



National Latino Children's Institute

"Creating a voice for young Latinos"



Milagros have been used to ask for wishes, special intervention, and good fortune for centuries. They have been made from bone, in, wood, silver, gold and other materials and pinned on the walls of churches. Today throughout Latin America, *milagros* can be found in great abundance.

The National Latino Children's Institute needs your assistance. In preparation for the celebration of *El Día de los Niños- Celebrating Young Americans*, NLCI is going to hold a press conference on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in Washington, D.C. We would like to invite the children in your organization to participate by making *Milagros* and send their voices to DC to be heard by members of Congress; and to serve as the backdrop for this very important media event. If you are interested in participating, please respond to Liz Vasquez, at (210) 228-9997 or at liz@nlci.org.



The *Milagros* must be received by Friday, April 16, 2010 at the following address:

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How to Make a Milagro:

Recommended supplies: tagboard or construction paper; scissors; glue; ribbon; markers, crayons, watercolors; glitter, buttons, fabric scraps; etc.

1. Discuss with the children the significance of the *Milagros*. If possible, show them a *milagro* or a picture of a *milagro*. Ask them to think of how they will make their *milagro*.
2. Shape the *milagro* by cutting the tagboard or construction paper.
3. Write your response to the following question:

What are your hopes, wishes and dreams for the future for yourself, your family, your community or your world?
4. Make a hole in the top of the *milagro* and tie a string or yarn for hanging. Decorate with glitter, confetti, buttons, ribbon, etc.
5. Write the child's first name only, their age, city and state on the *milagro*.