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David Lubell, Welcoming America Executive Director receives Ohtli Award



The Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta delivered Ohtli Award to David Lubell, founder and executive director of Welcoming America, on September the 20th, at the Headquarters of this representation.

Ohtli is a Nahuatl word that means "pathway". The Mexican government, through the Institute for Mexican Abroad (IME), annually grants the Ohtli Award, to individuals who have distinguished themselves by dedicating their professional lives to

opening pathways abroad for Mexican and Mexican-American communities.

David Lubell is a social entrepreneur who began his career as an advocacy and organizing director of Latino Memphis. He later founded and became executive director of the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, where he helped to found Welcoming Tennessee, the model for what is now Welcoming America.

During the ceremony, the Consul General Javier Díaz de León recognized the work of David Lubell and Welcoming Atlanta for its approach to the communities and minorities that live in Metro Atlanta. The Consul General also gave credit to Welcoming America for recognizing the minorities' contribution to Atlanta and Georgia in the economic and cultural sector.

David Lubell said he was honored to receive this award and thank Mexico and this representation for it. David Lubell also shared with the audience some of the reasons that have boosted him to work in favor of immigrants, he said that he has felt welcome by the communities in which he has been.