



27 Years of  
**HOPE IN ACTION**

*Honoring the Legacy of Rick Quiroga*

## EVENT DETAILS

- WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**  
6:00 pm-9:30 pm Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and Dancing
- WHERE:** **Great Hall of the Massachusetts State House, Beacon Hill**
- WHO:** Honoring Casa Esperanza Founder and Executive Director, **Ricardo Quiroga**, for his groundbreaking work in the field of substance abuse treatment and his remarkable achievements in improving access to services for the Latino community
- GOALS:**
- **Honor Rick's remarkable legacy by raising \$100,000** to continue bringing hope to the homeless men, women, and families served by Casa Esperanza
  - **Increase awareness** about the impact of substance abuse on our community
  - **Celebrate** Casa Esperanza's graduates and their families

## ABOUT CASA ESPERANZA

### A Track Record on the Cutting Edge of Substance Abuse Recovery

Casa Esperanza was created in 1984, as a grassroots response to the substance abuse crisis in the Latino community with the mission of helping people to recover from alcoholism and drug addiction, gain the skills they need to be self-sufficient, and to repair and strengthen families torn apart by addiction. From grassroots to cutting-edge, Casa Esperanza has sought better ways to help families break the cycle of addiction and build a community of recovery for more than two decades.

Today, Casa is a recognized leader in developing person-centered, evidence-based continuum of care approaches to substance abuse and mental health treatment. We own and operate a residential treatment facility for 29 men; a residential treatment facility for 20 women and their children; a Relapse Prevention and Outpatient Services program, providing outpatient and aftercare services for more than 100 individuals and families in recovery; and 23 units of Supportive Housing for individuals and families, with 14 additional units scheduled to open in 2011.

### Reaching Those Most in Need

Casa Esperanza serves homeless men and women, and their children, from across Massachusetts struggling with substance abuse. The majorities not only struggle with addiction, but also have histories of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and suffer with the resulting trauma. Virtually all of our clients are homeless and most have lived in poverty their whole lives. 1 in 4 of our residents live with HIV, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other serious illnesses. Many of the women in our program have lost custody of their children as a result of their addictions and most men have had limited or no contact with their children for long periods of time. 93% percent have no income or employment when they arrive, and less than one quarter have a high school diploma. Against these incredible odds, the men and women in recovery at Casa Esperanza defy the stereotypes of people struggling with substance abuse as they work together to create new lives for themselves and their families.

### A National Model for Supporting Long-term Self-Sufficiency

Over the last two decades Casa has developed a holistic, client-centered approach to treatment, recognizing that physical and mental health, family reunification, and economic independence are the essential building blocks of individual recovery, family stabilization, and community development. We have also learned that although recovery may begin in residential treatment, it does not end there. The impact of substance abuse is far-reaching, and the costs of failing to address long-term issues are severe, not only for children and families, but for the whole community.

### Honorary Chair

**The Honorable Thomas M. Menino**  
Mayor, City of Boston

### Honoring

**Ricardo Quiroga**  
Executive Director,  
Casa Esperanza

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