



## **Speak Life! 2023 Health Equity Conference: ¡Acción ahora!/Action Now!**

### **Award Nomination Form**

### **Category 3: Edgar Santa Cruz Outstanding Coalition Member Award (NEW THIS YEAR)**

The Latino and African American Health Coalitions, convened by Common Ground Health, are set to host their annual Speak Life! Health Equity Conference. The conference aims to unite, teach, reach, and motivate community members to take action towards healing and moving forward in hope. Its theme this year is ¡Acción ahora!/Action now! During the event, three individuals who have improved health outcomes in the 9-county Finger Lakes region (Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates counties) will be honored for the impact of their work in healthcare. Please submit nominations for the awards listed below. The Awards Committee will select awardees based on the content included in this submission. Feel free to add a letter of support with your submission. Nomination forms must be received by 02/28/2023. Please email the completed form to [healthcoalitions@commongroundhealth.org](mailto:healthcoalitions@commongroundhealth.org).

### **Person being nominated**

Nominee's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility (job title or community role): \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (organization or network): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What coalition(s) is this person a member of? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Person completing nomination**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

[Edgar Santa Cruz](#) served Rochester and the Finger Lakes region as a hands-on social worker, dedicated project manager, and compassionate neighbor. He was an active leader on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County Board of Directors and brought thoughtfulness, enthusiasm, and a high level of engagement to each venture he joined. Edgar was a key presence at Cameron Community Ministries in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood, where he served as a social worker for five years. At the time of his unexpected passing in 2022, he was working for Foodlink, forming a strategy to expand the impact of the Lexington Garden Urban Farm, which feeds residents of Rochester's Northwest neighborhood. His warmth and friendly nature, constant awareness of potential collaborations, and steadfast commitment to ensuring basic services such as food, clothing, and medical care, made Edgar an exceptional coalition member and advocate for health equity.

This award will recognize a member of either the Latino Health Coalition or African American Health Coalition:

The Latino Health Coalition works to improve health equity for the Latino community in the Rochester-Finger Lakes region. The long-standing advisory group has addressed a variety of health concerns for Latinos, including youth risk behaviors, language barriers, economic stress and cultural competency. The coalition began as a task force in 1998 and was officially established in 2007. It has a proud history of providing community data on health outcomes for Latinos.

The African American Health Coalition seeks to improve health equity for Black residents in the Rochester-Finger Lakes region. The long-standing advocacy and advisory group brings together community members, organizational leaders and healthcare workers of our region to coordinate efforts to improve health for Black people. The coalition began as a task force in 2002 and was officially established in 2007. It has a proud history of providing community data on health outcomes for African Americans.

**Eligibility:** This award is given to a coalition member who has demonstrated commitment to the mission and values of their coalition, as outlined above and detailed in the coalition charters ([Latino Health Coalition](#) and [African American Health Coalition](#)). This person uplifts the work of the coalition by leveraging their networks and connections to integrate the coalitions' mission into the work they do and throughout the community.

a) How has this coalition member shown commitment to the coalition's mission and values? (Limit 1500 characters)

b) How has this coalition member worked to further the goals of the coalition throughout their work and/or community? (Limit 1500 characters)