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**YMCA To Honor Gossett, Maestas, Santos and Whitebear  
With 26<sup>th</sup> YMCA A.K. Guy Award on Nov. 12**

SEATTLE—For the first time ever, the YMCA of Greater Seattle will recognize four unrelated individuals with the YMCA A.K. Guy Award. Larry Gossett, Roberto Maestas, Bob Santos and the late Bernie Whitebear will be honored at the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary YMCA A.K. Guy Award Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Working together, the “Four Amigos” have been among the most influential and charismatic leaders in our community. Since the late 1960s, their activism for social justice and civil rights has changed the face of leadership in the Puget Sound region, inspiring generations. Theirs is a unique story of diverse communities working together to fully integrate minorities into the area’s social, economic and political life.

Jointly, the four men founded Making Our Votes Effective (MOVE) and the Minority Executive Directors Coalition (MEDC). Individually, each has founded or led a community organization, including the Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP), El Centro de la Raza, InterIm Community Development Association and United Indians of All Tribes Foundation.

The YMCA A.K. Guy Award was established in memory of A.K. Guy (1892-1983), president of G.O. Guy Drugs, who was a community leader and dedicated volunteer for civic organizations, his church, the YMCA of Greater Seattle Board of Directors and YMCA Camp Orkila. The A.K. Guy Award is presented annually to an individual, couple, corporation or organization that exemplifies the ideals of the late A.K. Guy.

Past recipients of the YMCA A.K. Guy Award include Colleen S. Willoughby (2008), Honorable Richard A. Jones (2007), Maggie and Doug Walker (2006) and Constance and Norman Rice (2005).

The A.K. Guy Award Luncheon will take place on Thursday, Nov. 12, from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Tickets are \$75/person (\$750 for table of 10) for non-profits and \$100/person (\$1,000 for table of 10) for corporations. To purchase tickets, contact Sok In at 206-344-3190 or [akguy@seattleyymca.org](mailto:akguy@seattleyymca.org).

**About the YMCA of Greater Seattle:**

The YMCA of Greater Seattle is a charitable, non-profit organization serving King and south Snohomish counties since 1876. Reaching more than 140,700 people annually through 12 branches, two resident camps and more than 200 program sites, the YMCA provides a wide range of programs and services in child care, youth development, education, foster care, family support, wellness and outdoor experiences. More information may be found at [seattleyymca.org](http://seattleyymca.org).

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