

From the Desk of Lupe Ontiveros

Dear Friends,

I have met many challenges throughout my career as an actress of television, film and stage. Overcoming each challenge has allowed me to grow and become the best actor I could possibly be. Looking over my life and the obstacles I have faced, there is no doubt, one of the greatest challenges I have faced is that of losing friends to AIDS.

Over the years, I have worked with many worthy causes, yet none are as close to my heart as HIV/AIDS through impassioned work of The Wall Las Memorias Project. Besides building the nation's only publicly funded AIDS monument, they provide dynamic and powerful HIV prevention and education services to my community of Los Angeles. The AIDS monument serves as a catalyst for much needed dialogue and community. The Wall Las Memorias Project has been instrumental in empowering our community by opening the door towards education on HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

During these difficult economic times, The Wall-Las Memorias Project faces a major funding shortage. Despite this adversity, The Wall-Las Memorias has managed to continue providing quality services to our people while also expanding their reach into the community.

It is a great pleasure to be honored by The Wall-Las Memorias Project for my years of work in HIV/AIDS awareness at their Annual Rojo food tasting celebration on Wednesday, November 16th. The theme for this year's event is *Sabor Latino* and will take place from 7p.m. to 11p.m. at Cicada's located at 617 S. Olive Street in downtown Los Angeles. Seven of the finest restaurants in Los Angeles will participate in this extraordinary event.

Please join me for this truly special night of community recognition, music, food, and dancing. Buy your tickets today by visiting the organization's home page at: www.thewalllasmemorias.org.

I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday, November 16th at ROJO and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Lupe Ontiveros
Lupe Ontiveros



LUPE ONTIVEROS