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Association House of Chicago and LUCHA Announce Alliance for Stronger Collective Impact

After nearly a year planning and listening to stakeholders, Association House of Chicago and Latin United Community Housing Association (LUCHA) are pleased to announce their strategic partnership through a formal alliance approved in October by their respective Boards of Directors.

“Working hand-in-hand, LUCHA and Association House are better equipped to respond to current and future community needs, while continuing to innovate in the fields of both affordable housing and the social services,” explains Juan Carlos Linares, Association House President & CEO. Linares previously served as Executive Director of LUCHA from 2013-2019, where he oversaw the award-winning Tierra Linda Development, among other developments.

The Humboldt Park and West Side communities served by both organizations face increased gentrification and increased need for interconnected services responding to complex resident needs.

“The Chicago Community Trust proudly supports this new alliance that promises to strengthen community vitality for generations to come. We look forward to the innovations that result from bringing Association House’s family services together with LUCHA’s housing expertise,” adds Andrea Sáenz, President and CEO, The Chicago Community Trust

“LUCHA and Association House of Chicago are both long-standing organizations that serve IL-03. I applaud all efforts to ensure they are both strong, sustainable institutions able to continue serving our community. I am grateful to the leadership of both organizations for their collaboration on this forward-looking effort,” said Congresswoman Delia C. Ramirez, who represents both organizations.

Already, LUCHA and Association House share common values and often serve the same clients. Over the next year, programs will begin operating with full integration.

About Association House

Across 35 collaborative programs, Association House advances health and wellness, education and economic opportunity, helping individuals fully participate in the lives of their families and community. Founded in 1899, Association House is one of Chicago’s oldest social service agencies. Visit www.associationhouse.org to get involved or connect to services.

About LUCHA

LUCHA advances housing as a human right by empowering communities – particularly the Latino and Spanish-speaking populations – through advocacy, affordable housing development, and community building. Since its founding in 1982, LUCHA has become a leading housing developer, serving neighborhoods like Humboldt Park, Logan Square, and West Town.

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