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**CLUES' PRESIDENT JESSE BETHKE GOMEZ TO BE HONORED
WITH LIBERTY BELL AWARD FROM THE RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Saint Paul and Minneapolis, May 16, 2011 – Mr. Jesse Bethke Gomez, President of Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES), receives the Liberty Bell Award from the Ramsey County Bar Association for the creation of a partnership between Volunteer Lawyers Network, Fredrikson & Byron P.A., the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, Lindquist & Vennum PLLP, and CLUES which is called Linea Legal Latina. This joint effort offers legal services to low-income, Spanish-speaking individuals and families.

“We are thrilled to present this award to someone who has worked with the legal community to make legal services available to underserved communities. Jesse Bethke Gomez does exactly the kind of work that this award was designed to recognize,” says Cheryl Dalby, Executive Director of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

Suzanne Tresnak-Pizano, member of the RCBA Board of Directors, nominated Mr. Bethke Gomez for the Liberty Bell Award. The award honors an outstanding individual [non-lawyer] who has made selfless contributions to the community to strengthen the effectiveness of the United States justice system.

In addition to Linea Legal Latina, Mr. Bethke Gomez serves as a volunteer, member-at-large of the Commission on Judicial Selection; he was appointed by Minnesota’s Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea. The Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection serves the purpose of soliciting judicial candidates, evaluating applicants, and recommending nominees to the Governor for appointment. It fills vacancies that occur within district courts and any vacancies that occur during the term of a judge for the Workers Compensation Court of Appeals.

“On behalf of the CLUES Board of Directors, we wish to congratulate Jesse for receiving the Ramsey County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award,” states Diego Osuna, Board chairperson of CLUES. “This award is a testament to his ability to impact positive change in both the Latino community and the community at large.”

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About CLUES

CLUES is in its 30th year of service to the community and is among the top twenty-five Hispanic non-profit agencies in the United States, as ranked by Hispanic Business Magazine. The agency provides a family-centric, coordinated care model of linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services to Latino and other diverse communities in Minnesota. The divisions of CLUES include: Mental Health Services; Chemical Health Services; Family Services; Economic Advancement Services; Aging Well Services; and Community Health Worker Services.