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Dear friend,

Missouri’s Latino population has doubled since 1990. The immigrants are contributing greatly to the economy, and are settling permanently in towns large and small across our state. Notwithstanding, there are still important barriers to their full integration. Social and private services ranking from health care, education—both formal and civic—, and banking, are not fully available to the new Missourians, because of cultural and language barriers, and—in some cases—budgetary limitations or plain neglect.

An inaugural conference on these issues was held on the MU campus in Columbia in March, 2002, followed by a second one at the University of Missouri’s Kansas City campus in 2003, and a third one at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in March of this year. Very successful in attendance and content, the Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) conferences are the most important events dealing with these issues in our state, and have contributed to tending bridges to make this process beneficial to all Missourians.

“Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) - Latinos in Missouri: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice - Hoy y Mañana” is the title of the next conference. As the title reflects, emphasis will be on linking the three main streams that take part at these meetings: best practices from people and institutions in the field; academic education, research and outreach; and policy makers and public service providers.

The fourth Cambio de Colores conference will be held from March 31 to April 1st, 2005, at the Reynolds Alumni Center, in the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. Work is already under way to secure the presence of national, state, and local researchers, outreach specialists, community leaders and organizations, and individuals that will share their expertise, knowledge and best practices on the following subjects:

- Change and Well Being: Economic, Social, Cultural, and Political Participation
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Health
- Youth, Families, and Communities

As an organization vitally interested in the prosperity of the state and the city, we invite your sponsorship of this conference. Your commitment will not only ensure that organizations and residents of all financial means are able to participate, but will position your institution as an important player in the process of integration of the Latino Missourians, and a leader of beneficial change for the whole state of Missouri.

Enclosed is more detailed information about the conference, along with the sponsorship opportunities. We will be pleased to receive your expression of interest by completing the response form included. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate in contacting Linda Espinosa, Stephen Jeanetta, or Domingo Martinez at the addresses provided.

We look forward to hearing from you, as well as receiving your kind support.

Sincerely,

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DIAMOND CONFERENCE SPONSOR - $5,000.00
- Banner or poster in predominant position in poster area and main room
- Full-page advertisement on inside covers of program book
- Acknowledgment on covers of program book and at Web site www.cambiodecolores.org (with large logo and link)
- Acknowledgment and logo in conference brochure, if committed by mid-December, 2004
- One table for 8 at the main luncheon event
- One table for 8 at the main dinner event (or preferred seats in a cultural event)

GOLD SPONSOR - $3,000.00
- Banner in poster area and main room
- Half-page advertisement in program book
- Acknowledgment in program book and Web site www.cambiodecolores.org (with large logo and link)
- Acknowledgment and logo in conference brochure, if committed by mid-December, 2004
- One table for 8 at sponsored event of choice (these will be announced later)

SILVER SPONSOR - $2,000.00
- Banner at sponsored event, if any (may be a keynote speaker or a cultural presentation)
- Free wall poster in poster sessions and tables area
- Acknowledgment and logo (business-card size) in program book and Web site www.cambiodecolores.org (with small logo and link)
- Acknowledgment and logo in conference brochure, if committed by mid-December, 2004
- One table for 8 at sponsored event of choice (these will be announced later)

BRONZE SPONSOR - $1,000.00
- Acknowledgment in program book and web site www.cambiodecolores.org (text only and link)
- One table for 4 at sponsored event of choice (these will be announced later)

GRANITE SPONSOR - $500.00
- Acknowledgment in program book and Web site www.cambiodecolores.org (text only and link)
- One table for 2 at sponsored event of choice (these will be announced later)

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SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

This form indicates your intent to sponsor the 2005 Cambio de Colores conference. Please fill out the form with the requested information and return it to either office listed below. If the funds are already available, you can enclose them along with this form.

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If you should have questions regarding the conference or the sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact Mr. Jeanetta or Mr. Martínez through telephone, e-mail, or fax.

Sponsorship payments are made to the University of Missouri. (Please write “Cambio de Colores Conference Sponsorship” in the memo field.) If a bill is needed, or for any additional financial arrangements, please contact Ms. Cindy Hazelrigg (573-882-2301, or at the other addresses shown at the bottom of this page).

Thank you very much for your support.

Muchas gracias por su apoyo.