

# *Welcome to*

## **CASA CENTRAL'S**

**DRIVE-IN MOVIE GALA**

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**September 24, 2020**

**Drive-In Movie Theater  
at Riverside Complex**







# CASA CENTRAL

transforms lives and offers community support, with a special focus on Hispanics. Casa Central's network of social services propels children and youth, individuals and families, and seniors toward self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life.

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**Tonight we bring recognition to the impact and success of the many Latinas who have been a part of Casa Central's past, present, and are working on its future. These dynamic Latina leaders play a significant role in advancing Casa Central's mission to transform lives of people in diverse populations, champion equality, and draw upon the strength of diversity and inclusion to create positive social change.**



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# PROGRAM

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## **PRE-EVENT ENTERTAINMENT**

Ani Cordero - Singer, Multi-Instrumentalist, Activist  
Ana Belaval - Comedy Sketch

## **WELCOME**

Martin R Castro, Casa Central, President & CEO  
Ana Belaval, WGN-TV, Master of Ceremonies

## **VIDEO PRESENTATION**

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## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Dolores Huerta, Dolores Huerta  
Foundation, President & Founder

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Make a profound impact and ensure Casa Central  
remains responsive during times of crisis

## **LIVE AUCTION**

Win big while strengthening our communities  
and transforming lives

## **COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD**

Kenilworth Union Church

## **CORPORATE PARTNER AWARD**

Peoples Gas

## **PASTORA SAN JUAN CAFFERTY LEGACY AWARD**

Illinois Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Joe Teller & Dr. Rosita Lopez - Casa Central's  
Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

## **FILM VIEWING**

Frida

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## ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER SUSANA A. MENDOZA

Susana A. Mendoza was sworn in as Illinois Comptroller on December 5, 2016. Susana has initiated a transparency revolution in state government working with legislators of both parties to introduce and pass several transformative bills that have made state financial information more available to the public and press than ever before.

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Susana is a trailblazer when it comes to women in politics. She was the first Hispanic independently elected to statewide office in Illinois after her historic win as the first woman elected City Clerk in Chicago in 2011. She was also the youngest member of the Illinois General Assembly when she was elected to the House, where she served six terms, representing Chicago's southwest side, including Little Village, where she was born. She serves as an enduring example for Latina women in entering the public sector and serving in leadership positions to empower local communities.

Casa Central is honored to present Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza with the Pastora San Juan Cafferty Legacy Award.



*Comptroller Mendoza visiting Casa Central's Adult Wellness Center.*



# CORPORATE PARTNER AWARD

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## PEOPLES GAS

For over 20 years, Peoples Gas has been a steadfast supporter in uplifting the communities and families Casa Central serves. Their ongoing support has been particularly critical throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and allowed us to remain responsive in reaching our most vulnerable communities.

Peoples Gas serves as a model for corporate philanthropic giving through their longstanding support of Casa Central's Annual Awards Gala, advocating for our award-winning programs through grant and matching gift support, and providing in-kind support in the form of holiday gifts for our children and families.

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Peoples Gas further champions our mission of transforming lives through sustained representation on our Board of Directors and delivering transformative employee volunteer experiences in our programs.

For all of their tremendous contributions towards furthering our mission, we are proud to present Peoples Gas with the Corporate Partner Award.





# COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

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CHURCH

## KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH

For over 20 years, Casa Central has enjoyed an impactful and longstanding partnership with Kenilworth. With outreach at the core of Kenilworth, they remain deeply committed to serving the greater Chicago community in numerous meaningful ways. Its philanthropic efforts focus on supporting children and their education, emergency services, physical and mental health, or agencies to underserved communities.



Throughout the years, Kenilworth Union Church has supported the advancement of our mission through significant annual grant funding, in-kind support such as holiday gifts and collecting grocery and household items for families at La Posada, and also, organizing meaningful volunteer activities to enhance various programming.

For all the work Kenilworth does to uplift communities in Chicagoland, Casa Central is thrilled to present Kenilworth Union Church with the Community Builder Award.





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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## DOLORES HUERTA

Civil rights activist and community organizer, Dolores Huerta has worked for labor rights and social justice for more than 50 years. In 2002, she established the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF), which connects groundbreaking community-based organizing to state and national movements, and advocates on issues of health, education and economic development. The recipient of many honors, Huerta received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.





# EMCEE

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## ANA BELAVAL

Ana Belaval is best known as the “Around Town” reporter for Chicago’s top-rated WGN Morning News. A four-time Emmy Award winner and Puerto Rico native, Ana uncovers some of Chicago’s best-kept secrets with a dose of improv in her signature funny and fluent style. Ana has found the humor in navigating a bilingual and bicultural life and out of that, a love for stand-up comedy was born. She shows her comedic side when performing her stand-up routines at various spots around the city of Chicago.





# Empowering Communities

Like Casa Central, ComEd is committed to empowering diverse populations to make our communities brighter, more equitable places to live and learn.

*Best wishes to all for a wonderful event!*

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# FILM VIEWING

# ENTERTAINMENT

## FRIDA



SALMA HAYEK ALFRED MOLINA AND GEOFFREY RUSH

Academy Award winning biopic **Frida** will be featured; a unique film that celebrates the bold and controversial life of phenomenal Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

## ANI CORDERO



Ani is a New-York based Puerto Rican musician, performer, and activist. Her songs feature heavy percussion, sing-along choruses and strong lyrics that aim to inspire support for social justice.

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## KENTUCKY BOURBON TOUR FOR TWO

**WHISKED AWAY!**

Indulge in some of Kentucky's uniquely crafted spirits on this 3-night **bourbon and whiskey tour** for two. Visit four distilleries, Buffalo Trace, Woodford Reserve, Four Roses, and Wild Turkey, for a tour and sample unique flavors along the way. Accommodations provided from a selection of hotels.





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## UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

Unwind by savoring a glass of vino and a traditional Italian meal in a romantic, rustic village. Enjoy the charming town of Cortona with a six-night stay in a private apartment for two adults. This experience includes a wine tasting with four varieties of local wines, plus dinner prepared by a private chef accompanied by wine.





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## MEXICO PARADISE GETAWAY

An exclusive resort in Mexico awaits you. Lounge at a four diamond luxury resort and relax on the private white sandy beaches with a 7-night stay in a Grand Mayan master room. These ocean front resorts include a variety of activities from spas, golf course, pool complexes, and other amenities. Choose from several locations.





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## IN-HOME CHEF EXPERIENCE

Bring the luxury of fine dining to the intimacy and comfort of your home. Elevate your dinner party with acclaimed chef **Diana Davila** of **Mi Tocaya**. Your private chef will create a thoughtfully composed menu featuring Mexican cuisine that will be served family style for six guests. Transforming the food scene, her restaurant was selected as one of the 50 best new restaurants in America, and you can expect her bring the flavors.





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