



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I offer my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the Niagara Foundation's Niagara Peace & Dialogue Awards 2011, themed "*Honoring the HEREOS of Chicago*".

Established in 1997, the Niagara Foundation (NF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating sustainable relationships and partnerships between the Turkish-American community and our city through cultural awareness opportunities. Each year, NF honors individuals who have made great contributions to society through their leadership, dedication, and commitment to public service, education, community involvement, and professional leadership. I would like to congratulate tonight's award recipients on their many accomplishments.

The Turkish-American community has made vital contributions to the development of Chicago throughout history and continues to play an important role in the cultural, civic, and economic life of our city.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor