Julio Rodriguez joined the La Casa Norte Board of Directors in 2011.

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In 2001, Julio was inducted into the International “Who’s Who of Public Service.” He was also the recipient of the “Community Leadership Award for Philanthropy” in 2002 from the Chicago Latinos in Philanthropy.

In 2004, Julio was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for his work in the Latino gay community and is the founder of the Association of Latino Men for Action (ALMA,) one of the oldest Latino gay men’s organization in the Midwest.

Julio has served on a number of local and national boards including the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, The Center on Halsted, La Casa Norte, the Marin Institute for Alcohol and Drug Policy, and the National MultiCultural Institute.

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