

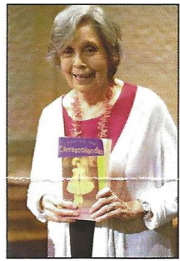


Voces Oral History Project 2019 Christmas Newsletter

Dear Voces Family,

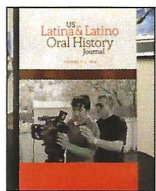
Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season!

As for Voces, we have had a busy 2019:



- In May, we celebrated the important contributions of **Aida Barrera**, who in the 1970s and 1980s created the children's public television program **Carrascolendas**, as well as television documentary and radio programs. Aida has donated her interview tapes and copies of her documentaries to

Voces to create the **Aida Barrera Collection**.



- We coordinated the publication of the third issue of the **US Latina & Latino Oral History Journal**, published by the **University of Texas Press** and sponsored by **UT-Austin Latino Studies**.



- In June, we held our third **Voces Oral History Research Summer Institute** for faculty and graduate students from all over the country.



- In March, students, staff and volunteers traveled to **Texas A&M-Corpus Christi** to interview 12 pioneers who fought for greater educational opportunities for Mexican Americans.



- Finally, in November, we celebrated our **20th anniversary** — with the exciting announcement by **Dean Jay Bernhardt** that Voces will become an official center at the **Moody College of Communication**. In January, we will be known as the **Voces Oral History Center**.

And throughout the year, we continued our commitment to chronicling the Latino/a experience in the U.S. by conducting more interviews, putting dozens of them online, scanning photographs and raising money from generous donors.

As we look to 2020, stay tuned for updates on Voces' exciting plans to celebrate culture and the arts with our **Voces of Mariachis** event in San Antonio.

While we celebrated many milestones this year, we realize that we live in times of tense political and cultural divisions, reminding us that history has an even greater obligation to educate and to celebrate, to be inclusive and to build bridges.

We appreciate all you do in support of our mission at Voces: to record, preserve and disseminate a history that reflects the full richness and diversity of Texas.

Thanks for a great year. We hope we can count on your donation to make 2020 our best one yet.

Sincerely,

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