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The Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs advises the Governor, the General Assembly, and agencies within the Executive Department on matters relating to the Hispanics in Maryland. It works with the Hispanic community, private groups, State and local government to serve and represent Hispanic people of Maryland and promote their interests.

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**Three Kings Day Gift Campaign and Cultural Celebration
*Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Pedro Biaggi
and Nonprofits to Sponsor Gift Presentations***

The Three Kings Day celebration has long been an important part of the Christmas holiday season in Spanish-speaking countries and one which the Hispanic American community honors as part of its heritage. While the formal holiday was celebrated on January 6th, the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs is continuing to share the Spirit of Epiphany with Maryland families in need.

The Three Kings Gift Campaign and Cultural Celebration involved the collaboration of six non-profit organizations from around the state. Centro de Ayuda/Center of Help in Annapolis; Education Based Latino Outreach (EBLO) in Baltimore; Centro de la Comunidad also in Baltimore City; Centro Familia in Silver Spring; Maryland Multicultural Youth Center MMYC in Langley Park; and CentroNia in Takoma Park collected gifts for infants and children under the age of five. Gifts collected include; new and lightly-used baby strollers, play pens, high chairs, baby coats, baby clothes,

and educational toys.

Two celebrations to distribute the gifts will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2009:

Education Based Latino Outreach (EBLO)
606 South Ann Street
Baltimore, MD 21231
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CentroNia
1345 University Blvd.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pedro Biaggi and El Zol 99.1FM will be broadcasting live from CentroNia after 2pm.

Marylanders joined in this effort to help the youngest among our families be able to enjoy a gift on Three Kings Day, contributing greatly to its success. **For additional information please contact Jessy Mejia at the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs (410) 767-8969.**