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## **Giving Tuesday 2022**

### **Why I support PEN**

At a time when autocrats, criminals and extremists routinely threaten press freedom, I support PEN because it defends people who refuse to be silenced. PEN is part of a global advocacy network that safeguards imperilled journalists and human rights defenders by publicizing their work, protecting their freedoms, and helping them to find safety.

I have contributed to PEN's programs, and benefited from them. I have briefed researchers on the violence faced by journalists in Mexico's drug war; written about attacks on Honduran reporters and activists, and published a candid account of the 2008 assassination of my friend and colleague José Armando Rodríguez Carreón ("el Choco"). I've also had the opportunity to share my personal story with high school students across the GTA.

PEN has supported me with residencies at George Brown College and Humber College. These have helped me to integrate with teachers and students through lectures, presentations, and panels where international affairs are enthusiastically discussed. The Humber scholarship also provides me with invaluable mentorship as I work on a memoir that Random House Canada will publish in 2024. Please join me in supporting PEN. We need you as an ally.



### **Luis Horacio Nájera**

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