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Mujeres Latinas en Acción Bestows Janet Murguía With Woman in Action Award

Chicago, IL, March 23, 2011- Mujeres Latinas en Acción and its supporters united to recognize Janet Murguía President and CEO of National Council of La Raza (NCLR), with the Woman in Action Award at its annual Voces Unidas (Voices United) benefit dinner. Held at the Chicago Marriott, Mujeres' Voces Unidas embodies the theme of uniting voices to empower Latinas and their families.

Each year, Mujeres recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit of progress through their professional accomplishments and their contributions to the community and economic empowerment of Latinas.

As someone who has experienced the promise of the American Dream firsthand, Janet Murguía has devoted her career in public service to keeping that dream alive for millions of American families. Now, as a key figure among the next generation of leaders in the Latino community, she continues the mission as President and Chief Executive Officer of (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. Since 2005, one of Murguía's top priorities has been to harness the power of the nation's nearly 50 million Hispanics and improve opportunities for Latino families by strengthening the partnership between NCLR and its network of nearly 300 community-based Affiliates which include Mujeres Latinas en Acción. Ms. Murguía will be recognized for serving as a role model for all aspiring Latinas as a high-ranking decision-maker in our nation's capital, as well as for promoting opportunity and economic progress for all communities throughout her career.

"It is an honor to be given this award from an organization that I admire and respect so much," said Murguía. "No organization has done more to serve and empower Latinas and their families in the Chicago land area."

Industry leader Verizon Wireless has taken the lead for this year's Voces Unidas dinner as the Presenting Sponsor. The company has been an outstanding supporter of Mujeres for several years, and in particular of the organization's domestic violence initiatives.

"Verizon has been an outstanding supporter of survivors of domestic violence, and has been a true leader in corporate giving for the Latino community," said Maria S. Pesqueira, President & CEO. "From donations that allowed us to create an on-site technology center, to sponsoring events, to providing free cell phones to help keep survivors safe, they have truly stood behind our community."

Additional supporting corporations of the Voces Unidas Benefit Dinner include: Platinum Sponsor State Farm; Gold Sponsor Allstate Insurance Company; and Silver Sponsors ABC7 Chicago, BlueCross

BlueShield of Illinois, Chicago Tribune, Extra, Harris Bank, Hoy, Jewel-Osco, Midwest Generation EME, NBC5/Telemundo, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, Yum!, and Wal Mart.

About Mujeres Latinas en Acción

Founded in 1973, Mujeres is one of the longest standing Latinas incorporated organizations in the United States primarily administered by, and working on behalf of, Latina women. Mujeres Latinas en Accion is a bilingual/bicultural agency that empowers Latinas through providing services, which reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives. In 2010, Mujeres was recognized by National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the country's leading Hispanic advocacy organization, as its "Affiliate of the Year." www.mujereslatinasenaccion.org

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