

My name is Sonia Vale Gonzalez, and I was born and raised in Chicago. My parents are from Moca, Puerto Rico and moved to Chicago in the 60's. Even though we were living in Chicago, my family always kept the traditions and cultures of Puerto Rico. My fondest memories are the Parrandas, the food, Three Kings Day, and the coquito. At the age of ten, I was always in the kitchen with my mom and grandmother, and they taught me so much. In 2018, I started a catering business, V'sora Catering and Events, with the emphasis on Puerto Rican food made the way my family taught me. My mom was the queen of coquito at every holiday, and she made gallons of coquito each year. I now make the coquito with my own daughter and share with her all our family traditions. Having my mom tell me that I make the coquito just like her, is the best compliment. It gives me joy to hear from my customers that I am bringing them back to the island through my food.