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Third-Annual “Art in Celebration”: Art Exhibition and Reception to benefit GIMS

An art show and reception to benefit the Gustavo Ipiña Memorial Scholarship Fund is planned for August 28, 2008 from 5pm to 9pm at Gallery 2910 in Dallas’s historic Deep Ellum neighborhood. The reception will showcase the art and photography of local artists. Complimentary drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Art sales and donations will benefit the scholarship fund.

Now in its third year, The Gustavo Ipiña Memorial Scholarship Fund has made college a reality for four Woodrow Wilson High School graduates. Lizeth Olvera, Cesar Ortiz, Yichuan Lu, and Elsa Olvera have each received a \$5000 scholarship in memory of fellow WWHS student, Gustavo Ipiña, an exceptional young man who was the victim of a road rage incident in 2004. Gustavo was a week away from his senior year at Woodrow when he was killed. He had aspirations of being the first in his family to attend college and becoming an architect. The scholarship’s founder, Taly Haffar, was the Dallas County assistant district attorney responsible for prosecuting Gustavo’s killer. Since its creation in 2005, the G.I.M.S. has raised over \$40,000.

The G.I.M.S. enjoys year-round support from the Woodrow family (teachers, parents and alumni), the Dallas legal community, and many others. In addition to the summertime art show, the G.I.M.S. hosts a December holiday party at Travis Walk’s Bodega Bar. These two events provide this perpetual endowment the support it needs to achieve its goal: to honor Gustavo’s legacy of friendship, scholarship and spirit.

**Gallery 2910
2910 Commerce
Dallas, Texas 75226
214-744-2910**

The gallery is located near the intersection of Commerce and Malcolm X.

Donations can be sent to:

G.I.M.S.
6154 Saint Moritz
Dallas, TX 75214
Or contact Taly Haffar at 214-734-2124

Gustavo’s Legacy: Scholarship. Spirit. Friendship.