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Mi Casa Named NCLR Far West Affiliate of the Year

National Council of La Raza Recognizes Mi Casa as Most Outstanding Affiliate Agency in the Region

July 11, 2013 (DENVER): Though it received a record number of applications in 2013, Mi Casa Resource Center was selected by National Council of La Raza (NCLR) as the most outstanding affiliate organization in the Far West Region, which includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

The regional Affiliate of the Year awards are given to organizations that provide exemplary service to the Latino community while advancing the mission of NCLR to improve opportunities and open doors for Hispanic Americans.

The award letter, signed by NCLR’s Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Sonia Perez, included the following statement: “NCLR is proud of its ongoing partnership with Mi Casa Resource Center and appreciates your continued work to improve the lives of Latinos in Denver.”

Mi Casa will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 and will be recognized during the NCLR Affiliate Leadership Breakfast on July 22, during the 2013 NCLR Annual Conference in New Orleans.

“Mi Casa has worked extremely hard to ensure our career training, small business development and educational programs are meeting the needs of the Hispanic community and effectively helping families advance their economic prosperity,” said Christine Marquez-Hudson, Mi Casa’s CEO/Executive Director. “This national award is wonderful validation of the efforts of our staff, board, volunteers and supporters.”

NCLR is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, NCLR conducts outreach to millions of Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas—assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health.

The Far West Affiliate of the Year award comes on the heels of a string of high-profile honors for Mi Casa in 2013. In April, CEO Christine Marquez-Hudson was named the 9News Leader of the Year. And

later that month, Mi Casa was named the Nonprofit of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver.

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About Mi Casa Resource Center: Mi Casa is one of the oldest and largest Latino-serving nonprofit organizations in Colorado. Mi Casa works to advance the economic success of Latino and other working families by expanding opportunities for educational, professional and entrepreneurial advancement through an integrated program strategy of Career, Business, and Youth & Family Development services. Learn more at www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org