



A Ministry of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus

**Our Mission** Committed to North Philadelphia's Fairhill community since 1993, Providence Center offers education programming for children, youth, and adults. Our mission is to educate people to have the power and spirit to transform their lives and community.

## A Note from our Executive Director

Through the many challenges and nuances we've faced this past year there have also been many moments of immense gratitude and honor. To be named a Woman of Merit by Al Dia, one of the most well known Latinx Magazines in our region, is certainly a great honor. As I reflected on my career in preparation for my acceptance speech, I was overcome with a feeling of respect and thankfulness for those who guided me along the way. I'd like to share part of the words I shared at the 2021 Al Dia Women of Merit Event. Thank you for being a part of my Providence Center family.

"I am overwhelmed with so many thoughts and things I want to say. I think that it all comes down to an immense level of gratitude and appreciation for the connections and network that I have today... Reflecting on that is giving me many reasons to look forward to next steps in my career and a lot of reasons to want to pay it forward every step of the way... I want to say thank you to my Providence Center family, you have become my family in the last year and a half and I would not rather be any other place than where I am today. Providence Center, the board, the staff and the community represents so much of who I wanted to be... I get to be that person in this role, I get to be who I wanted to be. There is no better feeling than that... There is nothing more special than to feel at home at work." - Siria Rivera

## Congratulations to our Executive Director!



**Siria Rivera**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Providence Center

**AL DIA** WOMEN OF MERIT

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## Spring 2021

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## Program Highlights



We're still engaging our students via virtual programming. We ask students how they're feeling on a scale of 1-5 and make sure to help them process their emotions every day.

Providence Center received special recognition from the Census Bureau for our work in collaboration with Philly Counts, a city-wide initiative to bring awareness of the importance of proper representation in the census for communities of color. Our staff and Youth Advocates were able to reach out to over 3,000 individuals in the Fairhill area via phone banking and non-contact canvassing. This is part of our work to ensure that Fairhill residents have access to the resources they need to improve their lives.

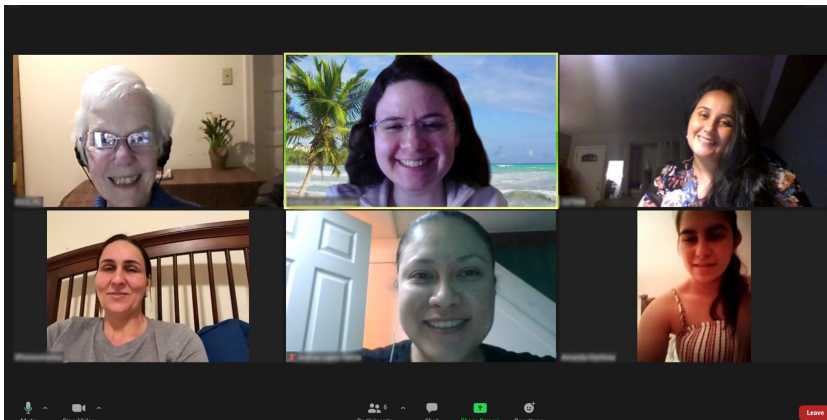


THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HEREBY RECOGNIZES

**Providence Center**

as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. We appreciate the efforts you made in making the Partnership Program a success and helping achieve a successful 2020 Census.

*Steven D. Dillingham*  
Dr. Steven D. Dillingham, Director  
U.S. Census Bureau



Over the past year we've served 150+ adult students in our ESOL program! Virtual classes have allowed us to gain traction and reach students all around Philadelphia. Special thank you to Sr. Peggy, who has continued to serve our community through the years.

**Don't forget to join us!**



Thursday  
April 29th,  
7:00—8:00 pm

For more information and to purchase tickets or Sponsorships, visit [tinyurl.com/JustImagine2021](https://tinyurl.com/JustImagine2021)

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Just direct your gift to Providence Center by using  
**our United Way number: 12030**

It's easy, it's quick, and it will make a tremendous positive impact in the lives of our students.

**Thank you for your support!**



## A Fairhill Leader of Tomorrow: Carlos



We're excited to announce that one of our recent Teen Leader graduates, Carlos, 19, has been accepted to Williamson College of the Trades, where he will study carpentry on a full scholarship. Carlos Lugardo joined the Providence Center team as a Teen Leader, working in our afterschool program assisting teachers with classroom management and providing one-on-one support to students as needed. He then joined our Youth Advocates program, in which he participated in a service project around Fairhill to beautify and improve the community. Recently, Carlos participated as a lead presenter in our Teen Trauma Ambassador program. Carlos is a perfect example of what can happen when youth are given the tools and support they need to succeed. We're happy to have him join us at our virtual event on April 29th.



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