

**Grace Gonzalez-** Holds a bachelor's degree in business administration; a bachelor's degree in leadership studies from Providence College and an Associate Degree in Science from CCRI. She is a licensed Insurance Broker for the state of RI. Currently, she is employed at **Neighborhood Health Plan of RI** as Director of Marketing Outreach. She is an experienced professional with a background in marketing, sales, public relations and communications.

For the past 28 years, she has been dedicated to serving her community by helping Individuals, families and seniors obtain affordable health insurance coverage through the state's Medicaid, Medicare and Health Source RI commercial markets.

**Gonzalez-** Has served for 23 years to **Back to School Rhode Island**, currently serving as President to the organization. This organization provides 15,000 pack packs filled with school supplies each year to our most vulnerable communities. In addition, the Back to School of Rhode Island provides more than 300 pack packs filled with food each weekend during the school year in the Providence Schools to address hunger and food insecurities.

**Gonzalez-** Since 2018, she serves as Executive Director to the **Rhode Island Sports Union** a non-profit organization that provides athletic and academic development programs to hundreds of student-athletes in Rhode Island.

**Gonzalez-** Also served as a consultant for **Center for Women's Enterprise** providing instruction to emerging small businesses, guiding the development of their business plans. She facilitated training to small business owners on marketing, sales and advertisement tactics to help them grow their prospective businesses.

2003, Gonzalez was honored with the **Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Award** for contributions made in coordinated school health.

2004, she was recognized by the **Back to School Celebration** event for her leadership and service.

2005, she received the **Bill Richardson Award** from the Rhode Island Latino Political Action Committee recognizing her for her tireless work with the community.

2009, she received The **Cesar Estrada Chavez Award** for her exceptional leadership. Later that year, she received the **Yield Community Award**, and the **Extraordinary Woman Award**.

2010, she was recognized by the **Providence School Board** for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the students of the Providence Schools.

2011, the **Saizen Goju Ryu Karate League** recognized her for her continuous contribution in children's sports.

2013, **Hispanic United Development Organization** acknowledge her for her excellence in community service.

2014, she was recognized by **Tiempo Social Magazine** for her value contributions and support to the Runway for Mom event.

2015, the ***African Alliance of RI*** recognized her for her leadership and contribution to the African community.

2016, the ***Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of RI*** recognized her for her leadership and community service. Also, recognized by ***AARP*** Maria Matias Health and Wellness award.

2017, the ***American Cancer Society of New England*** acknowledged her with the Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award and the ***Ecuadorian Association of RI*** for her community involvement and leadership.

2018, **Rhode Island Professional Latino Association**, professional spotlight recognition, **New Bridges for Haitian Success** for her community involvement, **Liga Añeja de Basketball** for her dedication to sports development and the **Boy Scouts of America** Vale la Pena Service Award.

2019, **The Dominican Independence and Heritage Committee**, for outstanding community leadership services; and **Renaissance Adult Day Health Center**, for unconditional support and services.

2020, **The Natasha Love Foundation**, recipient of the Visionary Recognition Award.

2021, **International Baloncesto de Providence**, Community Service Award

2022, **Renaissance Adult Day Care Center**, Community Empowerment and Leadership award.

2022, **Spring Colors**, For Being a Benchmark for Empowered Women in RI

2023, **Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**, Unsung Community Hero Award

2024, **Nueva Generation Duarteana**, Community Development and Patriotic Values

2024, **Runway for Mom**, Exceptional labor and Commitment

**Gonzalez-** was a former member of the Providence School Board, having served from 2004-2010. She has served on many community boards and committees such as the Back to School of Rhode Island, Childhood Lead Action, the Providence School Board Health & Wellness subcommittee chair, Boys Scouts of RI, RI Quality Institute, YMCA, Latina Leadership Institute, New Bridges for Haitian Success, and the New England Division for the American Cancer Society, Sunrise Forever, among others.