Did You Know....

On September 15, we celebrated the start of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

We chose to focus our September Lens resources on Hispanic Heritage Month, and specifically, to offer a sampling of resources that center the contributions, rights, needs and cultures of Latinx communities. As always, if you wish to learn more, please contact your MCF Philanthropic Advisor.

THE LATINO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:
LCF exists to unleash the power of Latinos in California. It works to fulfill that mission by building a movement of civically engaged philanthropic leaders, investing in Latino-led organizations advancing education, health and safety, civic engagement and youth leadership in communities across California. LCF’s latest initiative, the Latino Nonprofit Accelerator, is a year-long program that provides marketing and communication training, fundraising mentorship, and leadership development for Latino-led organizations.

THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER OF MARIN:
The Multicultural Center of Marin provides culturally appropriate resources and opportunities in a safe environment to empower and inspire diverse communities to build an inclusive and equitable county they want to live in. Today, MCM stands as a testament to the cultural wisdom and diversity that is inherent in the immigrant communities that make up Marin County. Through training, mentorship, collaboration, and community organizing, the Multicultural Center of Marin provides the pathways and opportunities for people of these diverse communities to come together in strength. And by doing so, they become a wellspring for creating positive, community-rooted solutions throughout Marin County.

HISPANICS IN PHILANTHROPY:
Since 1983, Hispanics in Philanthropy has been leading the largest transnational network strengthening Latinx leadership and influence, and driving philanthropic resources into the community to build a better world. Through supporting and funding Latinx-led nonprofit and missions and investing in Latinx leadership, equity and inclusion programs, HIP seeks to drive Latinx communities towards a self-sustainable future of shared prosperity.

LATINX FUNDERS:
Latinx Funders is an ongoing research project documenting the landscape of foundation funding in the Latinx community and tracking changes in its scale and priorities. It uses grants data to map the community issues addressed, funding strategies used and regions served. For those considering Latinx-related grantmaking for the first time, this website offers an introduction to the field.