



# 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 fourth annual Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk in Grant Parks' Hutchinson Field. Proceeds from runners' 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."

"Collectively, we seek to create access for undocumented immigrants in Illinois to pursue their college endeavors. We are so pleased to collaborate with PNCC on their annual 5K Run/Walk, and we look forward to bringing all communities together to support this event," says Tanya Cabrera, chair of the Illinois Dream Fund.

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

The Recorrido del Sol 5K Run/Walk takes place on Sunday April 12, 2015 from 9:00AM-12:00PM Participants can sign up for the 5K Run/Walk at the event's website, [www.fiestadelsol.org](http://www.fiestadelsol.org).

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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 during the four-day event, every year 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 festival will take place from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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