

Whatcom Hispanic Organization

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“What a success,” is the over all response I’ve been hearing from Latino Fest attendees.

Yes, there were a couple of comments regarding the use of honey buckets! *Things* happen or *don’t*. You had to be there...

Many thanks to **Robinson & Kole Attorneys at Law and the Bellingham Herald Newspaper** for making it possible. Of course we would all be wet if it wasn’t for the beautiful gym at Assumption Church. This is our first year at the Assumption Church Gym and hopefully not our last. Thanks *Adrianna* for making it exciting! See all the **action photos** from the talent contest, dance and festival on the web site and a links to festival vendors.

Thanks to all the *volunteers* especially, **Skagit Valley College Calling all Colors Club and Waldorf School** students for the beautiful paper decorations, and all those who don’t want to be named. I know who you are.

When we started this festival ten years ago our goals were: to have a friendly family festival; share our colorful tradition and culture with the rest of the community; and to raise money to meet our financial goals.

I have good news for you. **We have exceeded all expectations!**

Have any ideas for next years **Latino Fest 2008**. Email me your thoughts to (info@whatcomhispanic.org.)

What did WHO accomplish this year?

This year we were able to increase the scholarships from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for 13-recipients. See web site for names and pictures of recipients at WWU awards reception.

This was possible in part to our literacy partners: **BP America and Key Corporation, (Key Bank).**

Due to a technology grant from **Whatcom Educational Credit Union** we were able to re-design our web site with content that is timely and informative to the communities we serve, www.whatcomhispanic.org. Along with funding from our sponsors and members we are able to retain a web designer and a writer. The writer will be contributing articles on WHO business. For example, we will be profiling some our past scholarship recipients as well as articles on our sponsors and partners.

This is your web site please feel free to submit content ideas you think furthers our mission and are of interest to our supporters. Make use of the message board to list items of interest to our community.

Computer Literacy: We have refurbished and donated 10-computers to families in Whatcom County. These computer were donated by Whatcom Educational Credit Union and refurbished with funding from Whatcom Community Foundation.

Young Readers Program: Please see July newsletter located on our web site.

Have any good computers you want to donate to needy families, give us a call, or if you need a computer.

Don’t forget to renew your 2008 membership. We want to raise sufficient funding to retain a part-time executive director for 2008. More to come on this effort.

WHO would like to recognize and welcome **Christina Abundis**, Lynden Farmers Insurance Agent for becoming a WHO Scholarship sponsor and corporate member. Thank you for your gift. See her link on our web site and send her an e-thank you note.

Interested in becoming a member? Download our membership application and mail it with your check to:

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Thank you all for your continued support of the Hispanic community! Without you and your time we would not be where we are today!

Respectfully,

Pedro Perez
President