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Bienestar recognizes Intel, Catlin Gabel School, Portland Audubon Society, five individuals for their contributions

Hillsboro, OR – Helping teens build their own computers; boosting reading skills with the help of a dog; donating 3,000 books; introducing children to nature; teaching English to immigrants; and packing 96 backpacks with school supplies.

The individuals and companies that provided all those things, and more, were honored last night for their service to Bienestar, a nonprofit community development corporation.

“We are so grateful for these volunteers’ phenomenal contributions, which have so enriched the lives of the residents of our affordable housing properties,” said John McMeekan, President of Bienestar’s board of directors.

The 2010 volunteer service awards were presented at Bienestar’s annual meeting to the following community partners:

Corporate Partner of the Year: Intel Corp. Janet Rash, community relations manager, and Lisa Neal-Graves, legal & corporate affairs, accepted the award. Intel was honored for the support it has provided to Bienestar with volunteers, grants and board service. In 2010, a volunteer team of Intel employees from across the globe spent a day at Bienestar applying their project planning expertise to develop two new programs for residents of Bienestar’s affordable housing – Kids Computer Club and Teens’ Build Your Own Computer.

Community Partner of the Year: Catlin Gabel School. The award was accepted by Michael Heath, upper school headmaster. The school was honored for the support provided by volunteer Catlin Gabel tutors, donations, and the recent book drive which provided over 3,000 books for Bienestar children. Mark Lawton and Roberto Villa, faculty members, were honored for their three years of support and dedication to the partnership between the school and Bienestar.

Nonprofit Partner of the Year: Portland Audubon Society. Meryl Redisch, executive director, accepted the award. Portland Audubon was recognized for three years of partnership in providing the Explorador Camp for children, Audubon Family Outings and nature presentations for residents, and focus groups.

Three individuals (and one dog) were honored for volunteering their time and expertise to Bienestar:

- **Carrie Miller** and her reading therapy dog Bogz were honored for two years' work with Homework Clubs and Reading Safari;
- **Ginny Rosenkranz** was honored for delivering ESL instruction to Bienestar residents for two years; and
- **Kaylen Miller** was honored for her volunteer service and fundraising efforts in the School Supply & Backpack drive, which helped 96 schoolchildren last fall.

And the **Bienestar 2010 Youth Service Awards** were presented to **Andrea and Dulce Flores**. Andrea and Dulce, teen residents of Montebello Apartments, a Bienestar property in Hillsboro, were honored for their dedicated daily volunteer service at the Summer Lunch & Fun program in Hillsboro for the past two years.

Bienestar is a nonprofit community development corporation providing affordable housing and resident services for 460 low-income families in Aloha, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Scappoose. Resident services programs are offered onsite for adult and youth residents in community rooms at the ten Bienestar apartment properties. Bienestar's mission is to build housing, hope and futures for the well-being of working families and seniors.

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