



**Lanzamiento De Prensa/ Press Release
Los Amigos de la Peñita**

First Annual Los Amigos de La Peñita Fundraiser a Resounding Success!

On Sunday, February 10th, 2008 Los Amigos de la Penita held a gala at the award-winning home of Thomas Bartlett in La Peñita. The famous designer provided house tours and guests were served a variety of drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Musical performances were provided by JaQui, Eric Nice and Adam. Individuals and local merchants donated a number of valuable items as door prizes and for sale in the silent auction.

The fundraiser was a spectacular success. Over 190 people attended and supported Los Amigos de La Peñita with proceeds slightly over \$173,000 pesos.

Los Amigos de La Peñita is a community service organization comprised of residents and members of the local community. Los Amigos exists to serve and advocate for the people of La Peñita, the surrounding Colonias, and the community at large.

“These funds will go a long way towards helping us achieve our goals,” said National Co-President Betty de Carrillo. “Among the priorities we have identified are cleaning and repairing streets, cleaning and improving the beaches, improving the availability of essential water, improving the efficiency of sewer systems, promoting greater community security, and advocating for expansion of recycling programs. All members of the greater La Peñita community are invited and encouraged to participate in planning and providing these services.”

“We want to thank our host, Thomas Bartlett, for his gracious and generous support ,” noted Los Amigos International Co-President Mark O'Neill, “and for providing the inviting and welcoming ambiance of his Hacienda La Peñita. We also want to thank all of our donors for their financial support and their donations to the silent auction and door prizes.”

For further information on the Fundraiser or on Los Amigos de La Peñita, please contact Marion Rogers at 327-274-3417 or publicrelations@losamigosdelapenita.com