

2026 MAURA WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARD RECIPIENT



OLGA HICKMAN, PHD

Bachman Lake Together Executive Director

Olga Martinez Hickman, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of Bachman Lake Together, where she partners with the community to cultivate a thriving Bachman Lake neighborhood, one where children flourish and opportunity is shared across generations.

A proud Latina leader, Dr. Martinez Hickman brings both lived experience and academic expertise to advancing equitable systems that center family and community leadership locally, regionally, and nationally.

Under her leadership, Bachman Lake Together has become a model for place-based collaboration, driving measurable, long-term impact in early childhood education and family well-being. A first-generation college graduate and among the 1% of Latinas in the U.S. to earn a Ph.D., Olga is also a 2024 Presidential Leadership Scholar and a Cradle-to-Career Partnership Leader Fellow at EdRedesign Lab at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

She serves on the boards of Healthy Futures of Texas, Dallas After School, and Parents as Teachers, and on the Dallas Mavericks Advisory Council. As the mother of two daughters, Olga leads with the belief that when women are supported and have a platform to use their voice, entire systems are transformed.



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