



Dr. Robert J. Renteria
Chairman, From the Barrio Foundation

Mission:

To use my life experiences, business expertise, and leadership skills to help address conditions that lead to violence, delinquency, drugs and gangs, while promoting education, personal pride, accomplishment and self-esteem. The books, *From the Barrio to the Board Room*, with the curriculum From the Barrio to the Classroom, Graphic novel, *Mi Barrio* and the Activity coloring book *Little Barrio* are demonstrating that dreams can be realized through education, determination, perseverance, and hard work. I endeavor to inspire and motivate others so they accept ownership of their education and acquire the social values to realize repeated success throughout their lives and contribute as effective mentors to others.



Achievements:

- 2024 Dr. Renteria receives endorsement and full support of the World Boxing Council (WBC)
- 2023 Dr. Robert Renteria received The Ambassador for Peace award by the United Peace Federation and the Interreligious Federation for World Peace.
- 2020 Dr. Renteria was given the Hero of the World award by the WBC-World Boxing Council.
- 2019 Robert Renteria received an Honorary Doctorate Degree for his outstanding leadership in academics, social projects and contributions to the improvement of the humanity.
- 2018 Mr. Renteria created a 3D animation character “Kid Barrio” to address conflict resolution.
- In 2017 Robert Renteria was appointed by the WBC – World Boxing Council as a Youth Ambassador representing kids (boys & girls) in 171 countries.
- In 2016 Robert’s book “From the Barrio to the Board Room” was turned into a Chicago based play performed and produced by inner city youth and funded by ASM.
- In 2015 Mr. Renteria was selected as one of Chicago’s Who’s Who Hispanic Leaders.
- In 2014 Robert Renteria was featured as Chicago’s Very Own WGN 9.
- In 2013 Mr. Renteria was the first Latino in the world to ever receive two National Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards for his work as a civil rights leader and a Latino voice in educational reform.
- In 2012 Mr. Renteria’s graphic novel “Mi Barrio” was voted the best comic book in Latin America, Spain and the United States of America for addressing youth issues.
- In 2011 Robert Renteria was again the first Latino in the world to ever receive an International Outstanding Humanitarian Award for promoting global peace and education.
- And in 2010, Mr. Renteria was voted Chicago’s Latino Business Professional of the Year by over 45,000 Chicago Latino business professionals.

Program Reach:

We are proud to say the Robert's books *From the Barrio to the Board Room*, *Mi Barrio* and *Little Barrio* are being taught in classrooms across America and in over 25 other countries around the world!

The goal for Mr. Robert Renteria is to exchange the books for all the guns, knives, drugs, needles, booze and even the cigarettes. To teach our kids and adults that the real secrets to success are hard work, determination and of course, education.

The books "From the Barrio to the Board Room, Mi Barrio and Little Barrio" are teaching tools. These are relevant, inspiring and exciting books and both the school-based and faith-based curricula are used as a comprehensive, bilingual, non-generic book series and program that resonates with the youth and adults promoting student achievement, helping our teens and at-risk youth with their critical thinking skills and bridging the educational gap.

The Barrio books teach our kids and adults that education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. These books also teach our kids that the ultimate weapon is not a loaded gun but an educated mind. That gang-banging and violence is not a life-style but a death style, that bright futures are built on a strong education and that equal education means equal pay and is a great equalizer for any race.

The results and impact from these books and program are nothing less than incredible, a miracle in real time, a solution that is serving as cure to the disease of gangs and violence that has infected our cities and countries around the world. These tools are being used by kids and adults of all ages, races, religions and economic back-grounds. It's a universal message of hope and dreams showing others that there is always a way to overcome seemingly impossible obstacles. The Barrio books and program have been heralded by several high level educators as a solution and a program responsible for helping us change the landscape for our youth across America and all around the world.

GET THE PROGRAM!

The school and faith based curriculums are donated FREE (at no cost) to all middle schools, high schools, after school programs, colleges, universities, social services, juvenile detention centers, jails, prisons, domestic violence agencies, churches, corporations and ALL youth-based organizations. To get your FREE copy of the school based and faith based curricula sent to you electronically, please simply e-mail: Robert@fromthebarrio.net

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