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Let's decide not to allow fear to be the steering force for the future. Hope, is how we move forward.

—Susan Guerra, one of Esperanza's founders



Inside! Reflections on Esperanza's approaching 30th anniversary by Tom Keene and Susan M. Guerra, *Whose City Is It?* by Rodolfo Rosales, *El Movimiento en Las Vegas, Nuevo Mexico* by Yoly Zentella, Buena Gente thank yous and poetry by Rachel Jennings, Tom Keene, Selma Platt and Gianna Rendón



Feliz cumpleaños, Ruth! 100 years old!

“The worth of every person and the power of love to overcome injustice is the essence of what I believe...”

Dr. Ruth Lofgren, a scientific and environmental pioneer has been a powerful presence in San Antonio since the Esperanza opened its doors at 1305 N. Flores in 1987 when she was part of the Quakers (The American Friends Service Committee) who met at the Esperanza building on Sundays. Since then Ruth, our city’s first Peace Laureate, has been working alongside peace and social and environmental justice activists on multiple issues. Thank you Ruth for setting a standard for activism!



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Give what you can to the Esperanza in the spirit of solidarity so we can continue to speak out, organize and fight for our communities. Your support is needed now more than ever! Send donations to Esperanza at 922 San Pedro, SATX 78210 or call 210.228.0201 to sign up as a monthly donor. Visit www.esperanzacenter.org for online giving options. ¡Mil Gracias!