In 2021, as our country moved into the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, our community—a majority of whom work in essential jobs—was still suffering its devastating health and economic impacts. UnidosUS’s focus continued to be on what the Latino community needed and how we could best serve them.

As a result, our response, the Esperanza Hope for All campaign, has provided program support to our Affiliates, advocacy, and critical bilingual information to ensure our community can recover.

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We are so proud that our community has persisted through hardship and persevered, but our work is about more than just recovery. We will continue to do everything we can so that all can thrive. This report shows what we achieved together in 2021 thanks to your partnership and support. We hope that you are as proud as we are of all that we have accomplished. Without your dedication, optimism, and commitment to our community, this work could not have happened.

Thank you, and adelante,

Janet Murguía
President and CEO

Luis Granados
Board Chair

Welcome
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With your support, UnidosUS and our Affiliates helped Latinos get vaccinated, advocated to lift more Hispanic children out of poverty, provided pathways to citizenship for aspiring Americans, and expanded our community’s representation in government.
Community investment

$14.6M

invested in our Affiliates and the Latino community.

Vaccine outreach

36M

people reached with trusted information about the COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccine delivery

114K

vaccines administered through our Affiliate Network.

Pandemic recovery

76%

of Latinos received at least one vaccine dose by the end of 2021.

Education

48K

comments sent to the Department of Education urging student loan forgiveness.

Financial empowerment

60K+

people served with housing counseling and financial coaching.

Poverty reduction

1.4M

Latino children lifted out of poverty with the Child Tax Credit expansion.

Latino representation

15%

of appointees in the Biden administration are Latino or Latina, the highest in history.

Population growth

23%

growth of the Hispanic population is a contributing driver of development in cities and towns nationwide.

Immigration

700K+

people from Venezuela, El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, and Nicaragua have received Temporary Protected Status.

Racial equity

1.1M+

views on UnidosUS website and digital content focused on racial equity.

To see more impact that we achieved together, visit impact.unidosus.org
After a year of protecting and informing our community while in the face of so much uncertainty, at the beginning of 2021 we did what we have always done: pivot to meet the needs of our community.
Through the *Esperanza* Hope for All campaign—an aggressive year-long initiative—we brought trusted information about the COVID-19 vaccines straight into Latino neighborhoods, and by year-end 76% of Latinos reported having received at least one dose of the vaccine. The campaign included:

**A MOBILE TOUR** of Latino neighborhoods in seven urban and rural areas, speaking with 31,000 HISPANIC PEOPLE about the COVID-19 vaccines.

**A TRADITIONAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN** that brought the truth about the vaccines to Latinos nationally, reaching 36 MILLION PEOPLE.

**RESOURCES TO HELP PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR KIDS** with distance learning, shared through Spanish language media to 1 MILLION LISTENERS.

**DIRECT INVESTMENTS** to 33 AFFILIATES to deliver culturally relevant information and vaccines.

We could not have achieved such outstanding results without on-the-ground efforts from our Affiliates, including Florida organizations like ConnectFamilias in Miami, Latino Leadership in Orlando, and UnidosNow in Manatee/Sarasota, who created partnerships locally to provide access to the vaccines to Hispanics in their language and in spaces where they felt understood.

We raised $16 million from supporters like you to do this work. In 2022, we’re going to continue combating misinformation targeting Latinos, and boldly tell the true story of Latinos in the United States.
A new president in the White House means new priorities and a new vision for moving the country forward. No matter who’s in office, our mission remains the same: reduce poverty and discrimination while creating opportunities for Latinos.
During President Biden’s first year, we fought to ensure that the contributions and challenges faced by the Hispanic community were at the center of any new initiative.

Our agenda for federal protections for Latinos included:

**EXPANDING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT** by a thousand dollars, lifting **1.4 MILLION LATINO KIDS** out of poverty and making families in Puerto Rico eligible for the first time.

**TRIPLING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT** and expanding access to more families.

**INCLUDING DREAMERS AND MIXED-STATUS FAMILIES** in COVID-19 relief.

Right away, our Affiliates began hearing from clients about what the expanded CTC has done for their families. Sergio, who is both a client and a volunteer at Canal Alliance in Novato, California, was able to get back on his feet after being out of work due to the pandemic. Now, he can better provide for his four kids and hardworking wife.

At the beginning of 2021 we launched Proyecto 20%, an initiative to see that at least 20% of the roughly 4,000 new positions to be filled by the new administration are held by Hispanics. Over the course of the year, our advocacy resulted in more Hispanic people appointed to the Biden administration than any other administration to date. And at the end of the year, we published *Biden’s First Year: Latinos See Progress, But Permanent Investments Are Needed*. It features the Latino Inclusion Tracker, a data tool that monitors and assesses what the Biden administration has done to help Latinos, and how we can work together to bring Hispanic priorities into the White House.
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