



Program Overviews and Volunteer Opportunities

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) opened in October 2000, following a vision developed over 15 years by local artists and community leaders. The center offers exhibitions, performances, and educational programs that celebrate Hispanic and Latino arts and culture, enriching the community's understanding of its diverse history. As a division of the State of New Mexico's Department of Cultural Affairs, it is funded by the state legislature, with additional support from the NHCC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Visual Arts (VA)

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) Art Museum and Visual Arts Program showcases and interprets art from diverse and complex Latino experiences. The NHCC Art Museum includes a rapidly expanding permanent art collection and a state-of-the-art storage facility to preserve it. Rotating exhibitions include selections from the permanent collection, exhibits generated by NHCC Visual Arts Staff, a Community Gallery featuring significant local artists, and groundbreaking traveling exhibits, all of which actively engage multiple audiences in this dynamic museum venue. In addition, the Visual Arts Program provides educational programming throughout the year. The VA team consists of 5 staff members.

Volunteer Opportunities with VA include serving as an event volunteer for education programs, a greeter for receptions and tours, and a docent for the NHCC Art Museum and Torreón. Additional training is required to become a docent. We are also looking for skilled technical volunteers, such as carpenters and painters, to assist with exhibit installation.

Performing Arts (PA)

The mission of the Performing Arts program is to present and produce a variety of traditional and contemporary theatrical, musical, dance, and multidisciplinary performances and events that preserve and promote Hispanic cultures in New Mexico, the nation, and the world. The season also includes a variety of annual programming, including education programming, that is specific to seasons, holidays, and celebrations. Seven full-time and several part-time staff support all PA performances and programs. Their offices are located in the Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts.

Volunteer opportunities include serving as a performance usher, which is needed for every event in our Performing Arts theaters. Ushers assist visitors by checking tickets, escorting audience members to their seats, closing and reopening doors to maintain an ideal audience experience, and assisting in theater evacuations. Ushers receive free admission to the events they volunteer for, and additional training is required. The mission of the Performing Arts program is to present and produce a variety of traditional and contemporary theatrical, musical, dance, and multidisciplinary performances and events that preserve and promote Hispanic cultures in New Mexico, the nation, and the world. The season also includes a variety of annual programming, including education programming, that is specific to seasons, holidays, and celebrations. Seven full-time and several part-time staff support all PA performances and programs. Their offices are located in the Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts.

History and Literary Arts (HLA)

The NHCC History and Literary Arts Program encompasses a library and archives that document, preserve, and provide access to the history, culture, and literature of Hispanos worldwide for local, national, and international patrons. Our holdings include over 12,000 non-circulating books and periodicals, microfilmed government and church records for genealogical research, and a repository of rare books, maps, photographs, and manuscript collections related to people, organizations, and historic events in the local community and New Mexico. The program currently has two staff members. The NHCC History and Literary Arts Programs includes the library and archives, both of which document, preserve and make accessible to local, national and even international patrons the history, culture and literature of Hispanos worldwide through more than 12,000 non-circulating books and periodicals; microfilmed government and church records for genealogy research; and a repository of rare books, maps, photography and manuscript collections of people, organizations and historic events of the local community and New Mexico at large. There are currently two staff members in HLA.

Volunteer Opportunities include working in the library to assist visitors, in addition to helping with genealogy, library, archive, and HLA exhibition projects. Library volunteers are accepted on an as-needed basis. Additional training is provided by HLA staff.

NHCC Administration

The NHCC Administrative team excels in a variety of essential areas, including groundskeeping and maintenance, finance, rental coordination, janitorial services, marketing, volunteer coordination, and much more. Our administrative offices are conveniently located upstairs in the Intel Visual Arts Building.

Volunteer Opportunities include making a difference in the community. Volunteers can contribute by delivering marketing materials around town, assisting with important office tasks, participating in gardening projects, and supporting building maintenance efforts. Join us in our commitment to excellence!

NHCC Foundation (NHCCF)

NHCCF is dedicated to raising funds to support the NHCC's programming and operational needs and is located in the Pete V. Domenici Education Center.

Volunteer opportunities with the foundation include assisting with fundraising efforts and general office tasks, such as preparing membership mailings and event invitations. NHCCF is dedicated to raising funds to support the NHCC's programming and operational needs and is located in the Pete V. Domenici Education Center.

Do you have questions or want to apply to be an NHCC volunteer?

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