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(From Left to Right)

Ms. Rana M. Gorzeck, Attorney At Law, Hatem Fouad, Owner Falcon Inn, Gerald E. Cowen, ASPIRA Attorney, Raul A. Martinez, ASPIRA President and CEO, Miream Sierra, ASPIRA Board Chairperson, Louis R. Melara, Realtor, Ghassan Bishouty, Owner Falcon Inn

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. Purchases Falcon Inn for Educational Campus

On October 14, 2005, and just in time to culminate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Board of Directors through its Chairperson Miream Sierra and Raul A. Martinez, President and CEO of ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. closed on the purchase of a 3.5 acre property, formally known as the Falcon Inn, neighboring with Homestead Air Force Base and the Homestead Speedway, located in south Miami-Dade County.

This is the second property purchased by ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. for the purpose of creating an educational campus & youth sanctuary with a charter school and community education facilities.

The new property was purchased at a price of \$2.1 million and financed through Regions Bank, Coral Gables Offices. Future plans include the relocation

of all ASPIRA South operations including, Youth Leadership Development Outreach Services and ASPIRA Clubs; ASPIRA's South Charter School now serving 225 students and ASPIRA's Adult and Family Literacy Programs. Estimates for new facility construction could reach \$2.5 million.

"These are exciting times for ASPIRA" said Aymet Chaples, ASPIRA Vice President of Charter Schools Operations. "Housing all the programs under one roof will bring cohesiveness and uniformity to our services to the community."

Sierra said, "The Board is committed to our staff and the students and families we serve. This is a great opportunity to provide the resources necessary for ASPIRA to continue and expand its work in the Homestead area."