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Casa Esperanza

2026

Casa Esperanza Graduation

Ceremony Program



Welcome Message

Today we gather for the largest graduation in Casa Esperanza's history: the Class of 2026. Every one of our graduates walked a different road to get here, and reaching this moment took real courage, especially when circumstances were not easy. Recovery means choosing, again and again, to move forward when the way ahead is uncertain. We honor that choice, and the work behind it, in everyone crossing this stage. Our graduates are not defined by what they have survived. They are defined by who they are becoming.

A graduation is a chance to look back at how far someone has come. It is also a chance to look at what is still ahead of them: relationships worth repairing, goals worth pursuing, people worth showing up for. This year's graduating class matters because it means more people found their way to care, to community, and to the chance to heal. Recovery is personal, but nobody does it by themselves. We also thank the families, staff, peers, and partners who walked beside our graduates, continued to show up along the way, and will remain part of their circle of care in the months and years ahead.

Graduates, this day is yours. Hope did not just happen to you. You built it, one decision at a time, by continuing to move forward, starting over when you had to, and believing your future could look different from your past. May the skills you practiced here become habits of hope as you step into what comes next. On behalf of everyone at Casa, congratulations. We are proud to have walked part of this with you, and grateful for what you remind the rest of us: that healing keeps going, and what comes next is still yours to shape.

Emily Stewart
Chief Executive Officer

Casa's Program Schedule

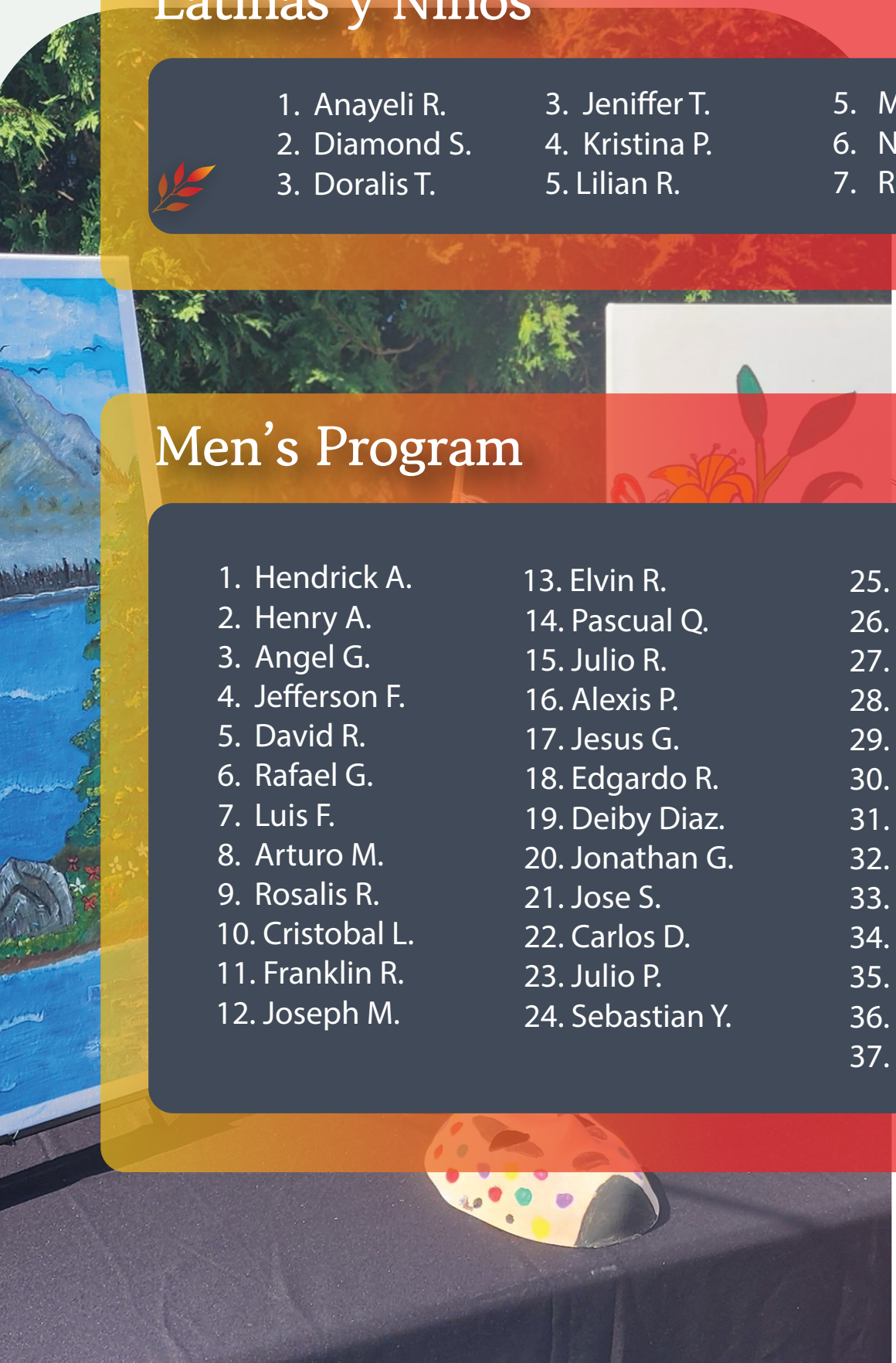


10:00 AM	Guests & Community Members Arrive
10:35 AM	Welcome the Community
10:45 AM	Program Begins & Special Recognitions
10:55 AM	Keynote Address - Erika Uyterhoeven
11:00 AM	Distribution of Certificates
11:45 AM	Remarks from Distinguished Guest
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Community Awards
2:00 PM	Graduate Performances
2:10 PM	Dancing
2:30 PM	La Hora Loca
3:00 PM	Dancing
3:45 PM	Announce Raffle Winner & Closing Remarks

Graduates/Honorees

Latinas y Niños

1. Anayeli R.
2. Diamond S.
3. Doralis T.
3. Jeniffer T.
4. Kristina P.
5. Lilian R.
5. Medeline A.
6. Niza M.
7. Raheema R.



Men's Program

1. Hendrick A.
2. Henry A.
3. Angel G.
4. Jefferson F.
5. David R.
6. Rafael G.
7. Luis F.
8. Arturo M.
9. Rosalis R.
10. Cristobal L.
11. Franklin R.
12. Joseph M.
13. Elvin R.
14. Pascual Q.
15. Julio R.
16. Alexis P.
17. Jesus G.
18. Edgardo R.
19. Deiby Diaz.
20. Jonathan G.
21. Jose S.
22. Carlos D.
23. Julio P.
24. Sebastian Y.
25. Joao A.
26. Frank R.
27. Samuel S.
28. Nelson V.
29. Jorge R.
30. Carrero T.
31. Juan A.
32. Alirio C.
33. Antonio M.
34. Reynaldo M.
35. Daniel R.
36. Juan G.
37. Reinaldo M.

Graduates/Honorees

Familias Unidas

1. Milagro H.
2. Gerolyn C.
3. Jose D.
4. Cristina E.
5. Nancy M.
6. Rosa M.
7. Abigail N.
8. Lorena G.
9. Maria P
10. Anayeli R.
11. Lisa R.
12. Paris R.
13. Mariana B.
14. Wanda S.
15. Julie T.
16. Elmina T.
17. Marvin U.
18. Jenny V.
19. Ynoemi G.
20 Fernando A.
21. Esther B.
22. Ramona A.
23. Lorety A.
24. Kenneth A.
25. Maria A.
26. Kassandra C.
27. Frank D.
28. Miriam J.
29. Balinda C.
30. Luz D.
31. Nikkia J.
32. Ivelisse H.
33. Betsy M.
34. Melanie O.
35. Kenia P.
36. Emanuelli R.
37. Colenny V.
38. Mario T.
39. Banisabel S.
40. Ana T.
41. Dianni V.
42. Regla M.
43. Daniel O.
44. Xiomara M.
45. Meran H.
46. Jose D.
47. Gertrudis A.
48. Nancy C.
49. Leunia B.
50. Ernesto R.
51. Arianny A.
52. Rafael C.
53. Luis M.
54. Iliana M.
55. Leopoldo S.
56. Sagrario R.
57. Andres O.
58.Layssa A.
59. Rafael C.
60.Juan M.
61. Luis M.
62. Maria C
63. Carmen R.
64. Maria B.
65. Diane F.
66. LaJuan M.
67. Andy G.
68. Robert C.
69. Pablo R.
70. Katelyn L.
71. Melody M.
72. Thomas R.
73. Raheema R.
74. Fernando D.
75. Alexander R.
76. Frank M.
77. Edgardo R.
78. Jennifer T.
79. Kristina P.
80. Radeline F.
81. Jorge R.
82. Katelyn B.
83. April A.
84. Dennis C.
85. Julio P.
86. John S.
87. Rogelio J.
88. Karen C.
89. Jessica P.



Acknowledgments/Awards

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our Community Partner Award recipient:

Project Build Up, a program of Health Resources in Action, funded by the Office of Problem

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Jackson Square Department of Children and Families

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Honored Guests Speaker/Bios



Erika Uyterhoeven

Middlesex State Senate Nominee

Erika Uyterhoeven is the State Senate Democratic nominee for the 2nd Middlesex district and a three-term State Representative from Somerville. She fights to end mass incarceration, opposing the $360 million women's prison and redirecting that money to housing, treatment, and reentry. She brought the first live testimony from incarcerated people before a legislative committee in state history.

Born in historic Mound Bayou, Mississippi and raised in Mattapan, MA, Russell E. Holmes is an American politician who serves as a Democratic member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. First elected in November 2010, he represents the Sixth Suffolk District, which includes the Boston neighborhoods of Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan and Roslindale. Since elected, he has assisted in reducing the Massachusetts prison population by 50%, with a focus today on re-entry and eliminating life without the possibility of parole.



Russell E. Holmes

MA State Representative

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