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La Casa es su Casa 2018



La Casa de Don Pedro's signature annual event will be held Tuesday, May 8 at NICO Kitchen + Bar at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Join us for what promises to be an enjoyable spring evening in an elegant environment that only NJPAC can provide, all for an important cause!

La Casa es su Casa will celebrate the milestones and honor the heroes who are moving the needle in making New Jersey's communities healthier. Our Theme, "**Health Matters**" explores the growing awareness about the social determinants of health. It will share La Casa de Don Pedro's role - and responsibility - as a comprehensive, community development organization to help guide our community on a path to progress by addressing all of the factors - from education, housing, employment, social supports, access to health services, and more - to enhance people's quality of life and to allow them to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.

We are thrilled to announce our two evening's honorees: **Dr. Denise V. Rodgers, Vice Chancellor for Interprofessional Programs at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences** and **Pamela Clarke, Ph.D., MBA, President & CEO of Newark Community Health Centers**. These two pillars of Newark's health community have been paving the way for change in Newark, working to ensure health providers and the public and private sector work together, collaboratively, to move the needle in making Greater Newark a healthy community. **[Learn more here.](#)**

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Connecting Residents with Opportunity at La Casa's Second Annual Job Fair

La Casa de Don Pedro tackles Newark's unemployment rate head on by connecting residents with employment opportunities. More than 30 employers and 200 residents participated in our Second Annual Job Fair held on February 22. Newark residents met face to face with employers like ***FedEx, NJ Transit, and the New Jersey State Police.***



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Univision's Unidad 41 A Tu Lado at La Casa de Don Pedro

Univision's Unidad 41 and host ***Berenice Gartner*** stopped by La Casa de Don Pedro to meet with Newark residents and listen to their issues or concerns on Friday, February 16th.

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Pathways to Success Summit



La Casa de Don Pedro's Personal Development Division participated in Pathways to Success: Boys and Young Men of Color Opportunity Summit on February 27. Over the course of the day-long summit, our team worked closely with several recent graduates of our alternative high school to help guide them on their own path to success.

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Board Member Spotlight: Journey to the Boardroom With Arcelio Aponte



La Casa de Don Pedro's board member, **Mr. Arcelio Aponte**, was recently featured as a panelist for a workshop called "Journey to the Boardroom" at Pathways to Success: Boys and Young Men of Color Opportunity Summit held at the Prudential Center on February 27.

Mr. Aponte, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Economic Development and Chief Financial Officer at Rutgers University - Newark, (who also is a Native Newarker) was one of four panelists who spoke to Newark's youth

Mr. Aponte continued his presentation with a few final words. "Be relevant in your work, be relevant in your home, and be relevant in your community. Don't forget to immerse yourself in the things that are important to you, because if you're not relevant and you're not putting your best to the people you care about or the community you care about, then you're not doing anyone justice. My advice is to pursue a career that you're passionate about so you can be relevant in that environment." Mr. Aponte's inspiring words added much value to the conversation that helped empower the young people attending the summit as they move towards the start of their careers.

Featured Community Partner NeighborWorks America: Innovators and Leaders



NeighborWorks America's Senior Vice President of Field Operations, Katie Watts visited La Casa de Don Pedro in February. She commended our comprehensive approach to community development and our dedication to helping the citizens of Newark in whatever they may need.

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A Deeper Dive Into La Casa

Staff Development Tour Through La Casa's Centers & Lower Broadway



La Casa de Don Pedro took its new staff members for a deeper dive into what La Casa is all about. New staff members from our various divisions came together to delve into a morning all about La Casa's history, programs, its impact on the community, and the role and responsibility of each team member to collectively

and holistically address La Casa's mission.

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Head Start Policy Council Election Day



The Head Start Policy Council Election's for the La Casa de Don Pedro's Head Start Council were held at several La Casa de Don Pedro's Head Start centers throughout Newark where parents got together to have their voices heard.

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Upcoming Programs & Registrations

[Preschool, Head Start & Early Head Start](#) Ongoing Registration

[Afterschool Enrichment Program](#) Ongoing Registration

[Alternative High School Program](#) Ongoing Registration

[English as a Second Language Course](#) Register by 3/28

[First Time Home Buyers Workshop](#) Register by 3/24 for the next session

[Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program](#) Ongoing Registration

[Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program / Weatherization Assistance / Senior Citizen's Cooling and Heating Program.](#) Ongoing Registration

[Home Health Aide Training](#) Ongoing Registration

[Healthy Living Initiative](#) Ongoing Registration

To register please contact our *Healthy Living Initiative Coordinator, Luisa Garcia* at 973-624-4222.

[Nails Course](#) 3/16

[SNAP Program Application Assistance](#)3/16

[Dress For Success Mobile Unit](#) 3/20

(Registration Is Required)

[Family Bingo Night](#) 3/21

[Parental Control and Social Media](#) 3/21

[Movie Day: Wonder Woman](#) 3/27

[Arts and Craft: What Happiness Means To You](#) 3/28

["Mommy Together We Are Better" Tea Party Celebration](#) 3/28

[Family Success Center Advisory Board Meeting](#) 3/29



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