



## HISPANIC CENTER

of western michigan



*“Do not be afraid; our fate cannot be taken from us; it is a gift.”*

Dante Alighieri

Dear West Michigan Community,

**From March 18, 2020 to April 13, 2020**, the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan (HCWM) will be closed but our staff will continue to work remotely. Today as we face a global pandemic, we must ask ourselves: what are we prepared to do? Your Hispanic Center of Western Michigan has served the West Michigan community for 43 years and we have a commitment to educate, advocate, and empower the Latinx community and will continue on with our mission as this pandemic takes its course in the following ways:

- Our team is committed to continue to work virtually as we navigate the systems that are being created for these uncertain times by our partners at the state, county, and city levels.
- Thanks to the financial support from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, our Language Services Department is working around the clock and is prepared to message out information in any language needed by community.

Please remember that HCWM staff will be available to support community in all ways that we would in person but via email or by phone and you can reach our team by phone or email at **(616)742-0200** [HCWMReceptionist@hispanic-center.org](mailto:HCWMReceptionist@hispanic-center.org)

Best,

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