

The Heart in Hand

el corazon en la mano

Noviembre de 2024

Herencia Musical

**Sunday, 12/8/24
@4:00pm**

Divinity Lutheran Church (Towson)

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Limited in-person tickets available.

Receive a *live-stream* link to the concert with any donation level!

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Herencia Musical December 8, 2024

Hermandad presents our third annual *Herencia Musical* featuring Puerto Rican Christmas Music on Sunday, December 8, 2024, 4:00 pm at Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, Maryland. Our performers this year will be Tito Padilla - leader, piano, and vocals, Luis Rivera, vocals, Catherine Fries-Sierra, narrator and vocals, Orlando Cotto, percussion and vocals, and Ernesto Rivera percussion. We will again hold the event in the church's Great Room.

You can bring your maracas and sing along as our musicians present a program of traditional Puerto Rican Christmas music. You'll hear engaging narration about the songs and traditions from Catherine Fries-Sierra and enjoy this fun performance by all our musicians. As we did last year, we will have tables setup for patrons to purchase items associated with the Puerto Rican Christmas celebration including sweets and ornaments from Puerto Rico. We will also have Jean Knight's handmade cards available for purchase.

This is our only fundraiser dedicated to the Jack and Eunice Knight Memorial Fund. It was created to focus on the specific needs of Puerto Rican youth. Each gift made to the Jack and Eunice Knight Memorial fund and your attendance to this fundraiser helps us expand, celebrate and support the various efforts of the youth of Puerto Rico.

Jack and Eunice Knight served as leaders in youth work and maintained active engagement through the church and community. They served as board members of many community organizations and their church.

Our event will be live-streamed available with a donation of any amount. We'll also give you access to a produced recording available for viewing through January 6, 2025. Come in person or enjoy the live-stream and help us help the youth of Puerto Rico. This year, children 18 and under are admitted free with an adult donation of \$35 or more.

Donation to Habitat for Humanity of Puerto Rico

In October, Hermandad received a donation to help support our commitment to Habitat for Humanity of Puerto Rico. We added to the donation and sent a \$1,000 donation earmarked for Habitat's work in Puerto Rico.

The Habitat affiliate in Puerto Rico will begin a 16 house rehab project in Caguas, Puerto Rico in 2025. Hermandad has supported multiple projects in Caguas including the work of Corporación Milagros del Amor (CorMA) and the library at Colegio Bautista De Caguas. We have seen great progress as they demonstrate faithful stewardship with all the resources they receive.

October Trip to Puerto Rico

Gifts for Corporación Milagros del Amor (CorMA) and our CorMA Work Day

During our October visit to Caguas, Hermandad president John Knight and Secretary Jean Knight had a workday at Corporación Milagros del Amor. They sorted and processed the underwear they brought following their appeal at Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, Maryland and area residents. Jean and John also helped sort and organize clothing in the Bazaar at CorMA.

As she does on most of our Puerto Rican trips, Hermandad Secretary, Jean Knight brought 200 handmade cards for CorMA recipients. Each card contains a scripture message. During this visit, she gave them directly to recipients and heard one man's story of the life changing assistance he received from CorMA.

Right: Jean and John Knight stand by their suitcase full of undergarments and socks for the homeless.



School Presentation

Hernandad president, John Knight and Jean Knight, Secretary visited Puerto Rico from October 8th to 15th. We provided a short presentation to 11th and 12th grade students who are eligible to apply for the leadership and service scholarships awarded through the John (Jack) and Eunice Knight Memorial Fund. This scholarship is intended to help students defray study-related expenses. The evaluation committee will select three students who will be awarded first, second and third place, according to the established criteria in December. Each application must be submitted on time, include an English essay, photo evidence of their efforts, and two letters of recommendation. Thanks to our generous donors Hernandad has been able to again increase the award amounts.

This year's awards will be:

First Place - \$2,000

Second Place - \$1,500

Third Place - \$1,000

Our scholarship presentation will occur at Corporación Milagros del Amor in Caguas, Puerto Rico on Friday, January 24, 2025. John and Jean Knight will be making the presentations. Hernandad will stream the event live through our YouTube channel with a link on our website.



John and Jean Knight speak to Colegio Bautista De Caguas Christian Education students about the Jack and Eunice Knight Memorial Fund's Leadership and Service Scholarships.

Aleyda y Amigos Hermandad Fundraiser in Puerto Rico on February 22, 2025

During their October visit, Jean and John Knight met with Aleyda Santos, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Puerto Rico and her parents.

Aleyda is also an accomplished musician with her powerful vocals as well as playing guitar and cuatro. With a small group of musicians, she will present a fundraiser, *Aleyda y Amigos*, for Hermandad. February 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time at Primera Iglesia Bautista de Caguas. We will also live-stream it to the mainland with a donation of any amount.



Front: (Left to Right) Aleyda Matos (Aleyda's mother), Aleyda Santos, Jean Knight (Hermandad Secretary).

Back: Amalio Santos (Aleyda's father) and John Knight, Hermandad President.

Hermandad presents:

Aleyda y Amigos

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Hermandad, INC. More details
coming on our website.

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