The IAHSE Board of Directors is requesting the assistance of the IAHSE membership and Community Based Organizations to make nominations for our yearly awards. All the nominations will be reviewed by the IAHSE Nominating Committee and presented to the IAHSE board for approval. Please ensure the nominee will be present at the Annual IAHSE Conference to accept the award.

**Hilda Lopez-Arce Silent Hero/ine Award:** The Silent Hero/ine Award is an award given in memory of Hilda Lopez-Arce. Hilda was a consummate advocate for the Latino community. Her contributions extended to several professional and not for profit organizations to help make a difference for Latinos throughout the state of Illinois. Hilda Lopez-Arce served as the President of the board of directors of the Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees (IAHSE) for two terms. She provided leadership and worked on issues such as employment, education, bilingual pay, and equal access and opportunities for the Latino community. This award will be given to an individual who exemplifies the spirit and service that Hilda exhibited throughout her lifetime.

**Eligibility:** A Latino or Latina who contributed to the Latino community through service in organizations, not for profit organizations, and faith based affiliations that benefit the welfare of Latinos in the State of Illinois.

**Government Award:** The government award is presented to an individual employed with a governmental agency and in his or her capacity has contributed in serving the needs of the Latino community.

**Community Service Award:** The community service award is presented to an individual employed with a community based organization that has exhibited outstanding service in the Latino community.

**Leadership Award:** The Leadership Award is presented to an individual that has demonstrated to be a strong advocate and contributor addressing the needs and concerns for the enhancement of the Latino Community.

**Eligibility for Government, Community and Leadership**
Individuals who contributed through their respective fields to the welfare and benefit of Latinos in Illinois.

**Nomination Procedure**
The completed nomination packet consists of a “Nomination Form” and an “Essay” demonstrating the persons’ achievement(s). The essay must include the individuals’ contribution(s) to the Latino community, involvement above and beyond their work contributions.

**Nomination Due Date**
The Nomination Form and Essay must be completed, faxed, emailed or mailed and postmarked no later than **September 15th**. Please note: that an incomplete application and late nomination entry will not be considered.

**Submit all Nomination packets to:** (312) 814-8538 (fax) or IAHSE, P .O. Box 641526, Chicago, IL 60664-1526. For more information contact IAHSE at:
Website:  [www.iahse.org](http://www.iahse.org)  E-Mail:  iahse.assoc@illinois.gov  Phone:  (312) 814-8942  Fax:  (312) 814-8538
Please circle one: Hilda Lopez Community Leadership Government

Please complete neatly

Nominated by: Carlos R. Charneco Phone #708 606-0017 Email Carlos R. charneco@sbcglobal.net

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: IL __________________ Zip Code: 60506

Daytime Phone: (630) 270-1848 Evening Phone: (__) _____

E-mail Address: __________________________

Employer/Organization: ____________________________________________

Community Service Involvement

List significant community service activities, leadership roles and awards received.

Activities Location Date

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Please include a statement, which denotes the individual’s contributions to the Latino community. (Maximum of 150 words). Please use attached sheet of paper for the Essay.

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Essay Nomination Form

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

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If the nominee is selected as recipient, a brief biography will be requested for conference booklet.