

EL CONCILIO

COUNCIL OF SPANISH SPEAKING ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

Nilda Alejandro was born in New York and raised in Naranjito, Puerto Rico. During her school years, she was always an honor student and the recipient of many awards not only for her academic performance, but for her community work as well.

Nilda has two daughters, Leslie and Shirley Ann and grandmother of four children, Princess Genesis, Princess Pastoree, Joshua and Nathaniel. In 1977, she left Puerto Rico with her family and moved to New Jersey. She attended Hudson County Community College and RCA Center 5 New York, where she excelled in Business Administration and became part of MasterCard International. Community Relations was an important part of her life, giving her the opportunity to then become part of Fleet/Boston where she was the first person to establish a Spanish Service Department. In 1994 Nilda moved to Pennsylvania, where she immediately became involved with the community, and was part of many not-for-profit organizations. She then moved to Jacksonville, FL in 2003 with her family and has been dedicating much time to serving the people in her Community.

Her passion for Puerto Rican culture took Nilda to start the First Puerto Rican Parade in Jacksonville, FL. Today she is the founder and president of “Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations, Inc”, a 501 c3 organization, and also Founder & President of el “DESFILE PUERTORRIQUENO DE JACKSONVILLE”, which its third edition was just celebrated on September 22, 2007. Part of Nilda’s experience has been:

- ♦ V.P. Bucks County Hispanic Council 1992 – 1996
- ♦ President of Women’s Program “Heart to Heart” 1993 – 1995
- ♦ Coordinator for “The Challengers” a youth’s Prevention of Drug & Alcohol Program 1993 to 2003
- ♦ Represented Bank of America at Philadelphia’s Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (1993 – 2002)
- ♦ Founder of “PREMIOS COMUNICACION” – “LATINO COMMUNICATION AWARDS” annual event in Philadelphia, PA
- ♦ Founder & Previous President of “Christmas For Us”, A spectacular annual event bringing toys to the under-privileged children including Youth & Family Services, Foster Children, churches, etc., Philadelphia, PA (1995 – 2001).
- ♦ Coordinator & Counselor for Summer Camp Programs for a group of Latino children.(1997 – 2001)
- ♦ Director at Raices Culturales Latinoamericanas, Non-Profit Organization (2001 – 2003)
- ♦ Founder & President of “Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations, Inc. (2003 – Present)
- ♦ President & Founder of “El Desfile Puertorriqueno de Jacksonville” (Jacksonville’s Puerto Rico Parade and Festival of Jacksonville, FL (2003 – Present)
- ♦ Host of “TOME NOTA” “Youth In Action”, and “Enterate, Aqui y Ahora” Radio Talk Shows – Tama Broadcasting 105.7FM (2003 to Present)

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In recent past, Nilda has received the following awards:

- ◆ ADVANTA GEM AWARD (Won the GEM AWARD for three years in a row 1995, 1996, 1997)
- ◆ “Pennsylvania Woman of the Year”
- ◆ “Latina Woman Award” presented by Latino Leadership Alliance”, Philadelphia,PA
- ◆ “1ST & 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH ENTERPRISE EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM” Award
- ◆ “Outstanding Support and Dedication to the Hispanic Community” awarded by Mundo Latino
- ◆ “Hispanic Heritage Month Festival Presentation” Award by “La Tremenda Radio Station”
- ◆ “Cultural Contributions To Our Community” Awarded by: Artist, Raul Aguayo
- ◆ “Dedication & Commitment to the Puerto Rican Community” Awarded by: Puerto Rico Cultural Parade of Tampa
- ◆ Gold Star Award from the City of Jacksonville –“BEST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION:” Representing Puerto Rico
- ◆ “Outstanding Community Leader” Award from “Our People Magazine”
- ◆ “Hispanic Community Leader” Award from “America Softball League”
- ◆ “Best Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation”, Award from U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban League
- ◆ “Outstanding Support and Dedication to the Community” – awarded a Medallion from Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command “832nd Transportation Battalion”
- ◆ “Publicaciones Puertorriquenas” Award, in Recognition for Dedication & Commitment to the Puerto Rican community.
- ◆ “Parade Dedication” Brevard County’s 11th Annual Puerto Rican Parade was Dedicated to Nilda on October 2007”