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Por La Gente celebrating 30th anniversary Nov. 24 11-17-07

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RACINE — The Por La Gente Association of Racine will have their 30th anniversary banquet and reception Nov. 24 at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Drive.

Speaking at the banquet will be Carlos Mireles, longtime Racine resident and current national chairman, Division 3 of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association; and Maria Valadez, former Por La Gente scholar and currently a teacher at Westosha Central High School.

Mireles is a Horlick High School graduate and currently works with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare — All Saints, working as a registered nurse in respiratory/oncology. He is an enucleator for the Wisconsin Eye Bank, a CPR instructor and a volunteer for Big Brother & Big Sister of Racine. He is currently the head coach the Waukesha Thunder Wheelchair Basketball Team, currently ranked 12th in Division 3.

Valadez graduated from Park High School in 2002. She attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with bachelor of science degree in special education with an emphasis in learning and emotional disabilities. She is a member of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc.

Music will be provided by 3 Floors Up.

The cost of the banquet is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. For more information, contact Becky Strommen at (262) 633-4734, or Candace Sanchez at (262) 412-8976.