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Council for Spanish Speaking, Inc. acquires four buildings to expand services

Milwaukee, WI, January 2008 – The Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc. recently acquired four buildings to expand services offered to the Milwaukee community. This expansion will allow the Council to better serve the increasing number of individuals and families struggling to overcome economic, social and educational barriers.

"These new facilities will allow us to serve more people in need," says Dr. Tony Baez, president and CEO of the Council.

The Aurora Weier Educational Center, located at 2669 North Richards St., Milwaukee, was purchased by the Council on June 29, 2007. Once a bilingual charter high school, this educational center will soon house one of the Council's five Guadalupe Head Start locations. Guadalupe Head Start provides early childhood education for low-income families. It will also offer adult education and ESL classes in the evening.

The Hillview facility, assessed at \$1.9 million, was donated to the Council in December 2007. The building, located at 1615 S. 22nd St., Milwaukee, will be used for additional programming in the future. The Council is grateful to the generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for believing in our mission of serving immigrants and others with need.

Lastly, the Council purchased two buildings directly east of the Council's administrative offices located at 614 W. National Ave., Milwaukee. These buildings were formerly known as the Acapulco Restaurant and Lounge. This acquisition will allow the Council to create a corridor to Milwaukee's Latin Quarter. The Council will undertake complete renovations of the buildings to provide additional services.

Currently, the Council's programs include Adult Education and Training, Head Start, Loyola Academy High School, Housing for the Elderly and Mobility Impaired, and Social Services. If you or your business have ideas for program development or are able to financially assist with renovations of the acquisitions, please contact Executive Assistant Aldira Aldape at 414.384.3700 x236 or aaldape@spanishcenter-milw.org. For more information about our programs and ways to get involved, please visit our website, www.councilforthespanishspeakingmilw.org.