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### **Salsa Music Highlights Multicultural Teacher Scholarship Benefit**

Madisalsa, Madison's favorite dance band, will be the featured performer at the Salsa and Other Colors Gala, the second annual benefit for the Janesville Multicultural Teacher Opportunities Scholarship (JMTOS) Fund.

The event will be held on Friday, September 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville. The Handphibians, another popular Madison band specializing in Brazilian drumming, will be featured in the gardens during the cocktail hour. An ethnic sit-down dinner begins at 7 p.m. followed by Madisalsa and dancing at 8:15 p.m. The event also includes a silent auction featuring many unique ethnic items, art, and UW athletic tickets.

The JMTOS scholarship program, offered through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, offers renewable college scholarships to Janesville students of color pursuing a career in education. Upon attaining a Wisconsin teaching certificate, recipients agree to apply for a position with the School District of Janesville.

The program began in 2008 as an effort to address the disparity between the numbers of students and teachers of color in the School District of Janesville. At that time, students of color comprised 17 percent of the District's student population. During the same year, teachers of color comprised only .5 percent of the faculty.

To date there are nine students in the JMTOS program. Several of the current students will speak at the benefit.

Tickets to Salsa and Other Colors are \$50 per person. A portion of each ticket sale is tax deductible. Sponsorships are also available for \$1,000, \$800, and \$500. To order tickets, sponsor a table, or for further information, contact the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, (608) 758-0883. The deadline for reservations is September 19. Further information about the event may be found on the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfsw.org](http://www.cfsw.org).