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**CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS BRINGS CUBAN FLAIR TO  
PHILADELPHIA WITH GALA LATINA: *A NIGHT IN HAVANA***

**New Event Works to Unite and Network the Region's Latino Community  
Free Dance Lessons Offered to All Attendees**

**PHILADELPHIA, January 23, 2007** – Congreso de Latinos Unidos (Congreso), a non-profit organization that works to strengthen the Latino community, announced today that it will host Gala Latina: *A Night in Havana*, the organization's first black tie gala. Guests will experience all the heat of a Cuban night as they dine on Latin cuisine, enjoy a performance by professional Latin dancers, tap their feet to a variety of music, and show off their own salsa moves on the dance floor.

"Each year the Gala will feature a different Latin theme and a different Latin dance," said Congreso and Event Chair Ken Trujillo. "We want this event to be something the community looks forward to each year, and we thought that choosing new themes and dances from year to year would ensure a fun and fresh experience every time. And, attendees will learn a new Latino dance step each year with our free dance lessons."

For those who don't know salsa from samba or swing, Congreso de Latinos Unidos has partnered with four area dance studios across the region to offer complimentary lessons for guests during the weeks leading up to the event.

"We wanted to create an event that would allow Latinos and people interested in the Latino community to come together, network, and have a memorable evening of dancing and fun," said Mr. Trujillo. "We have received a tremendous amount of support so far and are honored to have the support of Walter Perez, ABC 6 new anchor, and his wife, Rita Perez, as our honorary event chairs."

The gala will be held on March 10, 2007 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. The evening will begin with a Salsa lesson beginning at six o'clock in the evening, with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing immediately following. For more information please contact Rafael Arismendi from Congreso at (215) 763-8870 ext 1529 or visit [www.congreso.net](http://www.congreso.net).

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**About Congreso de Latinos Unidos**

Congreso de Latinos Unidos is a nationally recognized, community-based, non-profit organization working to strengthen Latino communities. Founded in 1977 as a grassroots organization, Congreso has grown into a multifaceted, comprehensive provider of health, social, educational and economic development services. Offering more than 50 programs and services within its four divisions, Congreso has touched the lives of thousands in the community and continues to work to create positive change for thousands more.

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