

# "You DID, for Me" Giving Campaign

# Fiesta Cristiana Mission Congregation

# Dear Pastors,

As spiritual leaders, you witness every day how faith and generosity can transform lives. Today, I invite you to join the "You DID, for Me" Giving Campaign, an extraordinary opportunity to embody Christ's compassion and justice in tangible ways.

The needs around us are urgent. Families are struggling under the rising costs of food, housing, and healthcare, while many immigrant families seek refuge from divisive rhetoric and the emotional toll it takes on their lives. **Inspired by Matthew 25:40**—"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"—this campaign calls on all of us to stand together in empowering mission congregations, advancing racial equity, and fostering systemic transformation.

Your support will empower Fiesta Cristiana Mission Congregation to continue addressing the spiritual, emotional, and socioeconomic needs of the Hispanic/Latinx community and underserved populations.

In 2025, we are taking a bold step forward by **establishing Fiesta Family Services** to expand our reach and deepen our impact in serving communities in Wake, Moore, Montgomery, and Richmond counties. This community organization will address critical needs for food security, and housing stability, advance education, promote health and mental well-being, assist with pathways to citizenship, strengthen faith, and foster emotional and racial healing.

### But we cannot have done this without your help.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by April 30, 2024. Every dollar raised will help expand ministries, train leaders, foster outreach, and provide hope and healing to those in need.

As pastors, your leadership is pivotal. By giving, you lead by example, inspiring your congregation to live out the Gospel through acts of generosity and justice. Together, we can make a lasting difference and reflect the transformative power of God's love.

Learn more about our mission, see the impact of your support, and explore personal stories from the community, visit <u>YouDidForMe.org</u>.

Let us stand together and proclaim, "You DID, for Me."

Grace and peace,

**Purpose of the Campaign:** The campaign will raise funds to support Fiesta Cristiana Mission Congregation, expand its missional work, and launch Fiesta Family Services in 2025, a community-based organization serving Hispanic/Latino community members and other underserved/underrepresented populations.

**Goal:** \$100,000

**Request Amounts:** One-time donations of \$50, \$100, \$500, or \$1000+, or a pledge for recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual giving. If 50 people from 50 congregations or organizations give \$50, we would not only meet but surpass our goal (50X50X50).

**Theme:** Mathew 25: 40 You DID, for me | Lo HICISTE Por Mi

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (NIV)

This scripture is a reminder to:

- Show compassion, mercy, and love toward one's neighbor
- Serve people notwithstanding racial/ethnic/gender, socioeconomics, faith, or citizenship.
- Be good stewards of the resources God has given us to bless mankind
- Be kind, welcoming, inclusive, and compassionate

# Funds go toward

These "Brothers and Sisters of Mine..."

- Helping people get back on their feet during these difficult times with food, housing, utilities, healthcare, or other needed support
- Creating pathways to citizenship for immigrant families
- Strengthening families by promoting positive parenting, avoiding child abuse and neglect, and healing from childhood trauma
- Building community, safe spaces for people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds to gather, worship, grow, and heal from racial-ethnic discrimination
- Advancing school achievement, leadership, and college/career-readiness
- Promoting Healthy lifestyles for improved physical and mental health and Wellbeing
- Fostering compassion/transforming communities through action and advocacy

### **Ways to Give**

- Via online donation link for one-time or recurring giving [insert link]
- Pledge for an individual, group, or congregation to raise a specific amount [insert link]
- Become a sponsor
- Make check payable to Fiesta Cristiana Mission Congregation and mail it to 100 S Hughes St.

Apex NC, 27502

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# Fiesta Family Services, Inc. Overview

#### Who We Are

Fiesta Family Services, Inc. is the community development and ministries arm of Fiesta Cristiana Mission Congregation (FCMC), a faith-based organization established in 2008 as a Hispanic ministry of Apex United Methodist Church. It serves the Hispanic/Latinx community and other underserved populations across Wake, Montgomery, Moore, and Richmond counties.

As a community resource center, it provides essential information, access to resources, and personalized support to empower individuals to overcome life's challenges, gain greater independence, and improve their health and quality of life.

#### **Our Mission**

We center the lived experiences of disinherited people and work proactively to dismantle systemic inequities in the communities we serve.

# **Key Initiatives**

### 1. Strengthening Families

- **Direct Support Services:** Bilingual assistance, referrals, case management, and access to basic needs support of food, housing, healthcare, etc.
- **Círculo de Padres/Niños:** Parenting education and support for caregivers with children aged 0–5, with simultaneous children's learning activities.
- **Semillas de Unidad:** Tutoring and academic support for K–12 students in collaboration with UNC interns and community volunteers.
- **Juventud Empoderada (JUVE):** Leadership, college, and workforce preparation for high school and college students.

## 2. Immigration Services

• Apex Immigration Services: Legal assistance for immigrants and refugees to secure residency or citizenship, alongside public education on immigration issues.

### 3. Community Health

• **Health Promotion:** Work with community health workers and health and human service providers to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors, coordinate care, and organize health promotion activities focused on mental well-being, child wellness, and men's health.

# 4. Racial Equity & Healing

- Racial Healing Circles: Facilitated gatherings that address the impacts of racism and exclusion on communities of color, fostering personal and collective healing, affirming identities, and driving change.
- Sanando la Crianza (Healing Parenthood): A cohort-based program supporting parents in cultivating harmonious, holistic home environments. Through group sessions, individual guidance, and a retreat, parents gain knowledge and skills to nurture their emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being while fostering effective communication.

### 5. Advocacy & Community Mobilization

- Food Security: Raising awareness and facilitating planning to combat food insecurity.
- Housing Justice: Preventing displacement in vulnerable communities.
- Immigrant Rights: Promoting citizenship and opposing harmful policies.
- Language Access: Supporting inclusive policies for Spanish-speaking residents.
- Voter Participation: Non-partisan voter education and registration.

Fiesta Family Services works collaboratively with volunteers, partner agencies, and local leaders to empower communities and build equitable opportunities for all.