



La Mujer Obrera

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Dear Community and Business Leader:

We invite your assistance with a Benefit Event to support **Centro Mayapán**, an innovative initiative by low-income women and their families to create solutions for themselves, while also benefiting all of El Paso. Located in a former garment factory in the South Central neighborhood, once the cradle of El Paso's manufacturers, **Centro Mayapán** is recognized as a centerpiece for the City of El Paso's Chamizal Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.

La Mujer Obrera has nearly finished renovating the facility that will house **Centro Mayapán**. This first stage of La Mujer Obrera comprehensive plan focuses on the strengths of our region's Mexican cultural heritage. It will promote the revitalization of the neighborhood and will generate training and employment for displaced workers and other low-income community members.

We are hosting a Benefit Dinner on Thursday August 28, 2008, 6 - 9 pm, in **Centro Mayapán** at 2101 Myrtle Avenue. This event will serve as the public unveiling of the completed renovations and will build public awareness about the opportunities offered by this beautiful facility.

The evening's keynote speaker will be Dr. David Carrasco, the Neil L. Rudenstine Professor for the Study of Latin America at Harvard Divinity School (HDS) and director of the Moses Mesoamerican Archive and Research Project. Dr. David Carrasco considers El Paso his home and is the son of David L. Carrasco, for whom the local Job Corps Center is named. He is a renowned scholar of Mesoamerican religions and the borderlands. David Carrasco has received the highest decoration the Mexican government can bestow on a foreign national, the Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca (Order of the Aztec Eagle).

La Mujer Obrera will also recognize Cindy Ramos-Davidson and Sally Andrade, prominent leaders in sustainable community and economic development with women. In addition, the evening will also feature Dr. Irasema Coronado, co-author of the recently released book *Políticas: Latina Political Officials in Texas*.

At the same time, the Benefit Event will serve as a fundraiser to support **Centro Mayapán** as a community economic development initiative created and managed by women.

- ***La Mujer Obrera invites you to sponsor this important community event in support of women's initiatives, working together for El Paso's growth and creating economic opportunities for low-income women.*** .

As background, a brochure on **Centro Mayapán** and a sponsorship form are enclosed.

Thank you for your attention to our efforts to transform the current crisis facing low-income women workers and their families. We welcome your support of our efforts to promote economic opportunities for these women, as well as for a positive future for all El Paso.

Sincerely,

Irma Montoya
Executive Director