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DPH and CORE Honored by Latin American Association

For COVID Vaccine Collaboration

Atlanta – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) have been honored by the Latin American Association (LAA) with the Pacesetter Award for their work in providing COVID vaccinations to Latinx communities in Georgia.

DPH has partnered with CORE and LAA to host vaccination events that bring vaccine to people in communities where they live and work. Through this collaboration, we are able to provide education about COVID vaccine and answer questions or dispel misinformation that leads to vaccine hesitancy.

“The collaboration between LAA, DPH and CORE has allowed us to save hundreds of lives. We are honored to be a vaccination site,” said Santiago Marquez, LAA CEO.

The Pacesetter Award is named for Mrs. Olga C. de Goizueta and is presented to an individual or group whose extraordinary efforts have significantly advanced the Latino community in Georgia and carried on Mrs. Goizueta’s lasting legacy.

“On behalf of the Georgia Department of Public Health, we are honored and extremely grateful for this recognition of our work together,” said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., DPH commissioner. “It is through successful public-private partnerships like this that we are able to vaccinate more Georgians and stop the spread of COVID-19.”

“CORE is honored and humbled to be recognized by LAA with this award. CORE’s services rely on strong partnerships with community partners like LAA to serve the people in their communities and with government partners like DPH,” said Margaret Herro, CORE Georgia Area Director.

For information about COVID vaccines or to schedule a vaccination appointment, visit dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine.

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