



# Intercambio De Comunidades Denver Newsletter: January 2010

*Sharing Languages, Culture and Friendship*

## SAVE THE DATE

Don't forget to invite your students, friends and family

**Zumba Class- Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> 10-11am** – A fun and lively exercise class taught by Intercambio student Danitza Denileon- special rate, \$2 for friends of Intercambio call for location and to RSVP.

**MLK Parade- Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>** -This annual event is one of the biggest in the nation attracting close to 30,000 participants who begin at City Park and walk down to civic center park for a rally- we are meeting in front of East High School at 8:45am.

**OPEN HOUSE/Valentine's Day Celebration - Thurs February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 pm @ Intercambio Denver Office**

\*FUN Activities for children and adults \* small silent auction just in time for Valentine's Day, featuring stuffed teddy bears, chocolates, gift certificates\* always good food and beverage.

**Nice work to our 30 volunteer teachers and 4 trusty volunteer helpers!! Thanks to you, this fall Intercambio Denver facilitated 25 individual classes and 5 school classes!**

Intercambio offers group classes up to 4 times per year, classes have between 3-15 students- Upcoming classes are offered at the following times and locations:

NORTHWEST DENVER (near Intercambio Office)

Tues/Thurs, (10-11:30am), Feb. 2- March 25

Tues/Thurs, (6:30-8pm) Feb. 2- March 25

NORTHEAST DENVER – Pioneer Charter School

Tues/Thurs, (4-5:30pm) Jan. 12-March

**Substitute List:** Trained Volunteers, if you are available to be on call please let us know if you would like to be added to our teacher sub-list!

**Other Ways to Volunteer:** If you are unable to make the commitment for a regular scheduled class, we always need help in the office as well: making phone calls in Spanish, helping at Orientations or with Class coordination and home assessments.

### Helpful Resources:

**Latin American Cultural Immersion (LACI)-** Spanish Courses and Travel Packages [www.lacisite.com](http://www.lacisite.com)

**Mi Casa Resource Center and Andrew Hudson's Job List.com**

\*follow the link to "Bilingual Jobs"

<http://www.andrewhudsonsjobslist.com/>

**Denver Coalition for Integration/DCI-** Promoting belonging and opportunity for everyone, great resources for immigrants and those interested in immigrant issues. Visit

[www.denvergov.org/dci](http://www.denvergov.org/dci) .

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*We would love you to come by and visit our office! We encourage you to give us a call first to make sure someone is there to help you! 1402 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. ☺*

## **FUN FUN FUNDRAISING!!!!**

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Intercambio Denver hosted a Dance and Silent Auction at the DNOTE in Arvada! In addition to the wild and crazy performance by both Intercambio Denver and Boulder staff, students and Board members, we were able to raise over \$1,500 for Intercambio Denver's programs.

**Thank you DONORS!** So far in response to a letter that went out early December we have raised \$3,360. It is not too late to contribute financially to Intercambio, all donations are tax deductible and help us to continue the programs we offer.



### **Helping Immigrants Have a Home in Colorado**

The Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado is proud to support Intercambio de Comunidades Denver as a sponsor of their 2010 La Pachanga with a recent grant award. The Gay & Lesbian Fund agreed to match up to \$2,500 of new and increased donor dollars raised by Intercambio. By generously supporting this work through financial donations, Coloradans have an opportunity to play an important role in helping our immigrant population meet essential needs such as employment and education. With a mission to create a Colorado where every person is treated equally and respectfully, the Gay & Lesbian Fund values the leadership role Intercambio plays in helping our immigrant residents. By achieving economic self-sufficiency, reducing cultural barriers, and increasing multi-cultural awareness and appreciation, immigrants are helping build a Colorado they can call home.