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Emporia Spanish Speakers Expands, Becomes Kansas Spanish Speakers

Emporia, KS — Emporia Spanish Speakers is proud to announce its new name and expanded vision: Kansas Spanish Speakers. While the organization will remain headquartered in Emporia, the new name reflects a broader mission to support language learning, cultural connection, and community integration across the entire state of Kansas.

“From the very beginning, our mission has been about building bridges,” said LeLan Dains, Founder and Executive Director. “As Kansas Spanish Speakers, we can bring that same energy and commitment beyond Emporia—helping more communities connect across language and culture.”

Kansas Spanish Speakers provides Spanish language instruction, bilingual events, and cross-cultural initiatives that create more inclusive communities. Programs like Se Habla Español, the Language Exchange, and Vamos a Explorar will continue locally in Emporia while also expanding into new regions through partnerships and workshops.

The organization incorporated as Kansas Spanish Speakers in 2023, laying the foundation for statewide impact while remaining rooted in Emporia.

As part of this transition, Kansas Spanish Speakers acknowledges the creative legacy of Jamie Darcy, designer of the original Emporia Spanish Speakers logo, whose work helped shape the organization’s identity. The rebranding process has been guided with care by Gil Chaida, whose contributions are helping carry that vision forward into this new chapter.

Kansas Spanish Speakers is currently in the process of transitioning its social media accounts and developing a new website to better serve communities across Kansas. Updates will be shared soon, and community members are encouraged to follow along for announcements.

Sincerely,

LeLan Dains
Founder & Executive Director
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