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## Washington Business Journal Minority Business Leader Awards

Washington Business Journal - by Alex Orlinger

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### Maria Gomez

President and CEO, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care Inc.

Washington Business Journal

Words fall short when describing Maria Gomez's commitment to serving immigrant and low-income families in D.C. But here are some good ones: Tireless. Committed. Determined. Passionate.

Gomez immigrated to the U.S. from Colombia when she was 13, getting a degree from **Georgetown University** and going on to the

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The Washington Times

## First lady says D.C. 'our home'

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By THE WASHINGTON TIMES

First lady **Michelle Obama** on Tuesday said she and her husband are now Washingtonians and that means they plan to get involved in the city, as she visited with a group of teenagers at a health care center in Adams Morgan and told them she was once in their shoes.

"We've been visitors but now we live here. This is our community now," she said at Mary's Center.

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## US Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Acknowledges Mary's Center's Battle Against H1N1

Mary's Center was honored to host U.S. Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius this past November conference on the H1N1 virus. Her acknowledgement of Mary's Center's efforts to fight the H1N1 virus was encouraging for both our staff and our clients.



US Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius encouraged participants to get the H1N1 vaccine during her visit to Mary's Center.

Sebelius visited on November 18th with **La Raza**, President and CEO of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), and top government officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health and Human Services Administration and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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## Cartoon Icon is Star of "Children Count Too" Campaign

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By James Wright - WI Staff Writer

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U.S. Census Reminds Parents, Infants and Young Children to Count

One of the world's most popular cartoon characters has teamed-up with the U.S. Census Bureau to remind parents to count infants and young children on the 2010 census forms.

Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer, the inquisitive preschool character, debuted as the face of the Census Bureau's "Children Count Too" campaign. The public awareness campaign was launched, Tue., March 9 at Mary's Center, a nonprofit maternal and child care center that primarily serves immigrant populations in Northwest.



A life size Dora the Explorer greets children at the Mary's Center in Northwest (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau)

## Three Books featured Mary's Center in 2009

It was a treat to learn that the work at Mary's Center inspired several authors when writing their books, all published in 2009.

Books like *Growing American Roots* by Senator Bob Melendez (D-NJ), *Visionaries in Our Midst* by Allison Silberberg, and *A Deliberate Pause* by Larry Richardson focused on nonprofit organizations and community work.

Each of these books highlighted our President and CEO, Maria Gomez, as well as her vision and



Maria Gomez, President and CEO with books featuring Mary's Center.

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## NEWS: GEORGIA COMMONS BREAKS GROUND



May 4, 2009 - Mayor Adrian Fenty and Councilmember Muriel Bowser joined the **Georgia Commons** project team to celebrate the demolition of the future site of the 130-unit rental community in Petworth. The \$35 million mixed-use project will