



LA MAESTRA
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Dear Community Partner,

We are pleased to invite you to La Maestra's *Casino Oscar Night*. This year's event will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, at The Prado in Balboa Park. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, casino-style games, and delicious international food, all supporting a worthy cause. Our annual Casino Night is a wonderful opportunity for our healthcare and social service partners, vendors, and honored friends to come and show their support of the services that make a difference in the community.

This year, all proceeds will benefit La Maestra Foundation's "Center for Youth Advancement" (CYA). The CYA is a nonprofit youth center that provides after-school and summer programs to youth (ages 6 to 18) residing in low-income, diverse San Diego communities. CYA aims to help youth achieve educational, career, and life opportunities. CYA offers academic tutoring/enrichment, youth leadership training, music, theater, and visual arts program, STEAM classes, a gardening program, and an athletics and skate program. All programs are taught using restorative and trauma-informed practices.

Since its development in 2012, CYA has worked to promote youth leadership by providing academic enrichment, engaging youth in creative pursuits, fostering positive relationships, and providing the love and support necessary for youth to feel safe and nurtured. The program has a significant developmental, emotional, and economic impact on families and participants, providing them with high-quality enrichment programs. We believe in walking side-by-side with youth to help facilitate their growth and in using all resources available to create long-lasting experiences which will lead them to future successes.

La Maestra has witnessed firsthand the value to participants and their impact as community leaders and advocates for the arts. The power and potential of youth is immense. Participation in CYA allows young people to establish strong connections with their community, show respect for diversity, develop a positive identity, and empower them to take on leadership roles. Our goal this year is to increase internship opportunities in healthcare for youth.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to sponsor La Maestra's Annual Casino Night. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our casino event coordinator, Gloria Sosa, at 619-584-1612 or email at events@lamaestra.org

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
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