Greetings,

We are thrilled to announce that after 8 years of running under a fiscal agent, The City School, Chica Project has officially become an independent organization! This is an exciting time for us as we continue to grow and expand our award-winning programming.

As the Executive Director, I’m so proud of our young women, our team, and you, our network, that allow us to keep impacting our participants with the direction, skills, and confidence to succeed. We sincerely appreciate your continuous support!

We are going into our 9th year of programming and are preparing for another successful one, but we can’t do it without your help. Please help us inaugurate our bank account!

So, here is how you can support:

- **Follow us on social media!**

  ![Social Media Icons]

- **Make a donation online:**
Meet Our New Leadership Team!

Ellie Cordero is our 2019-2020 AmeriCorps Ambassador of Mentoring. Ellie is a proud Salvadoran and Mexican American raised in Malden, MA by a family of strong immigrant women. She attended UMass Boston where she studied Theater Arts & Women’s & Gender Studies. Ellie is passionate about exploring Latinx identities, learning about history through traveling and collaborating with community members.

Serena Glynn is thrilled to be our first program manager! Born in India and raised in Southern California, she is proud of her cultural roots. Since graduating from Kenyon College in 2016, she has worked as a family advocate for immigrant families and as a field instructor in Latin America and Southeast Asia, facilitating cross-cultural exchanges for high school students. Serena is passionate about global education and immigrant rights.

Why Chica Project?
Ellie wants to inspire young women to shine their light, break societal barriers, and be their authentic selves to empower the next generation of Women of Color. She wants to ensure that youth have easy access to the resources they need to flourish in their futures.

Serena strongly believes in the power of mentorship and advocacy as tools to empower young Women of Color to realize their fierce potential and become strong leaders. She is excited to join a team that strives to do just that!

Rosana Arriaza is Guatemalan American and is part of the first generation to go to college in her family! Currently a senior at UMass Boston, she can’t wait to finish off strong with a degree in Psychology and minor in Women and Gender Studies. Rosana is passionate about motivating all women, especially Women of Color, to take on challenges and discover their inner power.

Why Chica Project?
Rosana is excited to be a part of an organization filled with charisma and determination to support the personal and professional pathways of Latinas and other Women of Color.

Erika Lozano is a Latinx first generation Neyorquina (New Yorker) and one of our Program Facilitators. She is currently completing her Master’s in Public Health through Boston University’s School of Public Health. Erika is passionate about guiding research aimed towards bringing voices of resilient People of Color communities to the forefront of policy change.

Why Chica Project?
Erika aligns herself with our mission focused on empowering young Women of Color to take ownership of, and transform, their history of marginalization.
Nikia Hackett is excited to begin as one of our Program Facilitators. She was born and raised in Jamaica Plain, Boston, where she currently resides. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Clark University in Sociology and History. She recently completed her Masters in Social Work from Boston University. Nikia is passionate about mental health equity in People of Color communities.

**Why Chica Project?**

Nikia is excited to be a part of an organization that prides themselves on empowering and uplifting young Women of Color!

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**Alumnae Spotlight**

Congratuations to Lizzie and Megan who are currently sophomores at Stonehill College! Both Haitian American and first generation college students, these young women were participants of our program in Cathedral High School. Megan was our lively MC at our "Dinner Party with a Twist" 2019 fundraiser. Lizzie is pursuing a double major in Criminology and Psychology and Megan is studying Criminology and Sociology!

Shout out to Melissa who's a first year student at Clark University! A proud Haitian American, Melissa is pursuing a major in Biology. She joined us in 2015 through our Cathedral High School program, and was a peer leader her senior year. Melissa was also a chica ambassador at our "Dinner Party with a Twist" 2019 fundraiser, leading activities at her table with our sponsors and guests!
Check out Jazmarie who was from our program at Lawrence High School! Currently a first year student at UMass Lowell, she is studying International Relations and Political Science. In June, Jazmarie joined our staff in a meet-and-greet with Mayor Dan Rivera and Superintendent Cynthia Paris to speak about her experience and leadership at Chica Project!

So proud of Nathalie who just started her first year at Connecticut College! Nathalie is a first generation college student and has been our community based participant for the past 4 years. You may remember her from our "Power of One" 2018 fundraiser as one of our main speakers who presented Pamela Rosario with our annual mentor award. Keep up the great work, Nathalie!

October Events

JOIN OUR KICKOFF EVENT!

*Chica Project has helped me gain real-life skills and a sense of leadership while building up my confidence that I had lost. My sense of identity as a woman has strengthened throughout my time as a program participant.*

- Emily Gomez, Alumna

**CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE "TOWN COMMON"**
500 RUTHERFORD AVE. BOSTON, MA 02129

**WHEN**
SAT. OCT. 19TH
10:45AM - 2PM
(BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED)

**HOW**
RSVP
SERENA@CHICAPROJECT.ORG
Our community based program empowers Latinas and other Women of Color to celebrate culture and uplift each other to build a strong community of resilient thinkers, dreamers, and believers. Through a group mentoring model, we focus on cultural identity exploration, leadership development, and professional growth.

**What do you need to know?**

- Our program is free and open to all young women in MA, ages 14-18.
- Youth must complete our participant application before October 19th.
- We meet every third Saturday of the month in Boston, Lawrence, and Lynn.
- We'll have breakfast and snacks!
- What to expect? To have fun, get to meet other young women your age and mentors. Come with an open mind and positive vibes!
- For further information, please email serena@chicaproject.org and visit our website.

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**Yo Soy LOLA**

Visit [Yo Soy LOLA's website](#) to view their upcoming events showcasing Latinas in the arts, you don't want to miss these powerful performances!

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