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CHRISTINE MARQUEZ-HUDSON AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS LIVINGSTON FELLOWSHIP

Bonfils-Stanton Foundation announces 2009 Fellows; Marquez-Hudson one of five chosen for advanced leadership program

(Denver, Colo. – May 7, 2009) On Thursday, May 7, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation named Christine Marquez-Hudson, CEO/Executive Director of Mi Casa Resource Center, as one of five 2009 Livingston Fellows. This program, created by the Foundation in 2005, intends to strengthen the state’s nonprofit sector by investing in the advanced learning and development of promising nonprofit leaders.

As a Livingston Fellow, Marquez-Hudson will be awarded up to \$25,000 to undertake activities that will enhance her leadership abilities and enable her to explore new ways to increase her impact in their organization and the broader community.

Since 2005, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation has funded 25 nonprofit executive fellowships.

In presenting the award, J. Landis Martin, Chairman of the Foundation, noted, “The Foundation recognizes the significant impact nonprofit organizations make on our community and our state. Our investment in high-potential leaders through the Livingston Fellowship Program is building a network of people finding fresh solutions and proving themselves as innovators and change agents.”

Marquez-Hudson intends to utilize the resources through the Fellowship for executive coaching, visits to similar organizations around the country, participation in executive leadership programs, and to develop her skills in public policy.

Candidates for Livingston Fellowships are nominated by a panel of Colorado community leaders, interviewed by an independent consultant, and reviewed and approved by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. The selection is based on exceptional leadership

qualities, potential for significant contribution to the nonprofit sector, and the ability to be a role model for other Colorado nonprofit leaders.

Other 2009 Livingston Fellows include Gregory Carpenter, Opera Colorado; Jay Grimm, Denver Indian Center; Charles Shimanski, American Red Cross Mile High Chapter; and Gretchen Van De Carr, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps.

The fellowship awards carry the name of Johnston R. Livingston (1923-2008), who served as a Trustee of the Foundation from 1979 to 2008. Livingston chaired the Foundation's Board of Trustees from 2000 until 2005. In addition to his achievements as a business leader and entrepreneur, Livingston was a volunteer and board leader for numerous nonprofit organizations.

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About Mi Casa Resource Center

The mission of Mi Casa Resource Center is to advance the economic success of Latino families. Mi Casa was founded in 1976 by eight Head Start mothers in Denver. These women understood that education and employment were vital for women to become successful on both a personal and economic level. As a result, Mi Casa was established to create these opportunities for adults and youth to become successful. For more than 30 years, Mi Casa has been committed to pursuing its mission through business, career and youth and family development strategies. www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org