

MEET THE GRANTMAKERS

Funding for Youth & Education Programs

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ORGANIZATION/FOUNDATION NAME:



PANELIST NAME & TITLE:

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INTERESTS:

(e.g., Fields of interest, areas funded types of support or service, geographic region, exclusions, etc.)

In 1979, a network of 28 young visionaries established North Star Fund – a community foundation that forged a new approach to giving. Inspired by the era's movements for social justice, they created a collaborative activist-led philanthropy. For three decades, North Star Fund has remained an agile, community driven foundation.

North Star Fund provides seed funding for grassroots community-based organizations that address and tackle issues of social injustice including but not limited to the root causes of poverty, inequality, the environment, homophobia and gender discrimination in New York City.

CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICE SUMMARY:

(e.g., 2008 disbursements, average grant size or range, summary of technical assistance, etc.)

In 2008 the North Star Fund disbursed \$504,450 in grants, the size of the grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

We also house donor advised funds, the amounts which vary but the total disbursement was \$1,170,041.

PANELIST BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Diana Correa joined the North Star Fund staff as the first Deputy Director for Programs & Strategic Initiatives in January 2009. Diana will be responsible for increasing North Star Fund's philanthropic partnerships, expanding its grants and support for New York City's grassroots groups and coordinating new donor programming.

Diana brings more than 20 years of experience in program development, public interest law, and fundraising to North Star Fund. Most recently she worked at Hispanics in Philanthropy as the Northeast Regional Director of their funders' collaboratives. Diana has worked as a criminal defense attorney with the Legal Aid Society; directed an initiative on behalf of Latino inmates with the Correctional Association of New York; advocated on behalf of the legal rights of minors under the auspices of the ACLU; and served as the Assistant Director for the Center for Public Interest Law at Columbia University Law School. As a consultant in New York and Miami, she assisted private-sector and non-profit clients with fundraising and program development. Diana also worked for four years in university advancement at Florida International University in Miami.

Diana, a native New Yorker, has served on the board of LatinoJustice/PRLDEF for 14 years. She received her bachelor's in sociology from City College of New York and her law degree from Rutgers University. Diana received a Fulbright fellowship to research the conditions of confinement of Latin American women incarcerated in Spain.

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