

Celebrating Centro Tyrone Guzman's Siembra Montessori Program Expansion and 10th Anniversary

Centro Tyrone Guzman, a funded community partner of Women United and Greater Twin Cities United Way, provides high-quality, dual-language early childhood education through their Siembra Montessori Early Learning Program in the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis. Centro Tyrone Guzman serves, supports, engages, and learns from Spanish-speaking Latine immigrant families in South Minneapolis with low incomes, and their services reach Latine families across the Twin Cities and beyond.

Centro Tyrone Guzman uses a Montessori-based “Intergenerational Learning Community” model to address the educational disparities and broader injustices that prevent Latines from belonging and contributing to Minnesota’s social and economic vitality. The Spanish word “Siembra” translates to “the sowing of seeds.” They cultivate learning experiences to promote belonging, a sense of purpose, and intergenerational collaboration in addressing some of the most challenging and persistent social problems for Latine families across the Twin Cities.

Women United committee members attended an August celebration of Centro Tyrone Guzman’s 10th anniversary of their Siembra Montessori program, and the grand opening of Centro’s second Siembra Montessori classroom, doubling the number of children, from 30 to 60, with access to Siembra’s high-quality, culturally appropriate early learning programming.

Autumn Way, Chair of the Women United attended the event and shared:

“The celebration at Centro Tyrone Guzman was a beautiful event that left me feeling so proud to be part of Women United and grateful we can continue to provide funding to the organization. The pride and passion displayed by Roxanna and her team hosting the event was special to experience, especially as we toured the space learning about the murals and all the details that make the environment for both the children and the adults an outstanding place to learn, grow and share together.”

Women United and Greater Twin Cities United Way are proud, long-time, multi-year supporters of Centro Tyrone Guzman and are excited to help support and participate in the expansion of their Siembra Montessori program. Centro Tyrone Guzman shared that their previous two-year Women United grant and their ongoing Greater Twin Cities United Way funding provided credibility to their recent capital campaign, helping them secure over \$250,000 in new funding for their Siembra classroom expansion.



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Centro Tyrone Guzman is also partnering with Greater Twin Cities United Way to launch the new 80x3 Initiative. The goal of this initiative is well aligned with Women United's goals. It will strengthen a trauma-sensitive region where children, families and childcare providers can easily access what they need to be stable and thrive by focusing on the initiative's three key strategies:

- Training and **coaching Early Education educators** and leaders in trauma-sensitive care
- Building capacity for centers to **support families with parent education** and system navigation
- **Recruiting new and retaining existing** Early Childhood educators

Below is the 80x3 initiative launch video highlighting the Executive Director of Centro Tyrone Guzman, Roxana Linares:



All of this is possible thanks to amazing United Way community partners, like Centro Tyrone Guzman, and the continued support of Women United donors and supporters.



NEW SIEMBRA LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



MURAL AT CENTRO TYRONE GUZMAN GIVING THANKS



"GIVING TREE" AT CENTRO TYRONE GUZMAN THANKING DONORS & SUPPORTERS