

## 2011 Hispanic Adult Leadership Award Finalists

### Pilar Cook



Treasurer, Grupo Vida Board of Directors. Grupo Vida is an organization that provides support, education and information to families in the Hispanic community who have a family member with a disability. A nurse by profession, Pilar has volunteered over the last ten years in Denver-Metro 9 Health Fairs. She has also volunteered her time to the indigent community by administering free flu shots through the St. Anthony Pastoral Nurse program. Pilar is a lifetime student and is constantly looking for ways to grow her expertise; she is currently in the process of researching graduate schools to get her MBA.

### Marcela de la Mar



Director, Education and Cultural Affairs at Consulate General of Mexico. Marcela was one of the founding members of Centro San Juan Diego Advisory Board and has been instrumental in developing its "Plaza Comunitaria" initiative program, a general education program for adults. Over the past 12 years Marcela has dedicated herself to the development of the Mexican Cultural Center, with a passion for bringing Mexican culture to America as a way to improve the perceptions of Mexican Americans and in turn, improve their own cultural pride.

### Katie Garcia



Katie created "Tu Viaje," a holistic program that addresses the plight of Latina victims of domestic violence. Katie guides these women through a safe and gentle process of self discovery. Teaching self-liberty and empowerment, Katie has been helping abused Latinas to service and thrive beyond domestic violence situations for over 32 years. Katie has also served on community committees that focus on adult education, such as Las Madrina's a committee of Centro San Juan Diego that is focused on raising funds for Bienestar Family Services.

### Mary Ann Mosquera



Homeless Liaison, Adams County School District 14. Mary Ann provides vital services to the district's homeless students, which make up 10% of the total student population. She also runs the District's HOPE Family Resource Center, a community-supported initiative that offers food, clothing, school supplies, and other basic living resources for families. Through her job with Adams City, Mary Ann has become a well-respected and well-known caregiver in the community, developing programs and maintaining relationships on her own time, helping individuals and families to empower themselves out of impoverished situations.

### Susana Osorio



Bilingual Student Recruiter at Community College of Denver. Susana has been involved in several community projects since 1988 in her native Ecuador and in Denver. For several years, Susana has worked to provide medical services to people in Ecuador. She has also volunteered her time to serve as an interpreter for the 9 News Health Fair. In 2007 Susana was awarded the President's Award at Metro State, an award given to the top student of the graduating class

### Abraham Torres



Co-founder of "Zapatos Sin Fronteras," an organization focused on providing shoes, food and school supplies to impoverished areas throughout Latin America. Abraham works closely with his brother to raise funds to be able to purchase shoes, food and school supplies for "Zapatos Sin Fronteras" and they have so far helped 2 communities in Mexico and one in Guatemala, with Costa Rica scheduled as the next trip.