

## Nonprofit collaborative seeks founding partners to help anchor community center on Nolensville Road

As Nashville welcomes more and more immigrants into our community, coordinated services are needed to address the complex and interlocking challenges facing these new arrivals as well as to help them maximize the opportunities our city affords them. **Conexión Américas** continues to recruit donors and nonprofit partners committed to the social, economic and civic integration of immigrants to be part of this one-stop community center. While South Nashville is home to a large number of immigrants and refugees and is increasingly recognized as our city's vibrant international district, a diverse population of hard-working Nashvilleans has called South Nashville home for many generations. Therefore, this nonprofit collaborative also seeks to strengthen the social capital of one of Nashville's most diverse neighborhoods and seeks partners to serve all of its residents.

### Benefits of CASA AZAFRÁN Community Center:

- Nonprofit and governmental collaboration and coordination of services
- Located in Nashville's international corridor
- Convenient access for South Nashville residents, on the bus line
- Increased operating efficiency through shared costs (meeting space, training & classrooms, kitchen, restrooms, parking and possibly other back-office collaboration)
- Unique opportunity to contribute to community building efforts in diverse neighborhood

### Committed Nonprofit Partners (to date):

- Conexión Américas (full operations)
- United Neighborhood Health Services (for primary care and prenatal care clinic)
- Vanderbilt Center for Health Services (for South Nashville Family Resource Center coordinating role and other health-related programs)

### Interested Partners:

- NashvilleCARES (to locate its outreach and case management team serving Latino population)
- YMCA (At a minimum, to locate its Latino Achievers Program team. Also exploring "mini Y" concept, which could include a 3,000 sq ft wellness workout room, with special objective to have "women-only hours" to serve Muslim women who would not exercise in the presence of males. Complements clinic services for women provided by UNHS and wellness programs by Center for Health Services)
- Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (available to move in 2012)

### Location:

Nolensville Road (near the Zoo)

### Approximate Rent Fee:

\$13 per sq ft. (plus pro-rated allocation of shared space)  
(Includes utilities, janitorial services and common area maintenance)

### Available for Occupancy:

December 2010 (tentative)

### Partnership/Lease Agreement Deadline:

July-August 2010

*\*Casa Azafrán is not the final name, but likely. "Azafrán" is a word in the Spanish language derived from Arabic. Its use for the center's name represents Conexión Américas' desire to build an inclusive, welcoming place for all immigrants in Nashville, many of whom speak Spanish and Arabic. Symbolically, by using "azafrán", we also allude to the historical connections among Spanish- and Arabic-speaking people (in Spain and Northern Africa, for example) before we converged in Nashville in recent years. Azafrán ("saffron" in English) is a spice and it means "yellow-orange," color palette that will inspire the aesthetics of the center.*