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**Para Los Niños selected as 2019 California Nonprofit of the Year**

*Nominated by local State Legislator for outstanding work with children and families in Los Angeles*

**Los Angeles, CA** – Para Los Niños (PLN) is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2019 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer for the impactful work taking place in the 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly District!

Para Los Niños President and Chief Executive Officer, Drew Furedi and Director of Family Services, Jimmy Urizar will travel to Sacramento this week to join nearly one hundred other nonprofit leaders being honored by their state senators and assemblymembers during a celebration luncheon as part of California Nonprofits Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

“It is the daily partnership of our over 400 staff with parents and the high-quality education we provide our children and youth that allow us to have the profound, positive impact on thousands of Angelinos each year,” said Furedi of the accolade. “We are honored and thrilled for this recognition from Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer and the California Association of Nonprofits.”

Para Los Niños is an educational nonprofit that serves over 6,000 children, youth and families each year across Los Angeles. Their mission is to foster pathways to success through excellent education, powerful families, and strong communities so children and youth can thrive. PLN, going into its 40<sup>th</sup> year, has 14 locations serving children from six-weeks-old through entering the workforce and provides workshops and resources for parents and families to overcome generational poverty and reach their potential.

“Nonprofits are often hidden in plain sight,” explains Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). “California Nonprofits Day is an opportunity for our elected officials to celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts, and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities.”

Para Los Niños will share photos from the event on their website [paralosninos.org](http://paralosninos.org) following the luncheon.

*About California Nonprofits Day:*

*California Nonprofits Day, now in its fourth year, was formally recognized by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 62, authored by the chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, Assemblywoman Monique Limón (Santa Barbara), who will speak at the celebration luncheon. Senator Holly Mitchell will keynote the luncheon. The day is organized by Assemblymember Limón and CalNonprofits.*

*According to “Causes Count,” a 2016 report commissioned by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4th largest industry in the state, employing nearly one million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate over \$200 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid labor contributed by volunteers at nonprofits is equivalent to 450,000 full-time jobs every year.*

*About Para Los Niños:*

*Founded on Skid Row in 1980, Para Los Niños provides education and wraparound support to over 6,000 of L.A.’s neediest children, youth, and families each year. PLN fosters pathways to success by striving for excellence in education, family support, and comprehensive social-emotional, and community-based services.*

*Through early-education, tk-8<sup>th</sup>-grade education, youth workforce services, and family and community services, Para Los Niños’ model provides a comprehensive, holistic approach to break the cycle of poverty and help children and youth thrive.*

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