



About Asociación Tepeyac de New York

Asociación Tepeyac de New York was founded in 1997 to meet the needs of the growing Mexican immigrant population in New York City. It has emerged as a trusted source of information , education and community for thousands of people in all five boroughs. Asociación Tepeyac helps its clients and community integrate themselves into the political, cultural and social fabric of New York City through a network of 40 community based organizations each run by a board of elected volunteer leaders and housed in local churches.

Programs range from afterschool programs for elementary school children, to dance and video programs for young adults, to computer and English as a second language programs for adults. Tepeyac sponsors free workshops about immigration laws and helps its clients to combat labor and immigration abuses. The organization also coordinates many community and city-wide cultural events and celebrations, such as the Annual Cinco de Mayo race, Folkloric Ballet group and dance classes, Mexican Independence Parade, and the Antorcha Guadalupano celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the connections between people across the U.S.– Mexico border.

Their website is located at <www.tepeyac.org>

The mission of Asociación Tepeyac is:

- To defend the human and legal rights of Mexican and other Latino immigrants
- To provide social services to Mexican and other Latino immigrants that address medical, educational, mental health, legal and other urgent needs,

- To promote social, cultural, economic, political and religious development and expression
- To educate Mexican and other Latino immigrants about their rights
- To integrate Mexican and other Latino immigrants into U.S. society

Support services for Displaced Workers and Victims of the World Trade Center Tragedy

The events of September 11, 2001 greatly impacted the Latino and Mexican immigrant community in New York City. Not only the families of workers who died that day, but also the thousands of workers who lost their jobs, and thousands more who have ongoing emotional and financial needs relating to these events. Working nearly around the clock for the first weeks after the tragedy, and working tirelessly for the past year, Tepeyac staff and volunteers have helped victim's families deal with their losses by contacting overseas relatives, facilitating interactions between victim's families and the Red Cross, FEMA and other relief providers, making travel arrangements so that family members of the deceased could travel to the United States, and much more.

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