## A Letter from Our Leadership Team



Pictured left to right: Andres Martinez, Cheyenne Peters, Kara Holzer, Ariel Safdie, José González, Tara Lentz, Maria Paula Zapata, Juliana Ospina Cano, and Martha Silva

The past two years have taught us just how strong Conexión Américas is, and as the leadership team who saw Conexión Américas through its first transition, we approach the next transition with confidence. We are grateful for Juliana's leadership, her steady presence, and the vibrant energy she brings everyday to the *lucha*, our fight to achieve our mission.

Conexión Américas intentionally invested in us, knowing the work we do and the institutional knowledge we hold are what keeps our organization running smoothly and focused on the families we serve. We thank our Board of Directors for standing alongside us, and having the confidence to elevate our two colleagues, Tara and Martha, as interim Co-Executive Directors. With their combined experience and dedication to our mission, we know Conexión Américas will remain as stable as ever.

In this report you'll see firsthand our colleagues' work, and learn exactly what keeps us at Conexión Américas—the chance to build a welcoming community, and create opportunities where Latinx families can belong, contribute, and succeed.

## Andres, Ariel, Cheyenne, Kara, José, Maria Paula, Martha, and Tara