

Celebrating 65 years of
Helping the Hands that Harvest
1954 - 2019



CHILD & MIGRANT SERVICES

El Centro de Hospitalidad

◆ **BENEFIT CONCERT** ◆

Thank you for this year's
Child & Migrant Services' annual benefit concert to
"Celebrate the Hands that Harvest /
las Manos que Cosechan"

*Presented by Alpine Bank
at Grande River Vineyards in Palisade, CO, July 6, 2019*

A fresh peach bought at the Palisade Farmers' Market, so juicy it's easier to eat it over the sink. A crisp Chardonnay, condensation dripping from the glass on a hot summer's day. Grilled, locally grown sweet corn, so succulent it needs only a little salt and pepper . . . these gifts from the Grand Valley are brought to your table by migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Join us as we celebrate and thank the people who toil in fields, orchards and vineyards to bring us food and drink. We thank them for their hard work, skill, strength and resilience. We value the many gifts they bring to the community.

This concert is dedicated to them,
The Hands that Harvest/ las Manos que Cosechan

CMS 65th Anniversary 1954 – 2019

Mission Statement of Child and Migrant Services: To provide and coordinate community services for migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families in Mesa County—so that they may live and work with dignity in our community.



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Two Guys & A Peach

A night of music, dance & delicious food!

QUEMANDO SALSA is our benefit concert's featured performer for the 14th time tonight! CMS is deeply grateful for these many years of support. Quemando is an incredibly talented, high-energy Boulder-based band that continues to gain in popularity throughout Colorado. Their music can be described as fusion, salsa, Latin jazz, a little pop and a bit of funk.



GJ DANCESPORT will be your expert guides navigating the Latin rhythms. Dancers can try some new steps or practice old moves under the Palisade skies. Folks came with their dancing shoes, or better yet, leave them off all together!



COLOMBIA VIVA! Palisade's own dance troupe performed for the first time in 2010 at the CMS Hospitality Center. We love it whenever they can join us to open the show with their amazing and vibrant modern Colombian dance moves.

THE CONCERT MEAL was freshly prepared in the CMS kitchen except for the rice which was prepared by Las



Marias Restaurant. Wine, sodas and bottled water are available for purchase.

CMS tamales can be purchased frozen for \$17 per dozen at CMS, or order online, www.migrantservicesgv.org.

Palisade Poem

by Claudia Rojas

*He venido desde lejos
con la fuerza de mis manos
a podar, pizar, sudar
soñar con una vida mejor*

I have come from afar
Through the work of my hands
To prune, to pick, to sweat
To dream of a better life

*no me he sentido extranjero
ni siquiera en el camión
las orchards siempre me esperan
reconocen mi ardua labor*

I have not felt myself a foreigner
Not even in the truck
For the orchards always wait for
me
For they recognize my hard work

*tal vez no sepa escribir
y menos hablar inglés
la tierra de Palisade
no me exige más que amor*

Maybe I can't read or write
Much less speak in English
But the soil of Palisade
It asks nothing more than my love

*Mis ojos no desesperan
Siempre busco un azadón
Para llenar el corazón
De los frutos de esta tierra*

My eyes will not despair
I always find a rake or hoe
To fill my spirit
With the bounty of this land

*Luego de la cosecha
Emigro como un gorrión
Persiguiendo más allá del sol
Peaches, uvas y cerezas melo-
cotón*

After the harvest is done
I emigrate on like a sparrow
Always chasing the Sun
Seeking peaches, grapes, and
cherries

I came from afar
Through the work of my hands
To prune, to pick, to sweat
To dream of a better life

Claudia Rojas grew up in Colombia and came to the US in 2001. An educator with advanced degrees in Spanish Literature and Language, Claudia has been an active supporter of CMS for many years. Her diverse life experiences yield a treasure trove of stories, which she has only begun to write.



About Child and Migrant Services

It was in 1954 that a small group of women, peach growers' wives, joined forces to mobilize churches and other community members to improve conditions for farmworkers and their families. The group established the Mesa County Migrant Council, which later became Child and Migrant Services. Led primarily by women, CMS reached out to migrants with dignity and respect in an era when few others would. Margaret Talbott, Dorothy Power and Vera Foss dedicated their lives to this important work.

The CMS Hospitality Center in the heart of Palisade is a place where farmworkers and their families can gather for respite and camaraderie throughout the year. This small community center offers them basic needs assistance and

linkage to community resources. Holiday celebrations and other social activities help to build community and provide a sense of belonging. The Mesa County Migrant Ministry Community Thrift Shop offers affordable clothing and household goods to farmworkers and the community at large.

Few communities offer the kind of support to workers that CMS has been able to provide, thanks to the generosity of individuals, civic groups, churches, businesses, charitable foundations and others. Community volunteers are essential to CMS' efforts as well, especially during the summer harvest season.



WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT

You can support CMS and be a part of this wonderful community by volunteering, donating items towards our wish list, contributing financially or simply sharing about CMS with others.

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