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**CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL
GALA LATINA: *FERIA DE LAS FLORES, A NIGHT IN MEDELLIN***

**The Gala Unites Latinos and Supporters of the
Region's Latino Community**

PHILADELPHIA, February 11, 2009 – Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc. (Congreso), Philadelphia's leading non-profit organization that strengthens Latino communities, announced today that it will host Gala Latina: *Feria de las Flores, A Night in Medellin*, the organization's third annual black tie gala. Guests will get a taste of Colombia as they dine on Medellin cuisine, enjoy a performance by professional Latin dancers, tap their feet to a variety of Latin music, and show off their own Latin moves on the dance floor.

“Medellin is known for many things, but the Feria de las Flores is one of its signature events and one of the largest horticultural events in the world,” said Congreso and Event Chair Ken Trujillo. “The Flower Festival puts Medellin on an international stage and we are excited to highlight it as part of this year's gala.”

In addition to this year's theme, a strong emphasis is also being placed on recruiting young professionals who have an interest in language, culture and the Latino community. A less expensive ticket price will be available for people 32 years of age and younger.

“The purpose of the event is to create an avenue for Latinos and people interested in the Latino community to network with one another,” said Mr. Trujillo. “Young people are our future, and as part of the effort to involve the young professional community with the Gala we have created [La Liga Latina.](#)”

The Gala has received tremendous support over the last two years and we are pleased to announce Romulo Diaz Jr., Associate General Counsel for Exelon, and his partner Dennis James, as this year's Honorary Event Chairs.

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The gala will be held on March 14, 2009, at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. The evening will begin with a dance lesson beginning at six o'clock in the evening, with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing immediately following. For more information please contact Lisa Kricun from Congreso at (215) 763-8870 ext. 1013 or visit www.congreso.net.

About Congreso de Latinos Unidos

Congreso de Latinos Unidos is a nationally recognized, community-based, nonprofit organization that has been strengthening Latino communities in Philadelphia for over 30 years. Since its inception in 1977, Congreso has grown to be a leading provider of education, employment, and supportive services in Philadelphia's neighborhoods. Congreso has compassionately served tens of thousands of individuals and families in Philadelphia. Our vision is to transform people's lives by providing them with the tools to move up the economic ladder and out of poverty.

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