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**Re: Urgent Reminder – Honoree Nomination Deadline Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Cultural Ambassadors and Community Leaders:

Bridge Builders of Anchorage will be celebrating its **4th Annual Bridge Builders Gala for Excellence in Community Service** on Friday, October 9, 2009, at West High School. **There will be hors d'oeuvres, cultural entertainment, a silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person.**

The focus of this gala is to recognize an outstanding member, group and/or project of an ethnic community, and to honor those who have continuously made significant contributions to their communities through volunteer efforts.

Each ethnic community has worked hard to establish themselves in our city to be accepted and respected. The ethnic diversity we have in Anchorage is one of our greatest attributes. Bridge Builders would like to highlight this strength at our Gala by awarding an outstanding member, group and/or project of your community an **Excellence in Community Service Award**.

We know there are many people in Anchorage who have made and continue to make a positive difference in their communities through volunteering their time to helping individuals, whether it be youths, elders or recent immigrants. Others have been involved in your community organization to help with various projects, celebrations, and more.

**We are asking your or your organization to select a person, group and/or project that you believe deserves to be recognized for this award.** You or your organization know your community members best and can best select the person, group or project who should be honored. The nomination form is enclosed along with guidelines on which to base your selection.

We realize that there are many people who deserve an award but we request **only one honoree** from your ethnic community this year. It is our goal to sponsor this Gala event every year so you will have opportunities to recognize the others in the future. You also have the opportunity to purchase an ad in the Gala souvenir program to congratulate your community's honoree (form attached).

Please mail your award recipient's name and a **description of their accomplishments** on or before September 10, 2009 to:

**P.O. Box 240294, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-0294**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Paula Pawlowski at 277-1882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elsa Malapit Sargento".

Elsa Malapit Sargento  
President

Committee Members: David Alexander, Pastor  
Thomas Davis, Angelina Estrada-Burney, Elena  
Farkas, Flo Hill, Modou Manneh, Mabel Pike

## Bridge Builders Excellence in Community Service Award

On **Friday, October 9, 2009** Bridge Builders is sponsoring the **4th Annual Bridge Builders Gala for Excellence in Community Service** to recognize and honor members of the ethnic communities who have made significant contributions to their communities. Bridge Builders is asking for an organization within each ethnic community to select **only one person, group or project** to receive the honor and be recognized as outstanding member of the ethnic community. Please complete the form and **attach a statement** of no more than **one page** in length, which describes the qualifying activities of the person/group/project your community has selected to honor.

### HONOREE INFO:

Name of the person/group/project to be recognized and honored: \_\_\_\_\_

If group/project, main contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth, Adult, or Elder (if individual): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATOR INFO:

Person or organization nominating the honoree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If group, main contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION CRITERIA:

- The individual, group or activity has delivered outstanding service to the community in a way that advances the group's goals.
- The individual, group or activity has performed at a level that exceeds expectations.
- The individual group or activity has continuously made significant contributions to the organization and the community through unpaid volunteer efforts.
- The individual, group or activity has improved his or her community through civic engagement.
- The individual, group or activity has performed outstanding service in their communities and is making a positive impact in their local areas.
- The individual, group or activity demonstrates the purpose and values of Bridge Builders; to promote and celebrate harmony and respect among all cultures with dignity, respect, personal trust, openness and personal commitment to activism.
- The recipient can be an **individual** (youth, adult or elder), **a group/organization**, or a **project/activity**.

The individual recipient will be the guest of Bridge Builders at the Gala for Excellence in Community Service. If a group or activity is selected ONE representative from the group will be the guest.

**The name of honoree and one photo must be received at the address below by September 10, 2009 no later than 5:00 p.m. For more information call 277-1882.**

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