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Su Teatro Announces the Angelica Martinez Performance Hall at the Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center

Su Teatro announces the Angelica Martinez Performance Hall at the Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, made possible by a generous donation from Justice Alex J. Martinez and Katherine Martinez.

The \$75,000 gift will establish the performance hall—a multi-purpose space adjacent to the theater—and will also be used as seed money to establish the Angelica Martinez Scholarship Fund.

Angelica Martinez, mother of Justice Martinez, was a longtime Denver Public Schools employee and maintained a lifetime commitment to education and the arts. Angie raised her family next door to the Elyria Elementary School at 4725 High Street, which later became El Centro Su Teatro. She continued to reside there after the theater was established and became a supporter of Su Teatro before her death in 1990. Angie was a powerful example of community support for Su Teatro in its new neighborhood.

Su Teatro will also establish an annual Mother's Day brunch, *Serenata Madrelinda* (Beautiful Mother's Serenade), in honor of Angelica Martinez and in celebration of all mothers. The Martinez Family made the first installment of their gift on Angie's birthday, April 20, to coincide with Su Teatro's Mother's Day celebration.

The fundraising goal for the Performance Hall and Scholarship Fund is \$150,000. The scholarship will help support and expand the work of the Cultural Arts Institute, Su Teatro's after-school and in-school arts education programs. An "angel" in the theater traditionally is a person who financially supports a production. Su Teatro is grateful for its angel, Angelica Martinez, and asks supporters to also become an angel by donating and joining our Mother's Day celebration.

The first *Serenata Madrelinda* Mother's Day Brunch will take place May 10 from 11am to 1pm and will feature a delicious menu prepared by Encantada Catering and music by Tony Silva and Trio Xochitl. Tickets are \$35 or 4 for \$120. For more information regarding the Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, visit www.suteatro.org or call (303) 296-0219.

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