

## The Elmhurst Community Partnership Celebrates its Third Dinner for Women

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The Elmhurst Community Partnership organized a dinner to empower women during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event was held on October 20 at the Boulevard Restaurant and 85 women attended.

Sandra Arboleda was the master of ceremonies and spoke about how violence against women, "like breast cancer", continues to increase. Arboleda is the director of SCO Family of Services.

"Today we celebrate the blessing of being a woman and the objective of this third dinner is to help the women of the community to develop self-esteem, self-esteem and learn to get ahead in this society," said Jessica Chacha, coordinator of the Elmhurst Community Partnership. "The best weapon is a prepared woman who knows how to take care of herself to take better care of others."

Chacha also said that if someone knows a woman who is being abused, in a relationship that is not healthy, then she should contact city organizations for support. "There are many children with emotional problems who also need help," said Chacha.

"We cannot lock ourselves in, we are warriors and we need to learn to obtain health and financial resources," said Maria Marnaud, co-president of Elmhurst Community Partnership.

During the dinner on the Boulevard, Thomas Rodríguez spoke about his organization We Latinos are more, which carries out civic campaigns in the community.

They were honored that night, Ana Jaramillo from the Family Resource Center, Tanya Whittmore from Healthfirst, Sandra Arboleda, Liz Baber from the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and Juliet Jones, visiting supervisor from Elmhurst Community Partnership.

To illustrate how hard women are, María Angulo spoke about the 150 chemotherapies that her 41-year-old body has received to fight breast cancer. "It has saved my family's love, learning to live every day and the help of God and my friends," said Angulo.

Among the sponsors of the dinner were Plaza del Sol, Urban Health Plan, Main Street Radiology, Grameen Vida Sana, Apple Bank, Healthfirst, Prosperity Consulting Group, Boulevard Theater, and Assemblyman Francisco Moya