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Second Roundtable Meeting Set for FBOs & CBOs in Dallas

Washington D.C. – The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) will hold its next regional roundtable meeting in Dallas, Texas. The event will take place on Wednesday March 24, 2004 (dinner and beverages will be provided), from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

The Center for Nonprofit Management
2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas, TX 75204
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The community roundtable is one of NAVASA's many initiatives to outreach and enable faith-based organizations (FBOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) across the country. The meeting in Dallas allows local leaders, activists, and members to learn more about accessing funding resources and receiving technical assistance in health and social service programs as well as to share their experiences from their work and discuss any unmet needs they may have within their community.

Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh has confirmed to be the keynote speaker at this roundtable meeting. In addition, guest speakers from the local DHHS Region 6, Texas Office of Refugee and Immigrations Affairs, Texas faith-based agencies, and the area Social Security Administration will also speak at the event. NAVASA expects at least 100 people, including community leaders, activists, and members of FBOs and CBOs from the Texan community, to attend the event.

The meeting is co-hosted by Mosaic Family Services, a community-based, nonprofit social services agency that has provided assistance to refugees, immigrants, and other minorities in the Metroplex Dallas/Fort Worth since 1993.

"After the first successful roundtable in Miami, we are eager to come to Dallas with the same commitment and enthusiasm", said Huy Bui, Executive Director of NAVASA. Also he added, "It is our commitment to educate ethnic CBOs and FBOs about the faith-based initiative, to listen to their concerns, and together learn how existing resources can be utilized".

Under a contract with ORR, the meeting in Dallas is the second in a series of regional community roundtables that NAVASA has organized for 2004.

For more information, call the office or visit our website at <http://www.navasa.org>.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency currently comprised of 37 ethnic community-based organizations. Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the socio-political system. Located in metropolitan Washington D.C., NAVASA is fully committed to assisting its affiliate organizations to address the civic, economic, linguistic, and social needs facing community members in their specific localities.

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