



The Heart in Hand

el corazon en la mano

junio de 2026

Celebration of Spring May 2026 Fundraising Concert

Hermandad held their third Celebration of Spring fundraising recital at the Steinway Gallery in Hunt Valley. We wish to thank Matt Bachman for allowing us to use this space. Our performers this year were: David Garcia, Pianist; Kathleen Hackett, Vocalist; and Joseph Bowens, Pianist. All musicians have trained through programs at Peabody Conservatory.

David Garcia's program included: Bach *Italian Concerto* BMV 971 mvt. 1; *Etude Opus 10 no.3 (Tristesse)*, Frederic Chopin; *Etude Opus 25 no.9 (Butterfly)*, Frederic Chopin; and *The Cat and The Mouse*, Aaron Copland.



David Garcia

Kathleen Hackett's program included: *Fuor de la bella Gaiba*, Casella; *Erstes Lied der Ophelia*, R. Strauss; and *As Imperceptibly as Grief*, Previn and *En Prière*. After a short break, Ms. Hackett performed *Laurie's Song*, Copland; *Du gai Soleil*, Massenet; and *Mein Herr Marquis*, J. Strauss



L-R: Hyojin Shin,
Kathleen Hackett

Joseph Bowens' program included: Alexander Scriabin - From Three pieces Op.49 No.3 "Reverie," Joseph Bowens - Untitled Peace, Frédéric Chopin - Etude No.12 Op.25 *Ocean* Nikolai Kapustin - Etude No.1 Op.67 *Glissandi* and Etude No.2 Op.67 *Ripetizione*.



Joseph Bowens

This year, Kathleen Hackett's accompanist was Hyojin Shin. She has performed worldwide on four continents. Hyojin is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts at Peabody Institute.

C3Tec Received \$3,200 for Youth and High School Robotics Training



L-R: Jean Knight, Hermandad Secretary; John Knight, Hermandad President; Tasha L. Endara Álvarez, Directora Ejecutiva of C3Tec, and Teisha Matta, C3Tec

Hermandad provided seven scholarships and an additional \$400 of unrestricted funds for a one week robotics course. Students ranged from 10-years-old to high school students.

After presenting the Hermandad donation on Tuesday, June 2, Jean and John Knight returned on Friday, June 5 for the competition and awards presentation. Each student used the robots they made to participate in a mock rescue of animals and delivering supplies after Hurricane Maria.



Fundación Luis Salazar Geigel

During their June 2026 visit to Puerto Rico, Jean and John had the opportunity to visit Luis Salazar Geigel in San Juan. Luis experienced serious body and head injuries after a car accident in 2009. He engaged in intensive rehabilitation work in Florida. Adapting to the aftereffects of his injuries, Luis has taken great strides.

Luis created the Fundación Luis Salazar Geigel dedicated to improving services for brain injury victims in Puerto Rico. Hermandad is exploring how we can help. Your donation gives us greater opportunities. Currently, patients receive three weeks of services after a brain injury. Luis works to make positive changes and prevent a bedridden life providing in-home rehabilitation services and support groups. His inspiring story inspires us. Your gifts will allow us to include Luis in our outreach.

Hermandad Presents Orlando Cotto Latin Jazz Quartet

Orlando Cotto Quartet



Jim Hannah



Jack Gussio



John Dahlman

Our December concert will feature Orlando Cotto's Quartet. Members include: Orlando Cotto, percussion; Jim Hannah, Drums; Jack Gussio, piano; and John Dahlman, bass. The program will include a variety of musical styles such as Cuban Danzón, Son, Cha-cha-chá, original compositions and Christmas selections.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Divinity Lutheran Church, 1220 Providence Rd, Towson MD 21286. All proceeds go to Hermandad's Jack and Eunice Knight memorial fund for Puerto Rican youth.

Fall Food and Jazz for the “Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico”

We are planning an early fall fundraiser featuring Latin food and jazz. Musicians will include Joseph Bowens, our newest musician for Hermandad’s May 2026 Celebration of Spring Recital. Look for more details on our website, social media and the President’s Column in the upcoming months.

Proceeds from this event will go toward “the Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico.”

The Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico

While in Puerto Rico in June, Jean and John’s friend, Juan Aguayo-Leal, served as director, editor and producer for John’s sermon for the endowment fund. Our video for “The Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico” will appear online in the next few weeks. We thank our director Juan for his expertise and donation of his skills and time for Hermandad.

We will have a link to the video which will originate from John Knight’s website. In his sermon, John relates the origin and inspiration of Hermandad, our growth and the development of the “The Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico.” Hermandad wishes to thank our adjunct staff, Reverend Rick Barlow, from the American Baptist Foundation who will work with us. We have shared with him our vision of insuring the work of Hermandad carries forth long into the future.

If you are interested, Rick would love to talk to you about helping carry forth the spirit of Hermandad for Puerto Rico. He will send you an email on our behalf. Please consider letting Rick share how you can help us continue the Hermandad spirit.

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Ways to Give

Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by “the Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico.” Hermandad, Inc, has partnered with the American Baptist Foundation (AFB) to provide:

Online Giving



Use your phone’s camera to scan the QR code. Here you can make a secure and instant online gift to “the Reverend John and Mrs. Jean Knight Endowment Fund for Puerto Rico.” To make it a re-occurring gift make sure you check the option, and include the endowment name and account #1897 in the comments section.

Your contribution supports long-term sustainability through the established endowment.