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**Subject:** Can you help AYUDA please!?

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Dear Kristen,

Hope you are well. Diana is on Israeli mission and is back 5/15. She says last time you were with her. AYUDA is involved again this year (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row) with the Miami Beach Salsa Fest and Melina Almodovar is now on our Board (joined last year). We would love to have our annual Gala at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. It is planned for 9/9/23 and I am currently in dialogue with the Garden which is available that evening. The event will be one week prior to the MB Salsa Fest and it will be a pre-party / kick off event for the Salsa Fest, a tribute night for DeAnne Connolly Graham (who was our Board Chair for 18 years before her untimely passing last year) and a fundraiser for AYUDA. Could you possibly help reduce the rental fee (\$6,000)? Other fees include liquor package (minimum \$9,600) and security. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience. We lost about half our funding recently and we are trying to keep everything going! Thank you! I have reached out to Mayor's office and Danielle Mejia, Lissette Arrogante, and Marcia Monserrat and am waiting to hear back. David Richardson has been supportive with helping get rent waived at the Bandshell for MB Salsa Fest. I look forward to hearing from you. THANK YOU!

Best regards,

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