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# *Color and Learn*

## THANK YOU!

The **Latino Community Fund (LCF Georgia)** would like to thank all of the leaders that have fought and taken a stance for their communities and securing human and civil rights for all.

Thousands of individuals continue to do this hard work in our country every single day and it is important that we learn about them. We are grateful to the artists that participated and shared their art and talent for this project.

Through their work we are able to tell the amazing stories of the leaders featured in this book and often times missing from our textbooks and schools.

## A MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES

The leaders featured in this coloring book, have had a huge impact on millions of peoples lives and a lot of us have never heard their names. Representation in history is important!

Help us share these beautiful stories with our neighbors, friends and family. This is an opportunity to educate ourselves while having fun!

Everyone can make a difference in our communities, we all have the responsibility of protecting and helping each other.

You can help your community by educating, working, and uplifting others. Remember you can register to vote, go out to vote, get counted in the census and expressing what is important to you and your family to your representatives. Your voice matters.

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# Sophie Cruz

ILLUSTRATION BY: DANIEL MARIN

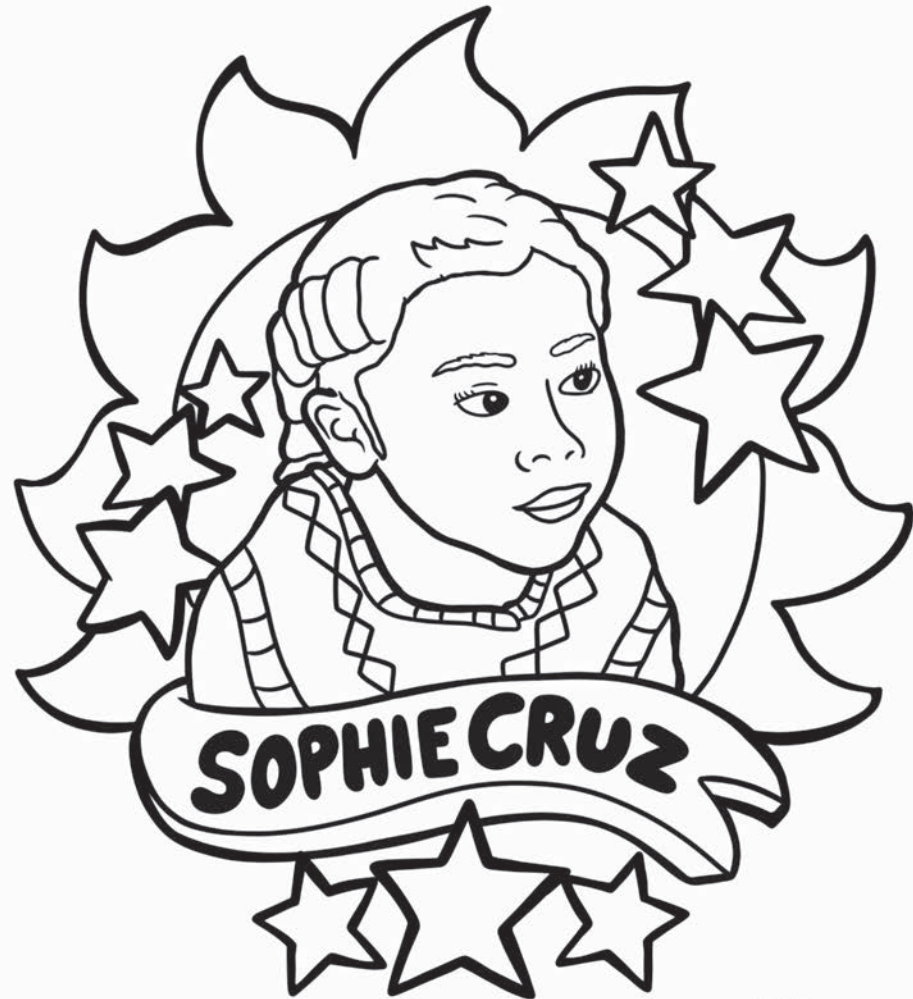
Sophie Cruz was only 5 years old when she ran up to Pope Francis in the middle of a parade with a T-shirt and an important letter. The letter had a powerful message about the immigration issues our communities are living through everyday. She wanted to grow up with her family and not be separated from her parents.

## THE RIGHT TO AN UNITED FAMILY

Sophie is right! Kids just like you deserve to grow up with families that live together.

We live in a country that values liberty and freedom of expression. Our parents and families came to the U.S in search of a better future for generations to come.

They work hard to create those opportunities for us. We are proud of our families, our parents and those that are far away.



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# Felicitas & Sylvia Mendez

ILLUSTRATION BY: JESSICA CALDAS

Felicitas and Sylvia lived in California. Sylvia was not allowed to go to a school close to her house because of the color of her skin ("Whites only, no Mexicans allowed"). Her mom, Felicitas, fought in court and won with Sylvia's testimony. This was the first case fighting segregated schools in the U.S.

## THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND EDUCATION

Did you know that kids of color could not play, or go to the schools in their neighborhoods because of the color of their skin?

They had to go to separate schools that did not have enough resources to get a great education.

Kids everywhere have the right to have an excellent education and be together. Diversity and learning together is beautiful!



# Wong King Ark

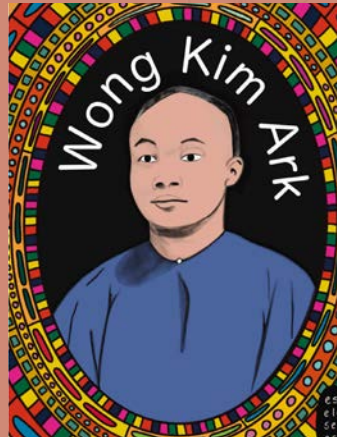
ILLUSTRATION BY: ESTELA SEMECO

Wong Kim Ark was born in U.S in the late 1800's. His parents immigrated from China in search for a better life. One day he traveled to China. When he came back home to the U.S, authorities stopped him and said that he was not an American. They discriminated him because he of the way he looked. He fought in a case that went all the way up to the Supreme Court and won! Won Kim Ark, just like anyone born in the U.S is an American.

## CIVIL AND INMIGRANT RIGHTS

Did you know that when you are born in the U.S. you have the same rights as any other American Citizen? It does not matter where your parents, family or grandparents came from or what language they speak. The U.S Constitution protects us!

Wong KimArk fought for his right in being recognized as a U.S Citizen. That cannot be taken away from someone based on how they look or the language they speak.



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# Sylvia Rivera

ILLUSTRATION BY: MONICA ALEXANDER

Sylvia Rivera was a strong transgender woman that fought for LGBTQAI+ rights. She participated in what is known as the Stone Wall Riots. She also created STAR with her friend Marsha P. Johnson. This was a home where LGBTQAI+ youth could sleep if they did not have a place to sleep at night.

## LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

The LGBTQIA+ community has suffered a lot of discrimination in society and from governmental institutions. Sexual orientation and gender identity should not impact your rights.

People like Sylvia created a movement that has influenced and achieved obtaining human rights for the LGBTQIA+ community. She shows us that love has no barriers.



# Tarana Burke

ILLUSTRATION BY: ELLY PAGÁN

Tarana Burke started the #MeToo Movement in 2006 after hearing the assault story of a young girl. #MeToo encourages people to speak out when they have been assaulted. With her work, the conversation about accountability for the people that did harm to others went viral and started this very important conversation.

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Everyone should always be respected and feel safe. Studies show that 80% of female farmworkers have been harassed in the U.S.

A lot of hard working women share these stories too. We need more leaders like Tarana in our communities to uplift our voices and fight for our rights!





# Arturo Alfonso Schomburg

ILLUSTRATION BY: LAURA VELA

Arturo Alfonso Schomburg dedicated his life to documenting the history of black Americans and black Latinos around the world. These stories spoke the reality of Afro-decedent communities. He also helped found "Club Borinquen" to promote Puerto Rican civic participation.

## CIVIL RIGHTS & REPRESENTATION

It is important for people's story to be told. Everyone should have civil rights and representation regardless of their race or the color of their skin.

Through Arturo Alfonso's work, seeds for the Civil Rights movement in the U.S were planted. By telling the stories of black communities in the U.S. and Latin America, stories of injustice were told and later addressed.





# Laura Cornelius Kellogg

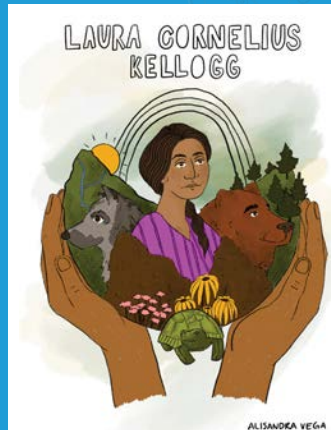
ILLUSTRATION BY: ALISANDRA VEGA

Known as the “Princess Wynnogenee”, Laura Cornelius Kellogg was a leader for the Iroquois, one of the original indigenous nations the north-east of what is now the U.S. Laura fought for the rights of indigenous lands and a government for the native people by native people. They are the original inhabitants of this land.

## INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

The U.S. was a country colonized by Europeans. Unfortunately, indigenous civilizations were abused and violated to the point of almost becoming extinct in many cases.

Fighters like Laura are proud of where they come from and worked to preserve their land, tradition and culture. Do you know which culture or tribe lived on the land you live now?



# LAURA CORNELIUS KELLOGG



ALISANDRA VEGA

# Stormé DeLarverie

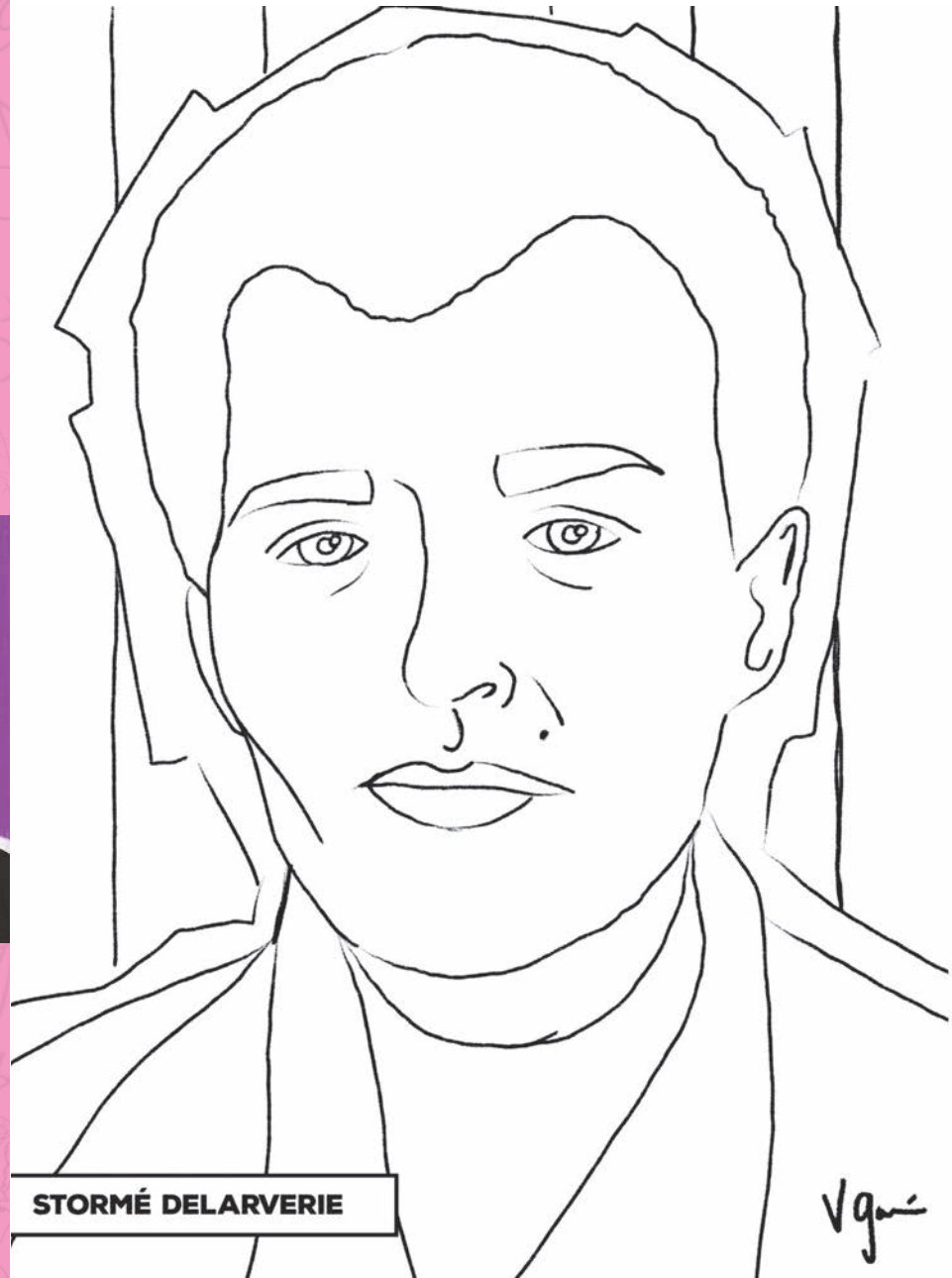
ILLUSTRATION BY: VICTORIA GARCÍA

Stormé Delarverie was present during Stone Wall. This was a protest that happened in New York City. It is one of the most remembered LGBTQIA+ protest in history. It is said that Stormé is the person that motivated people around her to stand up to those that were abusing and violating the community that day. Stormé was also a volunteer at shelters for women and children that were abused.

## LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

The LGBTQIA+ community has had to fight a lot for the rights that they have today. The fight still continues.

Thanks to Storme and her bravery, a lot of LGBTQIA+ communities took action to defend themselves. Everyone deserves love and acceptance no matter who they love or how they identify. LOVE IS LOVE!





# Petra Allende

ILLUSTRATION BY: ARIANA RIVERA

Petra Allende fought for voting rights and helped educate people who could not read and write in New York City. In her day, communities of color had to take literacy test to vote. This law made it so that millions of people could not vote. Petra worked hard to change this so that our communities would not be suppressed.

She was a factory worker and sewed for a living. She was called the “Mayor of the Neiborghood”.

## CIVIL AND INMIGRANT RIGHTS

Historically, there have been many efforts to suppress our communities’ participation in elections.

Thanks to Petra and other activists, now a lot of us can vote with out being afraid. It is everyone’s job to preserve the right to vote. This allows us to decide what’s best for our communities.



# Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez

ILLUSTRATION BY: EDRIC FIGUEROA

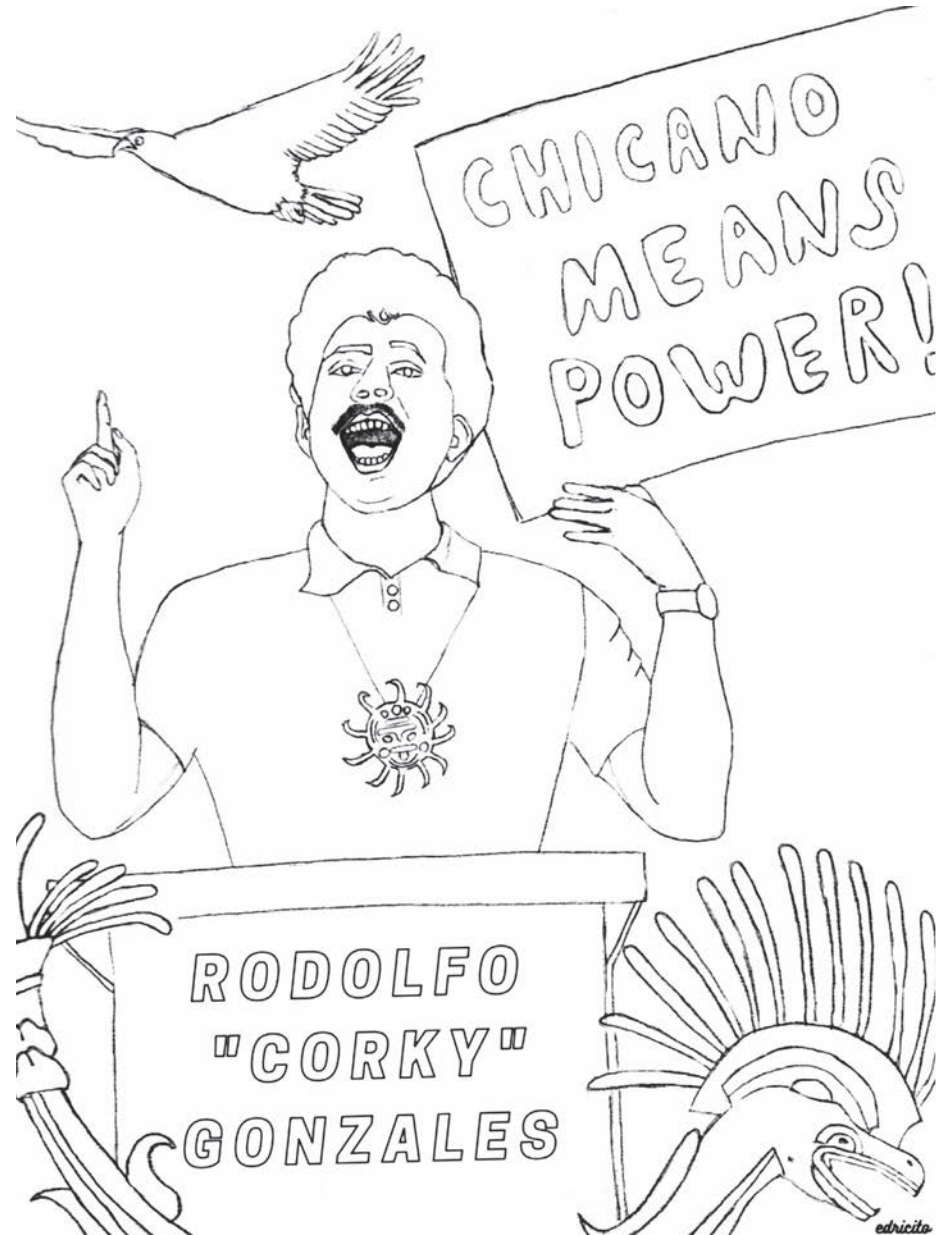
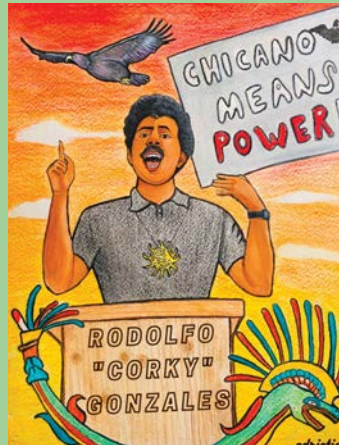
Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez was part of the Chicano movement. He lived in Denver, Colorado and he would register Mexican-Americans to vote. He was also a boxer, organizer and poet.

He always fought for social, economic and political justice. His poem, "Soy Joaquin", inspired the Chicano Movement. He noted that his community was not Native, European, Mexican nor Americans. We are a combination of all those identities.

## VOTING RIGHTS

It is important to participate in your community. Take the time to learn about the candidates, get organized and vote! Let's use our right to vote and elect candidates that reflect the values of our communities.

It is important to also run ourselves! Nobody knows your community better than you.





## GET TO KNOW THE ARTISTS

### **DANIEL MARIN/@PUPX**

Mexican American artist/designer. Inspired by skateboard graphics growing up and 1930's cartoons. Daniel likes creating cartoon like characters with bold lines and bright colors.



### **JESSICA CALDAS/@ZINKAPROJECT**

Jessica Caldas is a Puerto Rican American artist. Jessica is an advocate and activist. She is multi-disciplinary and in her advocacy work, she believes in the power of art to change the world.



### **ESTELA SEMECO/@ESTELASEMECO**

Estela is a first generation Venezuelan-American artist, illustrator, and crafter based in Atlanta, Georgia. The themes in her work can range from whimsical illustrations to more serious commentary on popular culture and its direct ties to social issues.



### **MONICA ALEXANDER/@ITSMONICA**

Monica is an illustrator. They love working with gouache paint and acrylic inks. Monica is from Monterrey, Mexico and currently lives in Atlanta, GA.



### **ELLY PAGÁN/@JELLYBINZKYART**

Artist Elly Pagán, was born and raised in San Germán, Puerto Rico. Graduated from The Inter-American University of Puerto Rico with a BA in Graphic Arts and Photography. She moved to Atlanta, GA in 2008 and lived there ever since. Elly specializes mostly in fun and quirky illustrations.



### **LAURA VELA/@LAURAVELA.ART**

Laura Vela is a Chicana multimedia and interdisciplinary artist in the Atlanta area. Her work explores identity, gender, race, and mental illness through oil paintings, watercolor and ink, photo, zine, and collage making.



### **ALISANDRA VEGA/@ALISANDRAVEGA**

Alisandra Vega is a multi-disciplinary artist. In her work she utilizes the languages of painting, illustration, and motion. She explores vulnerability and connections with others. She draws inspiration from her longing for connection as a young, queer, Colombian American growing up in Texas.



### **VICTORIA GARCIA/@VLGARCIA**

Victoria García is a Chicana graphic designer and visual artist from Doraville, Georgia. Her upbringing in Atlanta's most diverse area, Buford Highway, has had a great impact on her art, involvement in her community and activism.



### **ARIANA RIVERA GOLDBERG/@ARIANACRIVBERG**

Ariana Rivera is from Puerto Rico. She is a graphic designer and artist. She has always been surrounded by a lot of culture and art. Her family created the foundation of her art, values and culture.



### **EDRIC FIGUEROA/@EDRICITO**

Edric Figueroa is a queer, first-generation Peruvian-American born in New York and raised in Georgia who strives to build self-determination, embrace the intersections of identity, and address the structural determinants of health in his professional and personal endeavors. Through grassroots organizing, Edric grew resilient and connected to activists across the country.



## GET TO KNOW THE LEADERS

### PATRICIA HERNANDEZ / PROJECT CURATOR

Immigrated from La Libertad, El Salvador in 2005, at the age of 19. Since moving in 2015, Atlanta has inspired her art, supported her immigrant story, and given her strength as a single mother.

Her work honors the pursuit of the “American Dream” using elements that relate to personal and historical context of her culture, so we can teach the next generation how to create better futures through ancestry and love origins.

### MICHELLE ZULUAGA / PROJECT COORDINATOR

Michelle Zuluaga is the Civic Participation Manager for the Latinos Community Fund. She is a Colombian-American community organizer at heart.

Her passion is serving the LatinX community. She expresses her artistic side through Flow Arts and Fire Performing. Michelle loves to see the reaction of people smiling while she performs; specially young kids!

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**MARY REYNOLDS BABCOCK FOUNDATION**



# YOU TOO CAN BE A LEADER!

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## BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Join the LCF Georgia Volunteer Familia!  
Go to: [Bit.ly/lcfgetinvolved](https://bit.ly/lcfgetinvolved)

## REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTE!

If you are a US Citizen and you are 18 years old living in Georgia, Register to vote today! Go to [latinosfordemocracy.net](https://latinosfordemocracy.net) where you can find the link, information on election dates, etc. If you live in a different state, check with your Secretary of State website.

## ANSWER THE 2020 CENSUS

The Census determines resources and power your community will have for the next 10 years. Go to [Bit.ly/NosTocaGeorgia](https://bit.ly/NosTocaGeorgia) for more information

## LEARN ABOUT REDISTRICTING AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOU!

From the schools you go to all the way to how much power does your vote has in elections. [Bit.ly/lcfgetinvolved](https://bit.ly/lcfgetinvolved)



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