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**Legal Council for Health Justice Celebrates Mexico with ¡BIENVENIDOS! Benefit on August 17**

Legal Council for Health Justice will host its annual summer benefit at Sidetrack in Lakeview on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM. This year's event is *¡BIENVENIDOS!* and will celebrate the diverse, vibrant, and welcoming country of Mexico. *¡BIENVENIDOS!* will feature Mexican cuisine by Bombón Café, cocktails by Sidetrack, live entertainment, an extensive silent auction, and the popular Grand Raffle. Over 350 influential guests from law, medicine, politics, and social service will be in attendance. All proceeds from this event support the Legal Council's free legal service programs which assist low-income people with HIV, individuals facing homelessness, and children with disabilities.

*¡BIENVENIDOS!* tickets start at \$75 and are available at [council17.gesture.com](http://council17.gesture.com) or by calling 312-427-8990.

The generous *Platino* sponsors for *¡BIENVENIDOS!* are: Aetna, Aetna Better Health, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and Sidley Austin. This event is in collaboration with the Mexico Tourism Board.

This year, Legal Council's three programs—AIDS Legal Council, Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, and Homeless Outreach Project—will provide free, direct "legal care" to over 2,200 individuals who would otherwise never be able to afford legal assistance.

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*Legal Council for Health Justice (founded over 28 years ago as AIDS Legal Council of Chicago) uses the power of the law to secure dignity, opportunity, and well-being for people facing illness and disability. Our evidence-based medical-legal partnership programs work uniquely with health, hospitals, and social service systems to train and support the care provider network, provide direct representation to referred patients, and conduct systemic advocacy to promote health equity among populations facing chronic, disabling, and stigmatized health and social conditions. [www.legalcouncil.org](http://www.legalcouncil.org)*