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LA CASA DE AMISTAD receives grant for TECHNICAL and LITERACY PROGRAMS

La Casa de Amistad to expand its outreach in the community

South Bend, Indiana- February 24, 2010: La Casa de Amistad received a \$20,000 grant check from Comcast in support of literacy and technical programs at the Bombazo event presented by La Casa De Amistad at Sabor a Mexico.

A part of the West Side of South Bend for 36 years, La Casa de Amistad provides many men, women, and children the opportunity to come and take part in enhancing a skill or developing a new skill through participating in the classes offered. The \$20,000 Grant specifically targets the following classes at La Casa de Amistad:

- English as a New Language
- English as a Second Language
- Computer Literacy Classes
- GED Preparation in Spanish
- Pre-kindergarten reading readiness
- After school tutoring program
- Adelante Youth Leadership Program
- Financial Classes

Additional classes offered include citizenship classes, family programs and much more.

“The \$20,000 will be used to augment the outreach and curriculum of our Literacy and Technical programs,” stated Executive Director Rebecca Ruvalcaba. “These programs empower individuals to enhance their home, work, and personal lives. La Casa is very appreciative of community support and appreciates Comcast’s partnership to make our community stronger.”

“Comcast has been part of our La Casa de Amistad family for three years now, beginning with their sponsorship of our fundraising event, Fiesta Michiana.” affirms Rebecca Ruvalcaba. “There is so much more work we will do together. We continue to work with them on a joint Comcast Cares venture and are very pleased to have our Adelante Youth Leadership group work in tandem with Comcast Cares and The Center for the Homeless.”

“Comcast is proud to support La Casa de Amistad in its outreach to the South Bend Latino community,” stated Sandy Weicher, Comcast Area Vice President. “La Casa’s mission to strengthen the greater community by empowering individuals and families is closely aligned with Comcast’s commitment to give hands-on assistance back to the communities where we live and serve. Comcast’s efforts to support La Casa’s success are just one way of helping South Bend as a whole.”

About the Bombazo Event

The Bombazo Event was a part of a series of events that La Casa de Amistad will present for the South Bend Community. The Feb. 20, 2010 event at Sabor A Mexico offered the opportunity to attend a dance workshop prior to the formal dance presentation. The remainder of the series will celebrate the arts and include dance and music performances. Call La Casa De Amistad at 574-233-2120 for more information about future events. Information on La Casa de Amistad and its classes and programs is available at www.lacasadeamistad.org.



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