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**The Friends of the Milton Public Library on behalf of the Milton Public Library will host:**

**2023 Hispanic Heritage Event sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library and funded by the Arsht Cannon Fund**

The Friends of the Milton Public Library, in collaboration with the Milton Library Staff, Charito Calvachi-Mateyko, Dr. Christine Cannon of the Arsht Cannon Fund and the Delaware Hispanic Commission have worked together to provide a cultural event where we can learn from one another in a welcoming and safe environment.

Date: Saturday, December 16 at the Milton Public Library, 121 Union Street; 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 2023 Hispanic Heritage Event will serve as a cultural destination for community members of all ages to explore a community of diverse demographics who may not be knowledgeable about each other’s culture with a special focus on the Latino culture. It fosters a platform to learn about empathy and known privileges that are not shared by Latinos or people of color in general. This will be implemented through the cultural entertainment, foods and activities designed to teach about the culture.

Key Highlights of the Hispanic Heritage Event:

1. Statewide and Community Organization Vendor Fair.

2. Networking and Engagement: Representatives from participating organizations will be on hand to discuss their missions, answer questions, and provide information about their organizations with an emphasis on the Latino community.

3. Supportive Environment: The Hispanic Heritage Event will offer a welcoming, safe and inclusive atmosphere.

4. Special Performances by world renowned Dayan Aldana professional singing artist originally from Chiclayo, Peru and the Casa Guanajuato Dance Group.

5. Cultural foods will be served provided by various local restaurants.

6. Drawing Prizes.

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About the Organizer:

Friends of the Milton Public Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization unaffiliated with Sussex County Government, dedicated to advocating for and supporting the Milton Public Library. Our mission is to promote literacy, education and community engagement by providing resources, volunteering, and fundraising for library programs and services.