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Officer Juan Borges
Metro Nashville Police Department
200 James Robertson Parkway
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Dear Officer Borges:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have nominated you for the Positive Force Award. I have served in the capacity of an advisory board member for the El Protector program for the last year. I have been impressed with your dedication and service to this program. The following is my narrative which describes your outstanding service:

In 2004, Officer Juan Borges was asked by Chief Ronal Serpas to begin the El Protector initiative for the Metro Nashville Police Department. El Protector is a program designed to promote understanding between the Hispanic Community and the Metro Nashville Police Department. This is the first program of its kind in Nashville, Tennessee.

Officer Borges began this program from the ground up. He wrote the grants which launched the program. He assembled an advisory board comprised of concerned citizens of Nashville. This advisory board has met consistently for the last year. Within that time, the advisory board along with Officer Borges has conceived various projects which Officer Borges has executed. These programs include the inception of neighborhood business associations; public service announcements in Spanish addressing topics such as Driving Under the Influence, Domestic Violence; and translation of police department pamphlets and materials.

Officer Borges brought the Cricket interpreter program to Nashville. This program recruits volunteer interpreters to be on call and interpret for police officers who have encountered Hispanic citizens that do not speak English. The logistics of this program have been created and instituted by Officer Borges. He has worked with the Cricket Company, volunteer interpreters, and the Metro Nashville Police Department to make this program possible. This program is a priceless gift to the Hispanic community and the police department. Officers will be able to assist non English speaking citizens and victims. This will facilitate crime prevention and investigations. Non English speaking citizens will have a deeper feeling of trust of the police department thus allowing these citizens to feel safer in their community. The impact of this program will be immeasurable!

Officer Borges has brought the police department to the Hispanic community. He has spoken to numerous community groups in an attempt to bring a better understanding of the police department and the criminal laws. He has become the icon of integrity, safety, and strength to Latinos.

This program will improve the lives of Nashville Hispanic citizens and the Hispanic Community. The program will help officers assist citizens in a more efficient and more accurate manner, thus, making Nashville a safer place for all citizens. This program has only begun and the growth of this program is very exciting. With the leadership, resourcefulness, creativity, and energy of Officer Borges, the potential for this program is enormous.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the citizens of Nashville. Whether you are awarded this award or not, please know that I and the Board appreciate your energy and



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Police Officer Juan Borges
Metropolitan Police Department
Of Nashville and Davidson County

November 12, 2004

The YMCA Hispanic Achievers Programs wishes to thank Officer Borges for his teaching, and educational presentation given to the participants of our program last Saturday, November 6, in the library of Belmont University.

The parents, as well as the kids, thought that the presentation was very interesting and informative. It offered them much information that they had not thought about previously. In this chat, we all won.

The YMCA Hispanic Achiever Program wants to extend our thanks for your involvement, and extend an invitation to you, and to the Metropolitan Police Department to repeat this presentation twice a year.

Again, we thank the Metropolitan Police Department, and especially Officer Borges, for your work in the Hispanic Community in Nashville.

Sincerely,

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Community Program Director
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