



Gala de 35 Años

Celebrating Our Past and Unveiling Our Future

November 5, 2026 | State Street, Boston | 6:00–9:00 pm

About the Event

Hyde Square Task Force's 35th anniversary gala is a milestone moment for the organization and for Boston's Latin Quarter. After years of annual breakfasts, the Gala de 35 Años marks a new era: an elevated evening event at State Street that honors three and a half decades of impact, looks ahead to what comes next for HSTF, and closes with something Boston has never seen from us before.

The evening unfolds in three acts:

6:00
7:15 pm

Cocktail Hour and Dinner Stations Guests arrive to a warm welcome with heavy appetizers served via dinner stations, mingling, and conversation.

7:15
8:05 pm

Formal Program A look back at 35 years of youth impact; honoree recognition; and a look ahead at the future plans for HSTF and the Latin Quarter.

8:05
9:00 pm

Afro-Latin Dance Celebration For the first time in HSTF's event history, the evening doesn't end with remarks. It ends on the dance floor. An Afro-Latin dance instructor leads an optional lesson before the floor opens for dancing, bringing HSTF's most powerful cultural tradition directly into the room.

Why Corporate Sponsorship Matters

Sponsoring the Gala de 35 Años is an investment in three things that matter to any company committed to Boston's future:

Your Future Workforce

One hundred percent of HSTF seniors graduate high school and go on to college or career training. The young people in HSTF's programs are Boston's next generation of professionals, leaders, and innovators. A sponsorship is a direct investment in the talent pipeline your company will hire from.

A Commitment to Boston

The Latin Quarter is one of Boston's most historically significant neighborhoods, shaped by generations of Afro-Latin immigration and cultural contribution. HSTF has been its anchor institution for 35 years. Your presence at this gala signals that your company is invested in the city beyond its downtown footprint.

The Arts, Fully Alive

HSTF's programs center Afro-Latin dance, music, and theatre as tools for youth development and community identity. This gala brings that tradition directly into the room. Sponsoring this event means sponsoring one of Boston's most distinctive and vital cultural organizations at its most celebratory moment.

The event fundraising goal is \$150,000, with all proceeds supporting HSTF youth programs. Corporate sponsors are the foundation of that goal.

About Hyde Square Task Force

Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) is a community-based nonprofit founded in 1991 in the heart of Boston's Latin Quarter. For 35 years, HSTF has nurtured the voices, creativity, and leadership of young people by grounding them in Afro-Latin culture, so they can advance justice in their communities.

HSTF serves youth through a continuous 13-year arc of support, from 8th grade through age 25, across programs in Afro-Latin arts, academic and college preparation, civic leadership, and mental health. The organization also serves as the state-designated managing partner of Boston's Latin Quarter Cultural District, hosting free public events and supporting emerging Afro-Latin artists citywide.

300+

youth in HSTF programs
each year

100%

of seniors graduate and
enroll in college or
career training

1,800+

community members at
HSTF cultural events
annually

35

years as the cultural
anchor of Boston's Latin
Quarter

35 Years in Boston's Latin Quarter

1991

Founded by Jamaica Plain residents to address inequity in Hyde/Jackson Square

2001

Launched youth Afro-Latin dance program, the seed of today's Jovenes en Accion program

2007

HSTF's dance team receives the Coming Up Taller Award, the nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts programs, presented at the White House by First Lady Laura Bush

2008

Purchased headquarters on the Blessed Sacrament campus

2016

Boston City Council designated Hyde and Jackson Squares as the city's Latin Quarter

2018

HSTF youth helped secure Boston's Latin Quarter as an official Massachusetts Cultural District; HSTF named managing partner

2025

Launched capital campaign and sold Blessed Sacrament church to Pennrose LLC; securing long-term lease for a performance hall

2026

35th anniversary and the launch of a new chapter for the campus and the Latin Quarter

HSTF is also in the early stages of a capital campaign to transform the historic Blessed Sacrament campus, creating a permanent performance space inside the former church and a modernized headquarters for youth programs. This gala marks both a celebration of what HSTF has built and a look ahead at what comes next.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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To confirm your sponsorship, contact Celina Miranda at celina@hydesquare.org or 617-318-6618.

Graduados

\$25,000

Alumni Sponsor

The full arc realized. A Graduados gift honors the young people who have completed the journey and are now shaping Boston's future.

- 20 tickets to the event
- Presenting sponsor designation across all event materials, invitations, and signage
- Named recognition throughout the formal program
- Opportunity for brief remarks during the formal program
- Dedicated social media feature and email to HSTF's 5,000+ subscribers
- Logo in post-event acknowledgments and year-end communications

Caminos

\$20,000

Pathways Sponsor

The journey forward. A Caminos gift supports young people navigating college, careers, and the paths ahead.

- 15 tickets to the event
- Prominent sponsor recognition in all event materials and signage
- Named recognition during the formal program
- Dedicated social media feature reaching 5,000+
- Logo in post-event acknowledgments and year-end communications

Líderes

\$15,000

Leaders Sponsor

The moment of rising. A Lideres gift reflects the confidence we place in young people stepping into their power.

- 12 tickets to the event
- Sponsor recognition in all event materials and signage
- Named recognition during the formal program
- Social media recognition reaching 5,000+
- Logo in post-event acknowledgments

Jóvenes

\$10,000

Youth Sponsor

The energy at the heart of everything. A Jovenes gift celebrates the youth who make it all possible.

- 10 tickets to the event
- Sponsor recognition in event materials and signage
- Social media recognition reaching 5,000+
- Logo in post-event acknowledgments

Niños

\$5,000

Community Sponsor

The beginning. A Ninos gift supports the youngest members of our community taking their very first dance, music, and theater lessons.

- 6 tickets to the event
- Sponsor recognition in event materials
- Social media recognition reaching 5,000+
- Logo in post-event acknowledgments

All sponsorships include recognition in event materials, social media, and post-event acknowledgments. Host Committee opportunities also available; contact Celina for details.