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Cecilia Acosta was named Outstanding Professional at the New Mexico Conference on Aging recently at the Sandia Resort and Conference Center. Everyone knows Cecilia as Ceci Acosta. Ceci was presented the Professional award on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 before the 1200 conference attendees during the morning Plenary Session where the Former Major League Baseball Player, Hall of Fame Catcher – “Johnny Bench – shared his life story and his Joint Replacement experience”. His celebrity status and his motivational tips were very entertaining by all the conference attendees.

The Conference on Aging is an opportunity for seniors and the professionals who work with them to come to learn and have fun in an environment of support for senior independence and dignity. New Mexico Senior Olympics co-sponsored a Sports Health Fair during the Conference with educational workshops, exercise activity and exhibitors.

Acosta, a life-long resident of Roswell New Mexico has dedicated her career to working with adult seniors for over 22 years and is currently the Executive Director for New Mexico Senior Olympics Inc., located at 1600 Southeast Main Street, Suite C.

The award was presented outlining her many year round contributions as the leader of the Organization including orchestrating the largest multi sport event in our state for senior athletes which just concluded this summer in Las Cruces – The Senior Olympics Summer Games for over 1230+ seniors; Senior TREKS to Healthy Fitness in 8 communities – November thru March each year; All Indian Game Day event for 350+ elder participants as a mini game competition; Senior Olympics Team Tournaments in Softball, Volleyball and Basketball are fast growing that attract 700+ senior team players to our state.

Ceci Acosta is a member of the National Senior Games Association and currently serves on the New Mexico Sports Authority Committee appointed by Governor Bill Richardson and is a member of the Executive Committee for the Health Aging Collaborative that fosters partnerships that enhances healthy aging for all New Mexicans. Acosta is member of Assumption Catholic Church and is the mother of two adult children, Miguel and Julio and grandmother to three little ones- Jaylen, Andrea and Dante.

Ceci attributes her award for all the hard work her team of staff, volunteers and local game coordinators have provided the Senior Olympics Director over the many years of service.

Another area recipient recognized was Brigido “Bricky” Juarez from Artesia for the Governor’s Recognition of Achievement in Aging Award.

(See Picture attached) Photo includes Dept. of Aging Cabinet Secretary Cindy Padilla, Ceci Acosta and New Mexico Senior Olympics, Inc. Board Chairman, Dick Griffith.