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Recap: Making Dreams Come True

Our Fall Fundraiser was a big success! We brought together our funders supporters and peers to celebrate successes through the year. We honored Chancellor Juan Salgado of City Colleges of Chicago with the 2024 Building Communities Together Award. Additionally, we were thrilled to award three individuals our <u>Achievement Award</u> for their success and commitment through our Pre-Purchase Counseling, Wellness West and Rental Assistance programs.

All donations go directly to continuing our work in communities. We appreciate whatever you can give! Donate at sc4housing.org/take-action

Our Growing Team!

SCH has welcomed several new team members in the fall and brought some old ones into new roles! It's an exciting time to be on the team. We want to welcome two new staff members, our Accounting Clerk Quiana and our Americorps VISTA James! James will be working with our CBLA team to research pathways for the program, while Quiana works hard to support our accounting team in all their work! We can't wait to see them grow at SCH!

Pictured: Americorps VISTA James





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Stories of Success

Ethan Escorcia was only 21 when he decided to start on his homebuying journey. After getting his Homebuyer Education Certificate from SCH he accessed \$10,000 in downpayment assistance for his first house! We want you to see the stories of success that inspire us to continue our work. Every year we prioritize gathering stories from our clients to highlight their achievements and thank them for entrusting SCH to help meet their affordable housing needs.

2024 had some of the biggest successes yet, from individuals and families who made major strides toward their goals. You can learn about these incredible individuals and their stories in our Stories of Success recap from 2024. This year we highlighted three people who worked hard and reached out to SCH to support them in accomplishing their goals. Visit our Youtube at youtube.com/@SpanishCoalitionforHousing to see the stories.

Employee of the Month

Congrats to Lorraine, our employee of the month for September! Lorraine is the Program Clerk at our Southeast Office and does an incredible job welcoming in the community, connecting resources and navigating questions. We are so happy to have her on the team!



Landlord Services: Chicago Bilingual Landlord Association

Landlords play a pivotal role in maintaining low-cost housing stock and creating neighborhood stability across the homeownership and rental landscape. Spanish Coalition for Housing serves as an entry point to the Chicago Bilingual Landlord Association (CBLA) which provides a network of education and services to small landlords (owners of 2 to 4 unit properties).

SCH has employed experienced leaders to our CBLA team. Our team hosts monthly workshops that certify landlords and provide the tools to understand, comply with and navigate city ordinances. CBLA members have access to background checks, as well as 5-day and 10-day notices for a variety of needs. Learn more at <u>sc4housing.org/cbla</u>



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See You Soon: Events!

If you are looking for more ways to engage with SCH our events are a great place to start! We host a variety of functions throughout the year including a summer homeownership expo and fall fundraiser! Curious about these occasions? Check out our Event Recaps and Website below!

youtube.com/@SpanishCoalitionforHousing



<u>sc4housing.org/events</u>





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Welcome In! Our Front Desk Staff

When clients visit SCH's regional offices, their experience starts with our incredible front desk staff. Adriana and Alejandra expertly navigate calls with clients facing life's challenges and put them on the path to help. These two are the center of plenty of positive reviews and we are so excited to have the chance to give them the spotlight! Thanks for all your hard work, Adriana and Alejandra!



Pictured: Program Clerks, Adriana and Alejandra

"The girls in the front desk were very nice and helpful." - Migna

"My experience exceeded my expectations! The warm reception. The professionalism of the receptionist" - Louis

"Alejandra Morales was very professional & very helpful with a great personality...Thank you" - Wendy

"The young lady at the front desk is always pleasant, knowledgeable and clearly explains all programs. She follows up and takes the time to remember your name and welcome you back. They are always so helpful." - Debra

Support Spanish Coalition for Housing

Your support is necessary. Your donations fund our work and allow us to continue building generational wealth by connecting low-to-moderate income households to resources that create housing stability, homeownership, and economic mobility. Donations go directly towards housing counseling, operations, financial education, and advocacy in Chicagoland communities.

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