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**Talented Educators to be Recognized at CPLC's 13th Annual
Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards**

Four outstanding educators from Peoria, Payson, Tucson and Nogales will be honored today at a dinner and ceremony

Phoenix— Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) will host their 13th Annual Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards Ceremony this evening at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Phoenix. This year, CPLC is fortunate to honor the following extraordinary educators for their tireless dedication to help future generations succeed and their commitment to serve the community: **Richard Alvarez, Juan Carbajal, Sofía P. Gámez and Irma Regalado.**

"Their stories are inspiring. Each of the honorees can relate to the challenges and hardships their students have to overcome in order to succeed in life. In addition to language barriers and cultural differences, students and teachers residing in low-income and rural communities struggle with limited resources," explained Edmundo Hidalgo, CPLC President and CEO. "Thus, we are especially proud and fortunate that for the first time in 13 years, CPLC has the opportunity to expand the Esperanza Latino Teachers Awards Program and pay tribute to very deserving teachers from across the State of Arizona."

With the gracious support of our sponsors, CPLC will present a \$5,000 cash award to each of the four honorees and a cash donation of \$2,500 to their respective schools. In addition, each teacher will receive a 50% scholarship towards a masters or doctoral program at Argosy University and other prizes.

"We are very proud to be a part of a program that celebrates the best and brightest Hispanic teachers in the state," said Tony Moya, SRP Manager of Latino Relations. "CPLC has done an outstanding job of recognizing these individuals who have done so much to positively influence their students and communities."

Throughout the history of the awards program, CPLC has recognized over 95 outstanding Latino educators willing to go the extra mile to make a difference, not only in their classrooms, but also within the communities they serve.

“Cox applauds these outstanding educators for their commitment and service to their community and students,” said Ivan Johnson, Vice President of Public Affairs, Cox Communications Arizona.

What: 13th Annual Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards Ceremony. Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) has recognized talented educators in the Maricopa County area since 1998. For the first time, CPLC expanded the Esperanza Latino Teacher Awards to a statewide recognition award program.

Who: CPLC, community leaders and education representatives will pay tribute to **Richard Alvarez** of Payson High School; **Juan Carbajal** of Rosemarie Rivera Elementary School; **Sofía P. Gámez** of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado Elementary School; and **Irma Regalado** of Peoria High School for their commitment to serving the community and for helping future generations find a path to success.

Where: **Wyndham Hotel**
50 E. Adams Street in Phoenix

When: Thursday, October 20, 2011
The mariachi reception, sponsored by Coors Light, will begin at 5:00 pm. The dinner and ceremony, presented by SRP and Cox Communications, will begin at 7:00 pm.

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) is a statewide community development corporation committed to building stronger, healthier communities as a lead advocate, coalition builder and direct service provider. The organization promotes positive change and self-sufficiency to enhance the quality of life for the benefit of those we serve.

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