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Mi Casa CEO Chosen to Participate in Nation's Premier Organization for Latina Leaders

February 8, 2011 (DENVER): The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), the nation's foremost professional development organization for Latinas, selected 22 leaders – including Mi Casa Resource Center's CEO/Executive Director Christine Marquez-Hudson – from the public and private sectors to participate the 2011 Executive Leadership Program.

To close the opportunity gap among Latinas and address their underrepresentation in top leadership roles, NHLI's programs are designed to develop Hispanic women as ethical leaders for positions of national, international influence, and public policy impact and as contributors to the advancement of the Latino community.

"In addition to the amazing leadership training, this program will connect Mi Casa to hundreds of Latina executives all over the country at the helm of private, nonprofit and government organizations. That sisterhood network will be a great benefit to Mi Casa now and into the future," says Marquez-Hudson.

As part of the program, Marquez-Hudson will attend four one-week sessions over a period of nine months. Training will include cross-cultural communication, strategic management, public policy, and leadership development and cultural application through a Hispanic and female perspective. Marquez-Hudson will initiate a leadership project which will target Hispanics in the Denver community, and she will mentor two young Latinas in their professional development.

This award is the newest addition to Marquez-Hudson's impressive record, which includes receipt of a Livingston Fellowship in 2009. She is also Secretary for the Denver Latino Commission, a member of the Colorado Nonprofit Association's Nonprofit Advisory Committee, a member of the Colorado Women's Appointment Project, and a member of the Hispanic Chamber Public Policy Committee. Since joining Mi Casa in May 2008, Marquez-Hudson has been responsible for doubling the agency's budget and participation rates. Her experience with NHLI will be leveraged as another forum through which she may continue to provide leadership to Mi Casa in the agency's efforts to provide high-quality programs that advance the economic success of Latino and low-income families.

About Mi Casa Resource Center

Mi Casa is among the oldest and largest Latino-serving organizations in Colorado, founded in 1976 by eight Head Start mothers in west Denver. Mi Casa creates new opportunities through career education to help workers with limited skills and education get a job with strong earning and advancement potential; business education to help underserved entrepreneurs forge a path to prosperity through self-employment; and out-of-school enrichment programs for Latino youth focused on academic success. For more than 30 years, Mi Casa has been committed to advancing the economic success of Latino and low-income families. For more information visit www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org.

Other 2011 NHLI Participants:

Alma Lorena Anguiano, Walnut Creek, CA
HR Director, McDonald's USA LLC, Walnut Creek, CA

Midy Aponte, Washington, DC
President/CEO, The Sanchez Ricardo Agency, Washington, DC

America Baez, Chicago, IL
Talent Acquisition and Diversity Consultant, Chicago, IL

Bella A. Castillo, Villa Park, CA
President and CEO, American Leadership Academy Inc., La Mirada, CA

Ruth Noemí Colón, White Plains, NY
Acting Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, New York, NY

Judy Davidds-Wright, Anaheim, CA
Director of Community Partnerships, GreenDot Public Schools, Los Angeles, CA

Georgina Fabian, Chicago, IL
President, The International Business Law Group, LLC, Chicago, IL

Claudia P. Granados, Newark, NJ
Senior Advisor, City of Newark, Mayor Cory A. Booker, Newark, NJ

Lucia Moraes Jennings, Atlanta, GA
Demand Planning Manager, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA

Denise Jovanovich, Lincoln, NE
Assistant Zone Marketing Manager, State Farm, Lincoln, NE

Patricia Lally, Seattle, WA
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Dept. of Justice, Seattle, WA

Madeline LaSalle, Arlington, VA
Minority Achievement Coordinator, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington, VA

Nidia (Fernandez) Malone, Collegeville, PA
Product Source Management Manager, Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA

Roymi V. Membiela, Coral Gables, FL
Corporate VP Marketing & Public Relations, Baptist Health South Florida, Coral Gables, FL

Olivia Mendoza, Lakewood, CO
Executive Director, Colorado Latino Forum, Denver, CO

Esmeralda T. Mora, Pasadena, CA
LA Urban Teacher Residency Field Director, Center For Collaborative Education, Los Angeles, CA