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MANA APPLAUDS STATE FARM'S KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS ON ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

MANA President & CEO Alma Morales Riojas congratulated State Farm Insurance Companies for helping those along the Gulf Coast begin to rebuild their lives after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. "In addition to the regular work of State Farm employees and agents with policy holders to help those displaced by Katrina," said Ms. Riojas, "State Farm and its associates donated nearly \$6.2 million to the relief effort."

In the year since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast states, State Farm has handled more than 295,000 property claims and paid more than \$3.1 billion in claims as a result of the hurricane. More than 4,000 agents, employees and independent adjusters were assigned to the Gulf Coast states and call centers responded to more than 800,000 calls.

MANA, A National Latina Organization, and Sate Farm partner in the community to provide several community programs to the Hispanic community, such as the Child Passenger Safety Program. This program provides the basic technical skills on the proper use and installation of child passenger safety seats required to conduct child safety seat inspections and is available to MANA members and affiliates.

"We are very proud of State Farm's actions in the aftermath of Katrina and proud to partner with them to help the Hispanic community," added Ms. Morales Riojas. "State Farm's community efforts put them in the forefront of community partnership. They really live up to their slogan "Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there."

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, an adult Latina leadership training program and the HERMANITAS® Program for young Latinas.

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