



November 2017 Featured Agency of the Month:

Chicano Federation of San Diego County

The Chicano Federation, celebrating its 48th anniversary, was founded in 1969 to improve the quality of life for families and children throughout San Diego County. Its mission is to provide empowering opportunities for our diverse community.

In its early years, the Federation was led by a tireless group of advocates dedicated to the advancement in civil rights and civic participation by Latinos. Today, those strong roots empower the Chicano Federation to serve diverse populations through a variety of programs aimed at helping low-income families and individuals access vital and often life changing services. Programs include affordable housing, child nutrition, child development services, including a Head Start program, infant and toddler program, home visitor program, preschool program, and an HIV monitoring program in partnership with the Federal Center for Disease Control.

The Chicano Federation impacts more than 8,000 people each year -- predominantly low-income working class families. Their needs are simple but profound: a safe, affordable place to call home, quality care and education for their young children, the opportunity to provide them with nutritious food and give them the foundation to grow up to become strong independent members of the community. Through its multi-faceted programs, the Chicano Federation embraces people of all backgrounds, ages, and races - serving as a stepping stone to help them achieve a better life and more promising future.

Over the past 48 years, the Chicano Federation has developed a strong reputation for addressing the pressing needs of the community through quality programs and a loyal, dedicated staff committed to changing the lives of those they serve. The organization is headed by Raymond Uzeta, President/CEO, who has led the organization for the past 25 years, along with a strong management team and supported by a dedicated board of directors. The organization has received the strong support and endorsement of key community leaders, who recognize the value that the organization brings to San Diego.

Key programs include:

- **Preschool Program:** The Preschool Program provides quality a quality education and child development services that prepare young children for kindergarten by developing their cognitive, social, motor, and emotional skills.
- **Head Start Program:** The Head Start Program provides parent education services and counseling to guide, support, and strengthen the relationship between child and parent, and connects families with dental and medical services and community resources.
- **Child Nutrition Program:** The Child Nutrition Program improves the overall health of children enrolled in home day care by ensuring that young children are provided nutritious meals so they grow up healthy and strong.
- **Housing Program:** The Housing Program provides well-maintained, affordable housing and gives low-income families a safe and affordable place to call home.

For more information, please call (619) 285-5600 ext. 447.