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Hispanic Journalists and Communications Professionals Celebrate 30 Years Pulitzer Prize Winner Ruben Vives is Featured Speaker

Dallas, TX, August 23, 2011— Hispanic Heritage Month will end with a bang by one North Texas group. The Hispanic Communicators DFW will reach a milestone, 30 years– of practicing a mission that stands for furthering the advancement of Hispanics in communications through education, scholarships, service and networking.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 N. Haskell Ave. in Dallas. The event will begin with a reception at 7 p.m. and dinner 7:30 p.m.

"This is going to be a special night for the organization and all those who have touched and been touched by the work that we do," said Rebecca Aguilar of the Hispanic Communicators. "I am looking forward to seeing people that I have not seen in many years, especially some of the original founders of the group," added Gary Pina, lifetime NAHJ member.

Pulitzer-Prize winner Ruben Vives of the *Los Angles Times* will speak about his journey as a journalist, the challenges he faced as an undocumented immigrant and story that earned him the Pulitzer. Vives and colleague Jeff Gotlieb won the Pulitzer for reporting on the financial corruption in a small California town.

The Hispanic Communicators DFW, then known as the Network of Hispanic Communicators, was founded in 1981. The banquet is open to all media professionals, journalism educators, as well as professionals, in public relations, social media and mass communications.

SA silent auction will include tickets to a Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day, a Dallas Stars game, a 32-inch LED Samsung TV, a one-night stay at the Fort Worth Hilton and two tickets on Southwest Airlines among other items.

Tickets in advance are \$50 for members and \$60 for nonmembers, and \$75 at the door. To learn more about the event, visit <u>www.dfwhispanic.org</u>.

Hispanic Communicators DFW is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to furthering the visibility and role of Hispanics within the communications fields. Founded in 1981 as the Network of Hispanic Communicators, the group is the official Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

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