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Dear Familia,

For thirty years, Teatro Vista has been the premiere Latinx Theatre Company of Chicago. For thirty years, we have told authentic Latinx stories on our stages, reflecting the rich, vibrant and diverse cultural fabric of our collective humanity. We are honored to be here and to continue to produce moving, impactful theatre that taps into the deep well of our shared experience. For thirty years, we have created opportunities to see ourselves on stage and author our own narratives. In this, we share our own stories of our collective resilience, healing, familia, and joy. Please support us in that effort today.

Did Founders Henry Godinez and Eddie Torres know that thirty years later, their vision would become their legacy? One that supports and amplifies artists such as Ivonne Coll (*Jane the Virgin*), Joe Minoso (*Chicago Fire*), Cecilia Suarez (*Netflix Casa de las Flores - House of Flores*), Nate Santana (*Chicago Med*), and Cruz Gonzalez Cadel (*Fargo*), among countless others? Did they know that their small storefront would support the growth of artists including Sandra Delgado and Sandra Marquez, whose individual impact remains deeply and richly woven into Chicago's cultural history?

Henry and Eddie were on to something.

Our legacy remains alive, but can only continue with your financial support.

"The Great Pause" of 2020 has left our stages empty, our spirit challenged, and our productions halted in the service of public health. However, 2020 also finds us in a space of pure potential. We are energized by the work of our past, and we are fueled by our collective artistic fortitude. 2020 has prompted us to reflect on our operations and ways of being, to notice who is missing from our tables, and to innovate new ways of engagement. We lean into a vision that is anti-racist and actively includes our Afro-Latinx siblings. We lean into a vision that encompasses technology forward methods of art making. We envision a trajectory that continues to develop and support young Latinx artists of Chicago as we embrace the knowledge that theatre is alive and always changing.

Teatro Vista's lasting impact on Chicago has established our place in this city's cultural landscape. Through the generosity and giving of our supporters, we can continue this legacy for years to come.

Your financial contribution energizes this important, ongoing work. We must meet the moment and do so daringly. While this upcoming season may look different, we are inspired by our community to reimagine our work, leaning into our highest, collective vision and can only do this with your generous support.

Here's to thirty years and cheers to thirty more!

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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