

**THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS PRESENTS THE 2020**

UNION COUNTY 
 **HISPANIC** 
HERITAGE 
CELEBRATION

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 • 6PM
WARINANCO PARK**

FEATURING

Alborada Spanish Dance Theater

“The Garden” Food Truck

Our 2020 Hispanic
Heritage Honorees



and a Special Viewing of

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to present the Third Annual Union County Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, marking the history and achievements of the Hispanic community and the role that its history has played in our nation.

Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to explore and learn about a culture rich with innovators and leaders, and a past that has continued to shape America. In addition to recognizing that culture with today's program, the Freeholder Board also honors 3 individuals – trailblazers in their own right and dedicated servants of the community – with Hispanic Heritage Month Awards.

HISPANIC HERITAGE HONOREES

Public Safety Award

Annarely McNair Conde

Business Award

Carlos M. Rodriguez

Community Service Award

Make the Road NJ

We hope you enjoy today's ceremony as part of a month-long celebration characterized by educational and entertaining events in Union County.



OUR 2020 HONOREES

Business Award

Carlos M. Rodriguez

President & CEO, Community FoodBank of New Jersey



Carlos M. Rodriguez is a recognized voice against hunger and addressing the needs of the working poor. Twenty-two years of executive leadership experience have focused on improving policies and delivering services to reach all neighbors in need.

Understanding the complex ecosystem affecting hunger, Rodriguez has expanded efforts across multiple organizations to feed and shorten the food lines simultaneously. Born and raised in the South Bronx, he has an in-depth understanding of poverty and a profound appreciation of the impact of human service. Carlos earned his MS in Urban Policy and Not-for-Profit Management from Milano Graduate School, New School University; a BA in Sociology from the College of the Holy Cross and a Not-for-Profit account certificate from New York University. He previously served as the Executive Director of

Fulfill (formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties) and has also held high-level positions at the Food Bank For New York City, as well as the Children's Defense Fund of New York and the Community Food Resource Center.

Public Safety Award

Annarely McNair Conde

Union County Public Health Officer



Annarely McNair, maiden name Conde, was born in Cuba and immigrated to New Jersey in 1972. She moved to Union County ten years ago and has made Scotch Plains her home. She developed a passion for public health and social justice early in life after seeing her parents struggle to succeed in this country. This passion led her to attend Oberlin College in Ohio where she obtained a biology major. During that time she spent her summers doing biological research at the Bristol Myer's Squibb laboratory in Hillside. After graduating she volunteered with the American Cancer Society and also worked at University Hospital in Newark conducting research in children with pulmonary issues. She then obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health at Columbia University in New York. For over 25 years, she has been working in the field of public health working diligently to improve the quality of life

of community residents in areas such as childhood lead poisoning prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, and cardiac disease and research. On a personal note, Ms. McNair is married, has two beautiful daughters and two amazing parents who assist her in all aspects of life. She has a great passion for music, sings in two choirs and also enjoys gardening.

OUR 2020 HONOREES

Community Service Award

Make the Road New Jersey

Fighting for the Dignity and Rights of Immigrants and Workers



Founded in November 2014 in Elizabeth, Make the Road New Jersey builds the power of immigrant, working-class & Latinx communities to achieve dignity and respect through community organizing, legal, policy innovation and transformative education. Make the Road New Jersey's centers in Elizabeth and Passaic are hubs for community organizing. Every week, hundreds of immigrant families - young people and adults - come together to fight for dignity and respect in our communities.

In the past year, Make the Road New Jersey mobilized more than 15,000 people to take action in support of immigrant and workers' rights and to fight back against the federal government's attacks on our communities. We provided legal services and educational programming to 5,000 immigrant families and won landmark immigrant and workers rights policies in New Jersey.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU
FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE,
LOYALTY, & DEDICATION
TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

WELCOME

Freeholder Christopher Hudak

OPENING REMARKS

Freeholder Sergio Granados

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

Giulianna Viera

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

Annarely McNair Conde

BUSINESS AWARD

Carlos M. Rodriguez

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Make the Road NJ

FLAMENCO PERFORMANCE

Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre

FEATURE FILM

Disney/Pixar's "COCO"

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