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## **MANA Announces the 2007 Chapter Awards**

MANA, A National Latina Organization (MANA), with headquarters in Washington, DC, twenty-one Chapters nationwide and five affiliates across the nation, is pleased to announce the 2007 Chapter Awards. “Each year, MANA recognizes MANA Chapters through a national awards program which includes special achievements of individuals and chapters in furthering the purpose of the organization. The Board of Directors and subsequently the membership approved awards for recognition of chapters in 2001,” said Dr. Sandra Rodriguez Chair of MANA’s National Board of Directors.

The Chapter Awards Committee evaluated all submitted nominations for the 2007 Chapter Awards. MANA is proud to recognize those chapter’s who made the effort to submit nominations in the six categories available for their chapter achievements for the year 2006. The chapters who excel in the special emphasis areas during the program year are presented with one of the six Chapter Awards.

The Evangeline Elizondo Chapter Overall Achievement Award is presented to a chapter in recognition of consistent excellent performance during the program year. The Chapter Overall Achievement Award recognizes the chapter that has best excelled in at least three of the five Chapter Achievement Awards (newsletter, programs, fund raiser, membership, and special project). This was established to recognize superior achievement, stimulate local chapter interest and create friendly competition among MANA chapters. The Chapter who receives this award must have submitted nominations for and be judged to excel in at least three of the chapter special emphasis area achievement award categories.

For the second year in a row the Evangeline Elizondo Chapter Overall Achievement Award for 2007 has been awarded to MANA de Topeka. This award will be presented at Las Primeras Awards® Gala on October 4, 2007 in Washington, DC. “Their submission for the 2007 Chapter Awards showed their impressive role within their community. We are proud of what one of the newest MANA Chapters has been able to accomplish in such a short time. MANA de Topeka has showed its increasing leadership role within their community,” said Alma Morales Riojas, President and CEO of MANA, A National Latina Organization.

MANA would like to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments in the different categories of the 2007 Chapter Awards:

**Chapter Best Special Project Award**

**Chapter Best HERMANITAS® Program Award**

**Chapter Achievement Award**

**Chapter Program Award**

**Chapter Best Fundraiser Award**

**Chapter Membership Award**

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*About MANA: MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. With chapters across the country, it is the oldest national Latina membership organization in the United States. MANA, whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy, envisions a national community of informed Latina activists working to improve the quality of life for all Hispanics. MANA also has the only national Latina mentoring program for girls 11 to 17, "HERMANITAS®" which brings over 100 girls each year to a Washington, DC leadership institute that includes educational activities at the White House, on Capitol Hill, and at the Pentagon.*