



### *Lordy Lordy Look Who's Forty*

In 1971, TMC, known then as Texas Migrant Council, was incorporated and received its first Migrant Seasonal Head Start grant to offer services in Texas. Since then TMC has increased its Migrant Seasonal Head Start services to the states of Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma and Iowa.

In the 90's, TMC entered the Texas Workforce System and is the contract manager for Child Care Services in Travis County and Golden Crescent Workforce Solutions in Victoria County including six surrounding counties.

During this decade, TMC became the contract manager of the Healthy Marriage Development Program, the Twogether in Texas Program, the Safe Haven Program and the Starr/Zapata County Head Start Program. Also, TMC hosts the largest quantity of "Dia De Los Niños/ Day of the Child" celebrations throughout the nation.



### *Board of Directors Name Officers*

Board of Director Officers were sworn in at the January 2011 meeting held at La Posada Hotel in Laredo, TX. Elected to the leadership of the Board of Directors for a third term are Dan Liskai – President from Woodville, Ohio; Graciela Camargo – Vice-President from Weslaco, TX; Leonel Lopez – Treasurer from Mission, TX; Judge Juan Velasquez – Sergeant at Arms from Victoria, TX and Diana Palacios – Secretary from Crystal City, TX. Also, Chester Phyffer was sworn in as Board Liaison to the Migrant Seasonal Head Start Policy Council.

The Honorable Joe Lopez, Judge of the 49<sup>th</sup> District Court officiated the swearing in ceremony.



L-R: Dan Liskai, Graciela Camargo, Judge Joe Lopez, Leonel Lopez, Juan Velasquez, Chester Phyffer

### ***Migrant Seasonal Head Start Policy Council Name Officers***

The Migrant Seasonal Head Start Policy Council elected a new slate of officers for 2011. Elected to the leadership of the Council is LeeAnn Benavides - President from the Wintergarden Region; Cristina Perez - Vice-President from the Wintergarden Region; Maria Esparza- Treasurer from the Indiana Region; Melissa Carrizalez - Sergeant at Arms from the Western Region and Elizabeth Ibarra -Secretary from the Rio Grande Valley Region.

The TMC Policy Council consists of eighteen members (18) from the eight states where TMC has centers, one board liaison, plus five community representatives representing the Wintergarden region, the Valley region, the Indiana region, the Western region, the Ohio region and UMOs Wisconsin Delegate agency.

The Policy Council of TMC’s Migrant Seasonal Head Start program held their regular meeting on Friday January 14, 2011 in Laredo, TX.



Policy Council Members visit during first meeting of the year. **L-R:** Veronica Solis, LeeAnn Benavides, Cristina Perez, Guadalupe Jimenez, Yvonne Torres

### ***Head Start Policy Council Name Officers***

The Head Start Policy Council elected a new slate of officers for 2011. Elected to the leadership of the Council is Evelyn Rodriguez—President representing the Palito Blanco, El Ebano and El Fresno Centers; Juan Garza—Vice-President representing Las Palmitas and Roma Centers; Karina Martin—Secretary representing Los Laureles and El Jardin Centers; Graciela Ochoa—Treasurer representing El Logal and La Coma Centers; Martin Villarreal—Reporter from the San Isidro ISD Center and Claudia Garcia—Parliamentarian representing El Lago and Benito Juarez Centers. Miguel Lopez is serving as Starr County Community Representative and Maria I. Espinoza is serving as Zapata County Community Representative.

The TMC HS/EHS Parent Policy Council consists of thirteen (13) members and 2 community representatives one from Starr County and one from Zapata County.



**Pictured L-R:** Evelyn Rodriguez, Juan Garza, Karina Martin, Graciela Ochoa, Martin Villarreal and Claudia Garcia

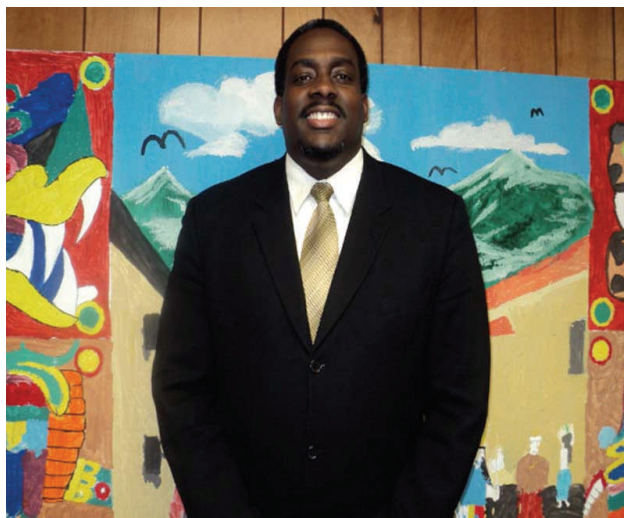
### ***TMC Welcomes New Regional Administrator to Ohio Region***

TMC welcomed Richard Langford as its new Regional Administrator for the Ohio Region.

Mr. Langford returns to TMC having worked as the CPET/ Family Partnership Coordinator in the Ohio Region from 2001 through 2005.

During his absence from TMC, Mr. Langford served as the Executive Management Team Member for Neighborhood Health Association. While at Neighborhood Health Association he was able to develop the Mobile Migrant Clinic which provided medical services to children and families directly at the migrant camps.

We welcome Mr. Langford back to TMC and look forward to his success in the Ohio Region.



### ***TMC Welcomes New Regional Administrator to Rio Grande Valley Region***

TMC welcomed Manuel Ochoa as its new Regional Administrator for the Rio Grande Valley Region.

Mr. Ochoa previously worked as Director of the Upward Bound Program for low income and first generation students at the University of Texas Pan American helping them complete high school and enter post secondary education. He also worked for MET Inc., a migrant program, as Program Youth Director for nine years providing academic services for migrant youth and their families.

Mr. Ochoa has spent his life volunteering with various community organizations that advocate for migrant and seasonal farm-workers, higher education and college readiness for low income and first generation students.

Mr. Ochoa received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Texas Pan American. Presently, he is completing his Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership.

