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TELEMUNDO'S TOP CHEF ESTRELLAS WINNER GABRIEL CORONEL DESIGNATES AMIGOS FOR KIDS RECIPIENT OF \$60,000 CHARITABLE DONATION

MIAMI, FL- [Amigos For Kids](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, will receive a charitable donation of \$60,000 after singer and actor, Gabriel Coronel competed on the organization's behalf and was named winner of *Telemundo's Top Chef Estrellas*.

Following eight weeks of vying for the *Top Chef Estrellas* judges' palettes, Coronel faced off against Mexican television host, Judith Grace, during the reality show's final episode. Throughout the competition, celebrities strived to win a total of \$100,000 for the charitable organization of their choice. The final task made Coronel's designated charity, Amigos For Kids, beneficiary of a \$50,000 grand prize, which will be added to \$10,000 from the stars previous winnings.

"Amigos For Kids is incredibly fortunate to count on the support of "Amigos" like Gabriel Coronel," said Rosa Maria Plasencia, Amigos For Kids President and CEO. "We were on the edge of our seats awaiting the shows final episode. Gabriel has been an ardent advocate of our organization for several years and his win on *Telemundo's Top Chef Estrellas* is helping educate the community and advance our mission of child abuse prevention nationally. On behalf of the children and families we serve, I extend our sincerest gratitude and congratulate Gabriel on a well-deserved win!"

Coronel is a Venezuelan singer, actor and model that began his career in 2007 as Gabriel "El Gago" (the stutterer) in the show *Somos Tú y Yo*. He joined *Telemundo* in 2011 as the protagonist Mauricio Blanco in *Relaciones Peligrosas*, and released his first single, *Una Vez Más*, in 2012. Under Warner Music Latina, Coronel released the song *Desnudo* for the soap opera *Marido en Alquiler*, and also performed the protagonist role of Antonio Carrasco. In 2014, the actor participated in a special production of *Reina de Corazones* and was the winner of two *Premios Tu Mundo* awards. Currently, Coronel is in pre-production of his second music album and preparing himself to return to *Telemundo's* big screen.

"It was an absolute honor and unforgettable experience to take part in *Top Chef Estrellas*," said Gabriel Coronel. "My goal was to stay focused and bring home a win for the future of kids and families that depend on Amigos For Kids. I look forward to continuing working with such a great organization and celebrating *our* win!"

Funds from *Top Chef Estrellas* will be used for the diverse services Amigos For Kids offers children and families throughout our community. Services include the Amigos Strengthens Families & Communities Nurturing Parent program; the after-school program; and its yearlong Blue Ribbon *There's NO Excuse For Child Abuse!*® Campaign and prevention efforts.

ABOUT AMIGOS FOR KIDS- [Amigos For Kids](#) is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit corporation founded in 1991 to respond to the diverse needs of South Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected, and less-fortunate children and their families, through education, abuse prevention, and community involvement. To fulfill its mission, Amigos relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and donors throughout the community. Throughout the year, the organization creates awareness of its cause through public service campaigns, fundraising events, and community efforts such as the Amigos For Kids' There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!® Campaign. @amigosforkids

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