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Latino Center for Wellness and Education to become Partner at the Northend Community Center

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – March 12, 2018 – The Latino Center for Wellness and Education (LCWE) will become a partner not-for-profit organization at the Northend Community Center, currently under construction at 2000 Elmwood Avenue in Lafayette's north end.

Founded in 1999, the center encourages community involvement and integration. The LCWE promotes health awareness, education, integration, and resource information to improve the quality of life in the Greater Lafayette Latino community.

The LCWE hosts numerous activities, outreach programs, and events throughout the year. They are the organizers of the popular Dia Del Niño (Children's Day), Tippecanoe Latino Festival, and the Christmas for the Community annual event.



“This is a historic moment for the Latino Center for Wellness & Education (LCWE). This will be our first permanent home. We are excited and thankful to be part of a comprehensive community presence in Lafayette’s north end,” noted LCWE Board President, Jacqueline Albarenga-Flores.

Lafayette Mayor, Tony Roswarski stated; “It’s great to see the Latino Center become part of the Northend Community Center. The Latino community and all of Greater Lafayette will benefit from a permanent presence in this important community development.”

In welcoming the LCWE, Pastor Steve Viars of Faith Community Development remarked; “One of our goals at the NCC is to celebrate the various ethnicities and rich cultural heritage in the north end. We believe we are better together. We look forward to working, playing, serving, and dreaming in a way that embraces and enjoys the diversity of our neighborhoods and promotes racial harmony and enrichment.”

Lori Walters, FCDC Executive Director commented; “We are incredibly excited to have LCWE as a partner in NCC. Their presence will strengthen all of the NCC partners’ work as well as improve the quality of life for not only Latinos but for all community members as we break down barriers.”

“United Way of Greater Lafayette is pleased to see the Latino Center for Wellness and Education joining the Northend Community Center, noted Michael Budd, CEO of United Way of Greater Lafayette. We believe this partnership will strengthen both the Latino Center and the NCC, while helping our community to embrace and learn from our rich diversity”

Lafayette’s Northend Community Center will be a place where urban youth, teens, singles, families, seniors, and veterans will find resources and relationships to help them make healthy life choices. We envision the north end becoming stronger — a picture of community health and an example of what compassion, collaboration, and coordination can achieve.

The 214,000 square foot, \$16.5 million dollar Northend Community Center will open in the late summer of 2018.

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