



PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Pilsen Neighbors Community Council and the Illinois Dream Fund

Combine Efforts to Benefit First Generation Immigrant College Students from Illinois

(CHICAGO, Ill.) Pilsen Neighbors Community Council has partnered with the Illinois Dream Fund to raise funds for college scholarships. The two organizations have united behind their mission statements' common goals of ensuring justice and equity for all persons, regardless of citizenship status.

Fiesta del Sol is an annual festival held in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. Preceding the event this year will be the sixth annual Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk in Burnham Park's Grove 7. Proceeds from registrations will benefit both the Fiesta del Sol Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship program and the Illinois Dream Fund, which provide financial assistance to first generation immigrant students from Illinois.

"The Recorrido del Sol was founded to provide scholarships to highly motivated Latino college students from low income backgrounds," says Gardenia Rangel, Co-Chair for Fiesta del Sol. "We are working with the Illinois Dream Fund to offer financial support and alleviate the financial burden many of our students and families face as they follow their dreams of earning a college degree."

Tanya Cabrera, Chair of the Illinois Dream Fund, expands by saying: "We are thankful for our partnership with PNCC and Recorrido del Sol's 6th Annual 5K Walk/Run. This collective effort creates access for undocumented students throughout Illinois to pursue their academic endeavors beyond high school. With a new administration in place it is essential that we come together to support these young scholars and their families with opportunities. This is a celebration of support and resistance to stand with and for our undocumented immigrant community. We look forward to seeing our allies and new faces on Sunday, April 30th!"

Details about the Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk:

The Recorrido del Sol 5K Run/Walk takes place on Sunday April 30th, 2017 from 8:30AM-12:30PM., with kickoff at 9:00AM.

Participants can sign up for the 5K Run/Walk at the event's website, www.fiestadelsol.org.

New Location:

Burnham Park's Grove 7
1250 E. Oakwood BLVD
Chicago, IL 60653

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About Pilsen Neighbors Community Council and Fiesta del Sol: Fiesta del Sol is [Pilsen Neighbors Community Council](http://www.pilsenneighbors.org)'s (PNCC) primary fundraising event. PNCC focuses primarily on community organizing. A core goal of community organizing is to generate power to influence key decision-makers on a range of issues such as immigration reform, education reform, work force development and healthcare. PNCC also offers services such as the Pilsen Education Summit, the Fiesta del Sol Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship, and an Immigration Legal Clinic. Fiesta del Sol is a family-friendly festival that draws over one million visitors over four days and is the largest festival in the Midwest, bringing: live entertainment, local art, a variety of food, carnival rides, a children's area, educational resources for parents and youth, soccer games and much more. Fiesta del Sol will take place from July 27th through July 30th, 2017.



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Pilsen Neighbors Community Council y el Illinois Dream Fund combinan esfuerzos para apollar a estudiantes universitarios inmigrantes de Illinois

(CHICAGO, Ill) Pilsen Neighbors Community Council se ha asociado con el Illinois Dream Fund para recaudar fondos para becas universitarias. Las dos organizaciones se han unido detrás de los objetivos comunes de su misión de garantizar la justicia y la equidad para todas las personas, sin importar el estatus de ciudadanía.

Fiesta del Sol es un festival anual que se celebra en el barrio de Pilsen en Chicago. Precediendo al evento este año será el sexto Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk en Grove 7 en Burnham Park. Los ingresos de las registraciones beneficiarán las becas de Fiesta del Sol Guadalupe A. Reyes y del Illinois Dream Fund, que proporcionan ayuda financiera a estudiantes inmigrantes de la primera generación de Illinois.

"El Recorrido del Sol fue fundado para proveer becas a estudiantes universitarios latinos que vienen de hogares de bajos ingresos", dice Gardenia Rangel, Copresidente de la Fiesta del Sol. "Estamos trabajando con el Illinois Dream Fund para ofrecer apoyo financiero y aliviar la carga financiera que muchos de nuestros estudiantes y familias enfrentan al seguir sus sueños de obtener un título universitario".

Tanya Cabrera, Presidenta del Illinois Dream Fund agrega: "Estamos agradecidos por nuestra asociación con PNCC y el 6º Recorrido del Sol. Este esfuerzo colectivo crea el acceso para los estudiantes indocumentados en Illinois para perseguir sus sueños académicos más allá de la escuela secundaria. Con una nueva administración, es esencial que nos unamos para apoyar a estos jóvenes y sus familias con oportunidades. Esta es una celebración de apoyo y resistencia para nuestra comunidad de inmigrantes indocumentados. ¡Esperamos ver a nuestros aliados y nuevas caras el domingo, 30 de Abril!".

Detalles sobre el Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk:

El Recorrido del Sol 5K Run/Walk tomará lugar el domingo, 30 de abril del 2017 de 8:30AM-12:30PM. La carrera empieza a las 9:00AM.

Los participantes pueden inscribirse para la carrera en la pagina del evento, www.fiestadelsol.org.

Nueva Locación:

Grove 7 en Burnham Park
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Sobre Pilsen Neighbors Community Council y Fiesta del Sol: Fiesta del Sol es el evento primario para recaudar fondos de Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC). PNCC se enfoca ante todo en organizar la comunidad para presionar a personas en poder sobre temas como la reforma migratoria, la reforma educativa, el desarrollo de la fuerza de trabajo y la atención médica. Fiesta del Sol es un festival familiar que atrae a más de un millón de visitantes durante cuatro días y es el festival más grande del Medio Oeste, que incluye: entretenimiento en vivo, arte local, una variedad de alimentos, paseos de carnaval, área para niños, recursos educativos para padres y jóvenes, juegos de fútbol y mucho más. Fiesta del Sol tendrá lugar del 27 de julio al 30 de julio del 2017.