

Ofrenda Cantina y Cocina Named Best New Addition to Berwyn

Berwyn, Illinois — The Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) is proud to announce Ofrenda Cantina y Cocina as the recipient of the Best New Addition to Berwyn Award, recognizing a business that has quickly made a meaningful impact on the city’s growing and dynamic business community.

Ofrenda Cantina y Cocina is the culmination of a decade-long journey rooted in family, perseverance, and a deep connection to Berwyn. Brothers Ernesto and Fernando Torres learned about the restaurant business from their parents, whose experience spans nearly 50 years, 18 of them right here in Berwyn. What began as food truck serving festivals, breweries, and private events has now grown into a vibrant brick-and-mortar restaurant and bar, made possible through the collective investment and support of family members; Jose Torres (father) and Lalo Alanis (brother-in-law) and long-time family friend Martin Navarro and his family.

“Ofrenda represents the kind of thoughtful, community-minded growth that strengthens Berwyn’s business landscape,” said Fabiola Avitia, Chair of the Best New Addition to Berwyn Award Committee. “Their journey from food truck to storefront reflects entrepreneurial determination, family collaboration, and a clear commitment to creating a welcoming destination that serves both residents and visitors.”

Designed to be inclusive and inviting, Ofrenda Cantina y Cocina offers a dining and cocktail experience that encourages people to gather locally supporting Berwyn businesses while adding to the city’s cultural and economic vibrancy. By choosing to invest in Berwyn, Ofrenda helps keep residents dining close to home and contributes to the continued momentum of the city’s revitalized commercial corridors.

“Opening Ofrenda in Berwyn has always been the goal,” said Ofrenda Cantina y Cocina Co-owner Ernesto Torres. “This city supported our family long before we had a storefront, and we’re honored to give back by creating a space where people can come together, enjoy great food and cocktails, and celebrate community.”

The Best New Addition to Berwyn Award honors businesses that have recently joined the community and made a significant positive contribution through innovation, exceptional service, job creation, or by enhancing the character and vitality of the city. Award recipients are nominated by fellow Chamber members and vetted through a Committee comprised of members of the Berwyn Development Corporation Board of Directors. Final selection is made through a vote of Chamber members, the majority of whom are local business owners and community organizations.

The Berwyn Development Corporation is a public–private partnership with the City of Berwyn that provides Chamber services and economic development support to local businesses. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the BDC promotes Berwyn as a dynamic destination and advances initiatives that strengthen the local business climate, attract investment, and enhance overall community vitality.

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