



# NEWS

## **QWEST FOUNDATION AWARDS EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA \$5,000 GRANT**

### ***Funds to Help Purchase New Computers for Classrooms***

**SEATTLE, Dec. 13, 2007** – The Qwest Foundation today announced its support of El Centro de la Raza with a \$5,000 contribution. The grant will be used to purchase computers for classrooms and to educate families on a broad variety of information and opportunities available from Qwest. Such grants are examples of Qwest’s commitment to serving diverse communities in Washington and is an element of the Spanish-language *Motivate.Educate.Elévate.* program.

“El Centro de la Raza has been an important part of the Seattle community for 35 years,” said Kirk Nelson, Qwest president for Washington. “Qwest is honored to support the organization as it continues its mission of providing premier services to families.”

Since being founded in 1972, El Centro has risen to become one of the most comprehensive Latino serving agencies providing one-stop, culturally relevant services. Many programs focus on providing high-quality education to the most vulnerable populations, including children who represent the future of the world. Although activities have generally contributed to grade increases, the center has reached a critical time when an upgrade is needed for teaching tools and activities that will further strengthen the development of students.

“Mil Gracias to the Qwest Foundation for its generous support,” said Roberto Maestas, Executive Director of El Centro. “With this assistance our children will be provided with up-to-date computers in a world where technology has become a powerful tool for strengthening and building our community.”

The new computers will also allow users to easily access [www.qwest.com/motivate](http://www.qwest.com/motivate), the Web site that serves as a focal point for the larger *Motivate.Educate.Elévate.* program. The site contains valuable information for parents and children and focuses primarily on encouraging community involvement and education, promoting online safety and helping prevent identity theft.

#### **About the Qwest Foundation:**

The Qwest Foundation's core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to

community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

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