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**MANA Partners with SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc. to Host  
Successful Dialogue on Latina Health and Wealth at U.S. Capitol**

MANA, A National Latina Organization and SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc., co-hosted a national discussion on core Latina issues of health and wealth on Thursday, March 8, 2007. The event brought together MANA and SER members and associates, Latina leaders from corporations, non-profit organizations and federal agencies to generate a Latina Health and Wealth Issues Dialogue.

The event entitled, **“Latinas: A Growing Power...An Untapped Resource” Our Vision for Latina Health and Wealth**, drew upon knowledgeable speakers from Sodexo, the NIH National Cancer Institute, The National Alliance for Hispanic Health, State Farm Insurance Companies, the White House Initiative on Excellence in Hispanic Education, Freddie Mac, WISER, and Full Cup for information on nutrition, cancer, diabetes prevention, education, employment, financial literacy, retirement and entrepreneurship. U.S. Senator Ken Salazar addressed the participants and stressed the importance grassroots organizations like MANA play in advocacy for Latina issues. Several members of the U.S. House of Representatives also spoke on their initiatives regarding Latina health and wealth, including: The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano, The Honorable Hilda Solis, The Honorable Joe Baca, The Honorable Ruben Hinojosa, The Honorable William Lacy Clay, and The Honorable Bob Filner.

“Latina health is one of MANA’s top priorities and as the leading Latina grassroots organization, we believe it is important to continue to educate and help Latinas of all ages to take positive action to address diabetes, heart disease, cervical cancer and nutrition. At the same time, having the ability to get good health care requires a sound financial foundation. Building wealth is equally critical to good health,” stated Alma Morales Riojas, National President and CEO of MANA.

Sponsors of the event included Altria Corporate Services Inc., DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, Sodexo, Southwest Airlines, and State Farm Insurance Companies.

*Founded in 1974, MANA, A National Latina Organization® (MANA) is a national grassroots membership organization with chapters, individual members and affiliates across the country. MANA’s mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. Its four national goals are to: strengthen Latinas as community leaders; create vital Hispanic communities; advance public policy for an equal and just society; and grow and sustain a healthy organization. MANA achieves its mission and goals through its two premiere programs, the AvanZamos® Program, and adult Latina leadership training program and the HERMANITAS® Program for young Latinas.*

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