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NCLR Names Mi Casa One of Three Family Strengthening Award Winners in 2010

April 26, 2010 (DENVER) – The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) has chosen Mi Casa Resource Center as one of this year’s NCLR Family Strengthening Award winners. NCLR received many applications from NCLR Affiliate partners in 16 states, and following review by two different committees, Mi Casa was selected as one of just three recipients of the award for running exemplary programs dedicated to strengthening Hispanic families.

As a Family Strengthening Award winner, Mi Casa will receive \$16,500 in cash to support our Youth & Family Development programs. Mi Casa will also share strategies and best practices with other NCLR affiliates at the annual conference in San Antonio this summer, participate in creating a best practices guide, and take part in peer-to-peer technical assistance with other, similar organizations around the nation.

“This is a huge honor for Mi Casa,” said Christine Marquez-Hudson, Executive Director. “It speaks to the incredible hard work and dedication of our staff, board members and volunteers, who work every day to make sure our programs effectively help Latino and low-income families overcome their challenges and achieve lasting economic stability.”

The National Council of La Raza – the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States – works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, NCLR reaches millions of Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied 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. Founded in 1968, NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, DC.

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About Mi Casa: Among the oldest and largest Latino-serving organizations in Colorado, Mi Casa was founded in 1976 by eight Head Start mothers in west Denver who understood that education and employment were essential for women to achieve personal and economic success. Mi Casa was established to create new opportunities for women and their children to succeed. For more than 30 years, Mi Casa has been committed to advancing the economic success of Latino and low-income families through business, career, and youth and family development strategies. For more information visit www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org.