



Enlace Comunitario

September 10, 2020

Dear Enlace Comunitario Community, Partners and Funders:

We are very pleased to announce that after a lengthy, rigorous and deeply thoughtful process, the Board of Directors for Enlace Comunitario has selected the next Executive Director: *Sara Yvonne "Bonnie" Escobar*.

Bonnie comes to Enlace with extensive experience in the non-profit world, including:

- Executive Management Experience for the Family Violence Center in Waco, TX and the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence in El Paso, TX
- 20+ years in Development, Grant Writing and Fundraising for various non-profit agencies, helping to raise multi-millions of dollars to support their good work
- 17 years as a consultant to non-profit agencies for executive management, fund development, grant writing and advocacy
- Lobbyist and Vice President for Government Relations at the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Director for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a national non-profit organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of U.S. Latinos
- Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice

Bonnie is a committed community activist who puts her ideas into action by working to lift up women and Latinos. She embodies the respect, understanding and compassion for the immigrant community, particularly families facing domestic and sexual violence necessary to advance the mission of Enlace Comunitario. Bonnie will be moving from El Paso with her family to begin working remotely on September 21st. Of course, all dates and work conditions will be dependent upon the ever-changing response to COVID-19 as we adhere to all New Mexico State Health Orders.

As we welcome Bonnie to the Enlace familia, we are also bidding farewell to our current executive director and founder, Claudia Medina. Claudia has been an incredible leader for Enlace. The Board and the staff are thankful each day for the organization she has built and led for almost two decades. Through her leadership, Enlace has touched thousands of lives and changed the way our community provides DV prevention, intervention and healing support services. Claudia will continue to be a critical part of Enlace's work as part of the ED transition team and leading special initiatives in the community. We are eternally grateful for Claudia's commitment to Enlace Comunitario and look forward to working with her in a new capacity.

Muchísimas Gracias for your continued partnership!

¡Adelante!

Enlace Comunitario Board of Directors

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