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2008 Event Photo Gallery 23[\[Back to 2008 Photo Gallery List\]](#)**December 12, 2008 [Friday]
Event Photo Gallery 23****'An Evening for Marcelo's Mom' A Show of Support and Community Unitygo**

Individuals and organizations from across Long Island turned out for the events of December 11-12 held in Patchogue Village as part of "An Evening for Marcelo's Mom." So far, at least \$5,000 has been raised for Rosario Lucero, mother of Marcelo Lucero, the Ecuadorian man who was attacked and killed last month in Patchogue allegedly by seven local youth in what police have called a hate crime. More importantly, the events provided opportunities for the Latino and non-Latino communities to come together in their shared grief, moving many to search for ways to continue the dialogue and to work toward healing and a deeper examination of what causes people to commit hate crimes.

Friday evening's events began with a candlelight procession and vigil near the site where Marcelo Lucero died on November 8. Marchers braved the cold temperatures and struggled to keep their candles lit as they proceeded along Main Street to the Congregational Church of Patchogue, where singers, musicians, poets and others performed, all donating their time. At the end of the program, Joselo Lucero, brother of Marcelo, and a close friend of the Lucero family asked to address the audience.

Speaking in Spanish with English translation, the family friend reported that during a recent telephone conversation with Rosario (who lives in Gualaceo, Ecuador), Mrs. Lucero said that she was so touched by the outpouring of love and support coming from the local community and beyond that she now considers herself to be not just the "mother of five, but the mother of many." Joselo's words of gratitude and hope for healing brought listeners to their feet and moved many to tears.

That same night, a benefit concert for Rosario Lucero held at the Blue Point Brewing Company raised close to \$2,000, including tips donated by staff. The concert featured Jack Licitra, one of the organizers of An Evening for Marcelo's Mom. and his group Jack's Waterfall, which included local high school students. Also performing were Patchogue musician/singers Jay Scott, Chris P. Cauley and Dave March.

Also on December 12, the Patchogue restaurants, BrickHouse Brewery and Once and For All, raised money for Rosario Lucero at their venues. On Saturday, BrickHouse owner Jim McPeak presented the organizers with a check for \$1,000.

The events surrounding An Evening for Marcelo's Mom kicked off Thursday night with a special Live in the Lobby concert at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts featuring the Katie Pearlman Band, Jordan Hope and others. Performers there donated a portion of their CD sales to the Rosario Lucero Fund.

Donations to the Fund are still being accepted. Checks made payable to the Greater Patchogue Foundation (specifying the Rosario Lucero Fund on the memo line) can be sent to

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Additionally, a limited number of shirts designed especially for the events of Dec. 11-12, with all proceeds going to Rosario Lucero, are still available. The image on the shirt is from a painting donated by West Virginia artist Holly Hinkle, who heard about An Evening for Marcelo's Mom and sent her painting to be given to the Lucero family. Beneath the image are the words, "Somos todos uno" and "We Are All One." Short-sleeved shirts are \$10; long-sleeved are \$15 each. Shirts may be purchased at Mosaica (22 West Main St., Patchogue) or by emailing your request to oceanofjoy129@aol.com

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