

United Way of Olmsted County's

CULTURALLY POWERED COMMUNITIES



TOGETHER, WE BUILD BETTER LIVES

"We believe that every child has the right to an equitable early childhood experience, that they have access to high quality education and care, and that their families are represented and valued in our curriculum.

We've always been aware and focused on making sure that we have multicultural, multilingual, balanced education that's really inclusive for children. So our focus is really on education, but our children are going to be leaving here. So we need to make sure that there's not discrimination in housing or in healthcare or in policing, that they're valued and treated equally throughout society.

My husband is from Mexico and we knew that our child had to be bilingual in order to speak with half her family. So I ended up leaving my career at that time and going back to school, because I wanted bilingualism to be part of her regular school experience. I really wanted to have that not just for my child but for other children too.

IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN WHERE WE FOUND IT."

Christina Valdez - Executive Director of Listos

"WHEN I THINK OF LIVING UNITED, I THINK OF BEING ALL CONNECTED. WE'RE ALL INTERDEPENDENT. WHEN WE ALL DO BETTER, WE ALL DO BETTER."

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The mission of Listos is to provide an inclusive, affordable, unique, Spanish and English childcare and preschool experience.



PERSON-CENTERED

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FOSTERING POTENTIAL

Ensure we have multicultural, multilingual, balanced education that's inclusive for all children.



LIVING UNITED

In order to be successful, the whole community needs to be successful as well.



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