, we will strengthen our efforts to grow our voice and flex our political clout. We will register, engage, and educate voters. We will strengthen our Latino communities and we will band together as the proud community that we are.

¡Adelante!

Banet Murquea

NCLR President and CEO





MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

For more than a decade, the organization I co-founded and lead. Conexión Américas, has been an NCLR Affiliate. In that time, NCLR has helped us evolve from a small local organization to a role model for other organizations in the field of immigrant integration, among others. So I have experienced firsthand what it is like to be a partner within the NCLR familia and the support and commitment our Affiliates receive from this powerful organization. This experience is what led me to become an active participant in the Affiliate Network and eventually the NCLR Board of Directors. And in June. I was deeply honored when my fellow Board members elected me as Chair—succeeding my dynamic predecessor, Jorge A. Plasencia—and becoming the first Affiliate director in 20 years at the helm of the Board.

In this role, I am committed to ensuring that NCLR's footprint extends to places where

Hispanics are often the newest members of the community. My own hometown of Nashville is a great example of that. It is more diverse than it has ever been, has a rapidly growing immigrant community, and Latinos now account for more than 10% of the population. This is a pattern that can be seen in cities and towns all over the United States. As entrepreneurs, teachers, neighbors, and leaders, Latinos are here to help grow our communities. Through my work at both Conexión Américas and NCLR, I am determined to ensure that Latinos are a part of our country's bright future.

NCLR has fought fiercely this past year to improve the lives of Latinos across the United States. Policy successes led to increased accountability for ESL students on the part of their schools, expanded tax credits for working families, and proper benefits and protections for home care workers. These wins will help NCLR

Affiliates continue their hard work and expand their reach even further. The truth is that NCLR's advocacy works, and it works well. The policies we fight for have a profound impact on our community, and are incredibly important for the well-being and success of Latinos.

I am proud to be part of this country with its increasing diversity and growing Latino community. I am proud to be part of the NCLR familia as the new chair of the NCLR Board of Directors. I am proud to say "I am Latina."

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Renata Soto NCLR Board Chair

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WHO AMI?

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A STUDENT

More than ever, children are encouraged to build off of their curiosity and turn their interests into careers. The Escalera STEM program gives students knowledge and support finding opportunities in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and math. The program also helps students feel comfortable setting their own goals and pursuing education.



AN ADVOCATE

With guidance from NCLR's Mobilize to Vote: Planting the Seed program, Elsa is working to empower her community to vote in the next election. "I would like to see a community in which all children's education becomes a priority. I want people to regain faith in our democracy, and I am doing that one new citizen at a time."

...TOGETHER, WE MAKE



A COMMUNITY BUILDER

Corporate donors work hard to strengthen the social fabric that builds a stronger America. They are committed to building up the Latino community and making sure a helping hand is extended to those in need. As demographics shift, corporate donors know that such diversity will only make America stronger.



A DONOR

As a proud Latino, Abraham J. Cepeda, Esq. invests in NCLR because "NCLR allows our Latinos to speak in unity so that we can be heard. Whether it's national legislation or giving coats to children, I know NCLR is there to help all Hispanics."

A DIFFERENCE.

I AM LATINA AND I ADVOCATE

NCLR's Affiliates and community leaders from across the country are a powerful force to effect positive change at the local and national levels.

The political and social landscape is changing, and elected officials no longer have a choice of whether to engage with Latino voters, but rather how they will do so. For us, there is no better time than now to stand tall and proud and say: I am Latino, and I am an advocate.

Just as they have for nearly 50 years, the NCLR Affiliate Network stands prepared to seize this opportunity and propel our community forward. With an active membership of 268 organizations around the nation, the NCLR Affiliate Network reaches more than eight million individuals every year. Together, we remain a formidable challenge to any policy that threatens to undermine the prosperity of Latinos in America.

Access to quality health care is critical to the success of Latinos, yet states like Florida continue to limit this access to our families and other low-income Americans. That's why in 2015, NCLR and its network of Affiliates in the state launched an advocacy campaign to **expand Medicaid access in Florida**—a policy that could help more than 800,000 Floridians gain access to health coverage.

In California, the California Affiliate Network did something Congress failed to do in 2015—protect immigrant families. At their annual California Latino Policy Summit, leaders from across the network convened to join advocacy efforts in support of the Immigrants Shape California Package—a set of proposals designed to protect immigrants,

provide increased opportunity, and advance the principle of justice for all.

In Washington, DC, the threat of snow did not stop more than 300 Latino leaders from attending the **National Latino Advocacy Days.** Joined by youth from the *Líderes* **Congreso**, NCLR denounced an anti-immigrant agenda in Congress and attacks on President Obama's executive actions on immigration.
While a sensible solution to comprehensive immigration reform has failed to materialize in Congress, the NCLR Affiliate Network is ready to advocate and help our immigrant families fulfill the American Dream.

There is no doubt. The NCLR Affiliate Network remains a powerful force to be reckoned with.



IAM LATINO AND I LEAD

NCLR's Affiliates have an on-the-ground perspective of the challenges facing our community and the first-hand experience to propose real solutions. The **NCLR Affiliate Council** uses that knowledge to guide NCLR's policy and program initiatives, ensuring that the relationships between Affiliates and NCLR remains strong and effective.

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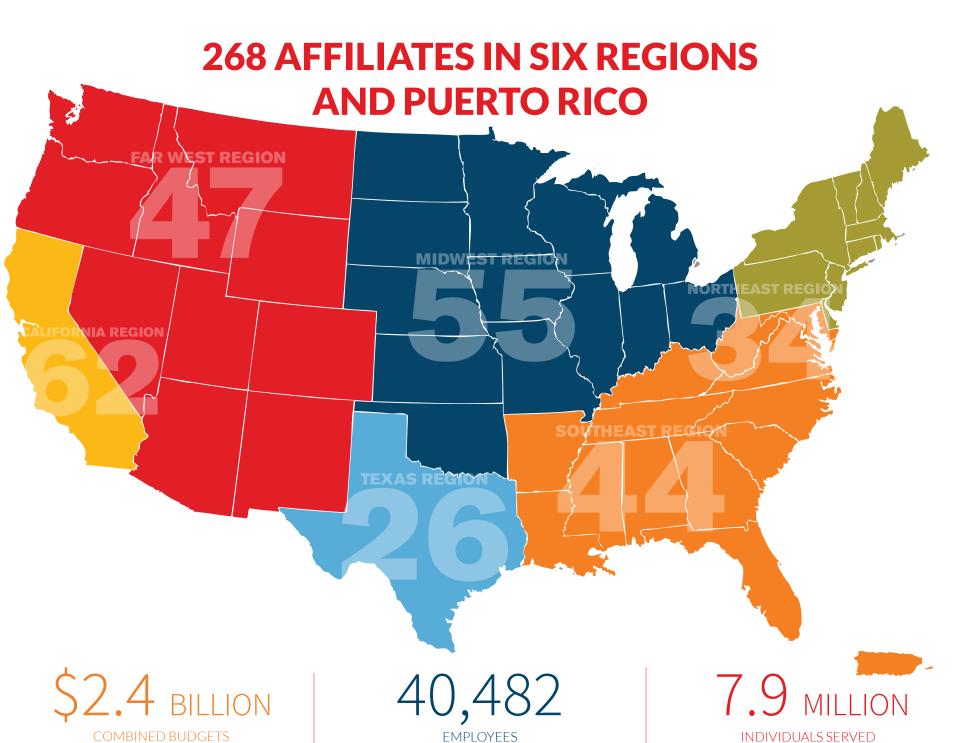
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We're proud that 268 community-based organizations form part of the NCLR familia. Their collective strength remains a powerful force for affecting change at the local and national level.

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TODEC Legal Center, Perris

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Self-Help Enterprises

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Project

Salem

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Washington

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MIDWEST

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The Resurrection Project

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Waukesha

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Concerns

Lubbock

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San Benito

START Center

I AM LATINA AND I AM THE FUTURE

For far too long, five million English language learners have been overlooked by outdated education policies.

A cross-country move is hard on anyone, especially a kid. For a student still learning to speak and understand English, it can feel like backsliding down a steep hill. Now, not only does he have to contend with a new school and making new friends, but also a new workload and new expectations. He's integrated into mainstream classes before he's ready and quickly falls behind. But thanks to NCLR's victory with the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**, he can now pick up right where he left off.

New methods of accountability for each student's progress make it clear if a student is falling behind,

and increased funding for English language learners means newer materials, better resources, and more effective teaching methods. Now, success is encouraged for the **five million English language learners** who, for far too long, had been overlooked by outdated education policies.

Our education programs are prepared to seize this policy win and guide students through the new system and out into the future. Starting with *Padres Comprometidos*, parents are able to become more involved in their children's schools and familiarized with the U.S. public school system. In high school, **Escalera** exposes students to

different career paths, encouraging them to dream big, while the *Líderes* program develops their skills to be the next generation of American leaders.

By the time graduation rolls around, that student's chances of success have skyrocketed, and he's ready to face the world with the same knowledge and skills as his peers. Whether he moves on to college or heads straight into the workforce, together with NCLR and the Affiliate Network, we will make sure he puts his best foot forward and doesn't end up two steps behind.



I AM LATINA AND I AM TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

"Many times, my fellow coworkers and I were mistaken for maids and asked to clean the house. Additionally, we were not compensated for travel nor were we provided with benefits."

In the dim light of the early morning, while many of us lay sleeping, millions of Americans are already awake and on their way to a work. Arriving at homes across the nation, home care workers dedicate themselves to caring for the sick, the disabled, and the elderly. Assisting with medications, bathing, household chores, and driving their charges to doctor's appointments, home care workers know that their charges appreciate every extra bit of help.

While they may have their charges' gratitude, it has largely been a thankless job. "Many times, my fellow coworkers and I were mistaken for maids and asked to clean the house. Additionally, we were not compensated for travel nor were we provided with benefits," says Maria Caro, a

former home care worker and NCLR donor. With no minimum wage, overtime pay, or travel stipends, home care workers were stretched to a breaking point. That is until NCLR championed the **Home Care Final Rule**, which offers vital protections for the **two million caregivers** who lend assistance to the disabled and elderly so they can remain in their own homes. This policy effort was about protecting hardworking Americans, and our commitment to enacting meaningful change that allows families to reach their full potential. But our work is not over, and we've set a new target for 2016: **expand overtime pay for 13.5 million workers.**

While policies are being debated in Washington, DC. NCLR continues to work at the local level

to prepare Latinos for the jobs of tomorrow. Through programs like *Bienvenidos* and *Aprendiendo Juntos*, NCLR has helped 17 Affiliates strengthen their adult education programs to engage, educate, and empower Latinos across the country. Similarly, our Bridges to Vocational Education and Latino Millennials in College and Careers ensures that Latinos remain competitive and are able to pursue high-paying careers.

Through our policy victories and local programs, NCLR is at the forefront of the changing demographics of our nation's workforce. As we look toward the future, we are committed to giving everyone their fair shot to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.



IAM LATINO AND LAM FAMILIA

This isn't just about extra money in the pocket.
This is about ensuring Hispanics are part of our nation's future.

Working two jobs doesn't leave single mother Yubely Cinero much time to spend with her daughter, and the minimum wage salary at both doesn't allow for any savings. Benefits such as the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** allow parents to cover necessary items for their families. "I live day-to-day here; there is no way to save. Without this money, there is no way to buy school supplies and uniforms for my daughter," said Yubely. "The worst thing is not being able to give my daughter the quality of life I would like to."

In the United States, 42% of Latinos earn poverty-level wages, but that isn't stopping others like Yubely from working hard to contribute to the economy. But when the looming expiration of the CTC and the **Earned Income**

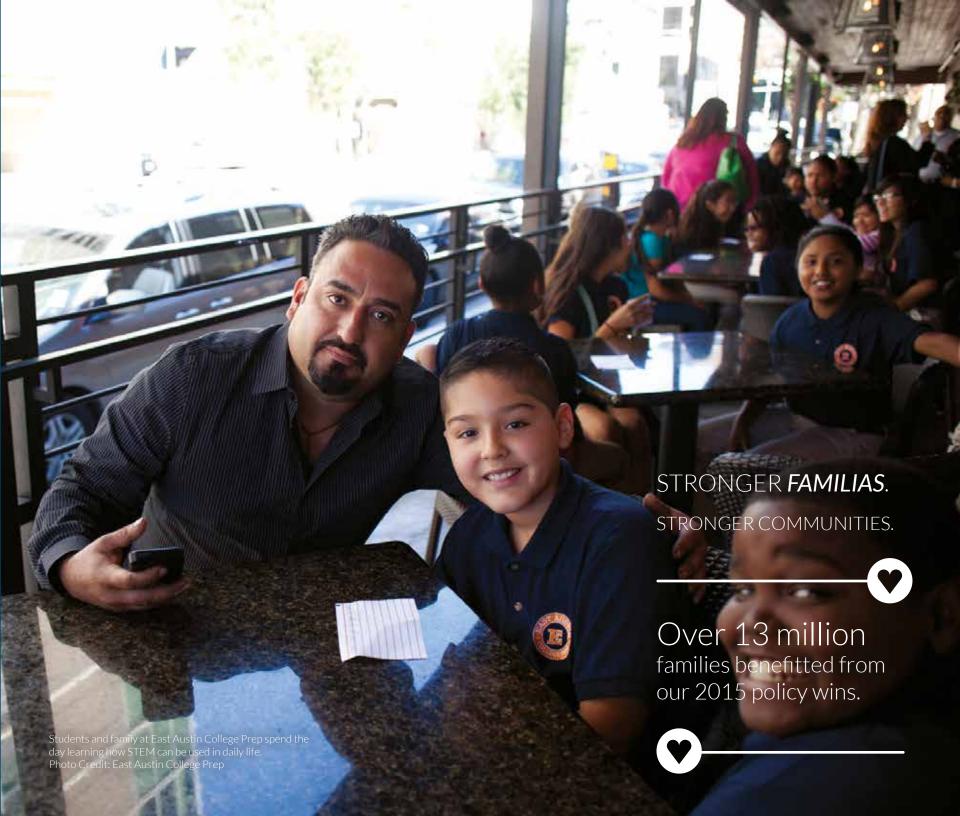
Tax Credit (EITC) threatened these families in 2015, NCLR and its Action Network mobilized to advocate for their permanent extension.

This fight was more than just about taxes. These credits help working families cover their expenses and they actually promote work, since only employed taxpayers are eligible. And we won. Today 13 million families—five million of which are Latino—will no longer have to fall asleep worrying if they will be able to feed and clothe their children. The Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit are now permanent.

But we haven't stopped there. Through the **Comprando Rico y Sano** program, we have helped improve food security for more than 76,000

families and ensured access to affordable and healthy food. For low-income families, the program has also helped more than 19,000 families access SNAP benefits to ensure no child ever goes hungry.

This isn't just about extra money in the pocket. Studies have shown that the food and income security provided by programs like these are linked to better performance in school, including higher test scores, increased graduation rates, and improved college attendance. This is about ensuring Hispanics are part of our nation's future.



I AM LATINA AND I INNOVATE

"Escalera helped me a lot throughout my junior and senior years in high school. If it wasn't for the program, I would have probably been lost on where I wanted to go with my future."

-Ameer Couvertier, Freshman at Reading Area Community College, Criminal Justice Major

When Ulissa Montes decided that she wanted to become a nurse, the pressure was overwhelming. As the first in her family to go to college, she wasn't sure where to begin. What courses should she take in high school? How could she best prepare for the challenge ahead? Thanks to NCLR's **Escalera program**, which exposes high school students to a variety of career paths, Ulissa attended leadership development programs in Washington, DC, and Kansas City, Missouri, where she had the opportunity to meet with her peers from across the nation, all working through the same struggle. With the help of a dedicated mentor and knowing that she was not alone. Ulissa found an internship at a local hospital during her senior year of high school. "My internship at the White Memorial Medical Center really motivated me to keep

pushing for my goal." Now, she's confident that she is prepared for the challenges that college will bring.

By 2020, just four years from now, more than two million science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) jobs will go unfilled if the next generation is not prepared to succeed in a competitive STEM-driven economy. That's why in 2015, NCLR and its Affiliates developed new and innovative programs to invest in our youth for the future. NCLR STEM programs encourage problem-solving, creativity, and innovation.

Starting with **CHISPA** (Children Investigating Science with Parents and Afterschool), NCLR works with 19 Affiliates and 11 national science museums to provide culturally relevant STEM

curricula in elementary schools across the country. **CHISPA** exposes students to STEM after school, and engages parents through our **Padres Comprometidos** program, addressing two of the main challenges in STEM education: early exposure to STEM and family engagement. **Escalera** works with high school students to keep them thinking critically about potential careers in STEM fields. Finally, NCLR's new **Innovation Lab** program, inspired by the film **Underwater Dreams**, trains STEM teachers to better engage their Latino students and encourage greater participation in STEM-focused programs

Our nation and our community are changing, but together with the NCLR Affiliate Network, we are prepared for what lies ahead.





I AM LATINO AND I AM A HOMEOWNER

After years of dreaming of owning a home, Saul Calderón and his family finally moved into a house of their own. The NCLR National Homeownership Network awarded more than \$2.8 million in subgrants to network agencies. Together, we helped more than 42,000 families purchase and remain in their homes.

Saul Calderón, whose eyes shine behind the folds of his smile, sounds like he can't believe he finally bought his first home. When he emigrated from Mexico more than 20 years ago, he settled in Chicago with his family. Saul worked long hours as a seasonal landscaper, redesigning suburban Chicago's intricate lawns by day before returning to his rented home at night. For seasonal workers and immigrants who must navigate language barriers and unreliable employment, owning a home can seem impossible.

When Saul received notice that he might qualify for a home-buying assistance program, he didn't think much would come of it, but the lure of owning a home is more powerful than doubt, and he attended a workshop for the CHA Choose to Own (CTO) program anyway. There, he received a referral to NCLR Affiliate Spanish Coalition for Housing (SCH) that would start his family's three-year journey home.

At SCH, Saul met Pre-Purchase Counselor Alma Hernandez, whom he now "trusts as if she were family." He largely credits her patience and persistence with their success. As a seasonal worker, his window of opportunity to buy a home was limited to the time of year that he had work, a significant obstacle when it can take months to qualify for, negotiate, and finalize home loans.

For two years, Alma and Saul fought the clock. By the time they realized the first bank they approached didn't work with CTO, Saul's window of opportunity had closed. The second bank seemed more promising, but they couldn't bypass the red tape in time, and the loan was denied on the grounds that he wasn't currently employed, even after he had found the perfect house.

"It was hard seeing [my family] dream about each house, imagining putting a little office here, or a desk there, and then—nothing," Saul explains, smile slipping at the thought of the time he almost quit. After long years of hard work and insistent bargaining, some people might have admitted defeat, but Alma refused to quit. "It's because of her I didn't give up," Saul says.

When they began the process for the third time, they chose to work with Glen from Pulaski Bank, a smaller lender who had demonstrated a great depth of knowledge and dependability for CTO clients. The stars aligned—Saul found a great house within his budget in a calm neighborhood that suits his family; and with the assistance he receives through CTO, his mortgage payment is one-third of his previous rent.

To add to the excitement, a week before closing on the house Mrs. Calderón learned that she had passed the U.S. citizenship test. Now, the whole Calderón family are U.S. citizens, own their own home, and are on their way to attaining long-term stability. Saul couldn't be happier.

This story was made possible thanks to our generous individual and corporate donors and the tireless work of NCLR Affiliate Spanish Coalition for Housing (SCH). The SCH is a member of the NCLR National Homeownership Network, which helped more than 42,000 families purchase and stay in their home in 2015.

I AM LATINO AND LINVEST

LATINOS IN AMERICA ARE 54 MILLION STRONG AND WIELD AN IMPRESSIVE \$1.5 TRILLION IN BUYING POWER. THAT'S WHY CORPORATE PARTNERS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND ENSURING THE WELL-BEING OF THIS IMPORTANT MARKET SECTOR. FOR THE 25 INDUSTRY-LEADING CORPORATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NCLR CORPORATE BOARD OF ADVISORS, THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH NCLR PROVIDES A VEHICLE BY WHICH TO IDENTIFY SHARED VALUE OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MAXIMIZE THEIR SOCIAL GOOD.

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With red noses and smiles in hand, NCLR supporters joined nearly four million people for the **2015 Red Nose Day**, which raised over \$21 million for charities fighting childhood poverty—including NCLR. Thanks to your smiles and the generous support of **Comic Relief**, NCLR was able to expand our *Padres Comprometidos* program!

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Negative labels hurt our community. That's why in 2015, NCLR and Tide® partnered to develop a video and launch a campaign to #WashAwayLabels and the negative stereotypes used to define Latinos. Over seven million people watched the video, making the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month the most memorable yet.

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Consolidated Statement of Activities

Year ended September 30, 2015		UNRESTRICTED		TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		TOTAL	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE									
Federal	\$	5,693,470	\$	-	\$	=	\$	5,693,470	
Nonfederal Contributions		520,000 1,831,587		21,186,608		=		21,706,608 1,831,587	
Special events		1,831,587 8.006.084		-		-		1,831,587 8.006.084	
Investment and interest return		(730,845)		(54,293)		(51,513)		(836,651)	
Interest and fee income on loans		10.892.035		(51,270)		-		10.892.035	
Other revenue		486,679		41,833		-		528,512	
Net assets released from restrictions		20,698,135		(20,698,135)		=		-	
Total support and revenue		47,397,145		476,013		(51,513)		47,821,645	
EXPENSES									
Program services									
CORE & ORAL		5,565,426		=		=		5,565,426	
Community Development and Fellowship Program		7,532,171		-		_		7,532,171	
Center for Educational Excellence		3,690,596		_		_		3,690,596	
Integrated Marketing and Events		7,036,763		-		_		7,036,763	
Institute for Hispanic Health		2,523,904		-		_		2,523,904	
Research and Strategic Initiatives		5,001,501		-		-		5,001,501	
Legislative Advocacy		410,930		-		-		410,930	
Mission		1,382,450		=		-		1,382,450	
Raza Development Fund - Program Services		8,221,682		-		-		8,221,682	
Total program services		41,365,423		-		-		41,365,423	
SUPPORTING SERVICES									
Management and general		1,398,406		-		_		1,398,406	
Fundraising		1,240,302		-		_		1,240,302	
Raza Development Fund - Administration		1,958,750		-		_		1,958,750	
Strategic Investment Fund Governance		420,671		=		=		420,671	
Total supporting services		5,018,129		-		-		5,018,129	
Total expenses		46,383,552		-		-		46,383,552	
Change in net assets		1,013,593		476,013		(51,513)		1,438,093	
Net assets, beginning of the year		48,311,655		64,377,224		4,060,608		116,749,487	
Net assets, end of year	\$	49,325,248	\$	64,853,237	\$	4,009,095	\$	118,187,580	

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

September 30	2015	2014	
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,236,289	\$ 24,600,488	
Contract, grant, and other receivables	3,036,009	3,359,118	
Current portion of loans receivables, net	26,971,944	26,146,259	
Restricted investments	15,418,247	15,708,063	
Other	192,437	2,130,917	
Total current assets	73,854,926	71,944,845	
Noncurrent assets			
Investments	42,967,151	45,264,236	
Long-term loans receivables, net	86,405,403	91.581.551	
Property and equipment, net	1,434,528	1,608,004	
Other	11,010,737	9,570,408	
Total noncurrent assets	141,817,819	148,024,199	
Total assets	\$ 215,672,745	\$ 219,969,044	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and acrrued expenses	\$ 3,847,979	\$ 4,452,421	
Deferred revenue	2,508,706	2,809,282	
Current portion of notes payable	5,250,000	21.400.000	
Other	35,004	203,444	
Total current liabilities	11,641,689	 28,865,147	
Noncurrent liabilities	 		
Long-term notes payable	85,550,000	74,050,000	
Long-term deferred compensation liability	293,476	304,410	
Total noncurrent liabilities	85,843,476	74,354,410	
Total liabilities	97,485,165	103,219,557	
Net assets			
Unrestricted	49,325,248	48,311,655	
Temporarily restricted	64,853,237	64,377,224	
Permanently restricted	4,009,095	4,060,608	
Total net assets	118,187,580	116,749,487	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 215,672,745	\$ 219,969,044	

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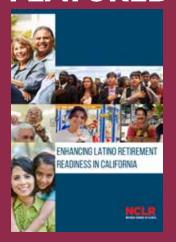
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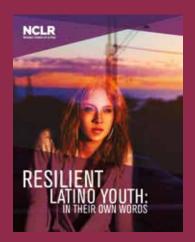
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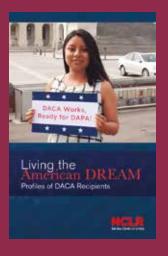
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