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Su Casa Hispanic Center to host its 12th Annual Silent Auction & Awards Dinner on April 28

CINCINNATI-Lilleana Cavanaugh, Executive Director of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, will serve as the keynote speaker for the 12th Annual Su Casa Silent Auction and Awards Dinner taking place later this spring. Cavanaugh is the first female in the history of the banquet to give the keynote address.

Su Casa Hispanic Center is hosting its 12th Annual Su Casa Awards Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, April 28 beginning at 6 p.m. at Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University.

“We are thrilled that Lilleana Cavanaugh has agreed to serve as the keynote speaker for our event this year,” said Giovanna Alvarez, Director of Su Casa. “She is a wonderful speaker who brings a powerful message to the community. We are honored to have her speak at our event this year.”

This event is the major fundraiser for Su Casa Hispanic Center, which is celebrating its 14th year of serving the Hispanic/Latino population of this region. This year’s event features an expanded silent auction highlighting the many cultural events and happenings that are a part of the Greater Cincinnati region. Musicians and dancers will also provide entertainment.

The highlight of the evening is the awards ceremony. Su Casa Hispanic Center is presenting four awards to individuals and agencies that have made a significant contribution to the Greater Cincinnati Hispanic and Latino communities. Among the winners is Mr. Don Sherman, director of the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, who is receiving the prestigious Cesar Chavez Award. The Sisters of Charity are also being honored for their support of Su Casa.

The award winners for 2011 are:

Cesar Chavez Award: Mr. Don Sherman

Su Casa Volunteer Award: Chris Schulhoff

Su Casa Corporate Award: Sisters of Charity

Lifetime Service Award: Bob Cloud

Diana Lara of UC Health will serve as emcee of the event. The cost to attend the event is \$60 per person or \$550 per table of 10. Over 350 people attended last year’s event, held at the Cintas Center on the campus of the Xavier University. Su Casa is a program of Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio.

The media is invited to cover this event. For more information about the event, contact Chris Gramke, Director of Marketing and Development, at (513) 241-7745 (w), (513) 378-4747 (cell) or via email at cgramke@catholiccharitiesswo.org.