The Lopez family, owners of Mi Cocina Restaurant, will be honored with the Ramos Family Spirit of Compassion Award at the Time For Change Foundation’s “Celebrating Life’s Precious Jewels” awards dinner, April 17.

Mi Cocina to be honored at gala

Time for Change Foundation recently announced Mi Cocina Restaurant in Highland as the recipient of the Ramos Family Spirit of Compassion Award at this year’s upcoming Awards Dinner, “Celebrating Life’s Precious Jewels,” on April 17 at the National Orange Show.

“This event is our opportunity to honor outstanding members of the community, celebrate the resilience of our precious jewels (our clients) and continue our fundraising efforts to assist more families,” says Kim Carter, executive director of Time for Change Foundation.

The Ramos Family, direct descendants of the Yuhaviatam Clan of the Serrano Indians, firmly believe in answering the call of Yawa, “to act on one’s beliefs,” through partnerships with charitable organizations. In this spirit, the Ramos Family Spirit of Compassion Award was established to acknowledge partnerships with people and organizations that make positive impacts in the community.

Mi Cocina is a family owned Restaurant and has been in business for the past 27 years with 24 of those years in Highland. It is owned and operated by the Lopez-Arroyo Family.

Carlos and Margaret Lopez began working as a bus boy and a server and worked hard to get their own business. They raised their daughter, Norma Arroyo and son Armando Arroyo, with the same work ethic, “work hard and there is nothing that can stand in your way.”

Now they are passing this on to their grandchildren, Gabriel, Charlene and Jordan.