

Pearsall Center Thanks Community Partners

The Migrant Seasonal Head Start Center in Pearsall, TX held a celebration for the children on May 13, 2011 before their families travel to work the fields throughout the United States. During this celebration, the Center staff took time to thank some of their community partners. Center staff honored GEO South Texas Detention Center and the Knights of Columbus # 8327. “We are very fortunate to have community partners such as these, they are true example of what is great about Pearsall”, stated Raquel Nuñez – Center Manager.

Staff from the GEO South Texas Detention Center serve as the Center’s Secret Santa. GEO employees provide each child with toys creating a joyous holiday season for each of the children at the TMC Center. The Knights of Columbus spend countless hours assisting the Parent Committee with the many fundraisers the Center has on behalf of the children.



TMC Hosts Valley Texas School Readiness Leadership Summit

TMC’s Texas School Ready! Program in partnership with the Children’s Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston hosted a Texas School Readiness Leadership Summit on Monday, May 25 in McAllen, TX.

The Summit featured Moderator Rick Diaz who is the News Director Channel 5 News, Layne Waxley of the Children’s Learning Institute who provided insight into the proven research-based approaches to high-quality early childhood education, Superintendent Dr. Daniel King from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD, Dr. Isaias Rodriguez from La Joya ISD/UTPA Professor, Manuel Ochoa the TMC Rio Grande Valley Regional Administrator, Jackie Gillon of Little Shining Stars Daycare, and Jenny Newcomb from the Workforce Solutions of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.



Cisneros Speaks at Noche de Niños Reception

Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under the Clinton Administration, Henry Cisneros was the keynote speaker at the Noche de Niños Reception Fundraiser held on May 26, 2011. Mr. Cisneros spoke about the importance of programs like the Laredo-Webb County Safe Haven and thanked the District Attorney and Judges present on their commitment to the children of Webb County. The reception was held at the Monte Carlo Reception Hall at 6415 McPherson in Laredo, TX.

During the reception District Attorney Isidro Alaniz and Sheriff Martin Cuellar were recognized for their investment in the Safe Haven program. District Attorney Alaniz has two full time and two part time employees at the Safe Haven and Sheriff Cuellar has volunteered one full time deputy and one part time deputy to assist in monitoring the supervised visits at the Safe Haven.



TMC Hosts Texas School Readiness Leadership Summit in Laredo

TMC's Texas School Ready! Program in partnership with the Children's Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston hosted a Texas School Readiness Leadership Summit entitled "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today" on Tuesday, May 26 in Laredo, TX.

The Summit featured Moderator Dr. Miroslava Vargas an Associate Professor – Teacher Preparation, TMAIU, Pauline Monsegue-Bailey from the Children's Learning Institute, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Nelson from Laredo ISD, Rogelio Treviño of the Workforce Solutions – South Texas, Juanina Martinez - Webb County Head Start Educational, Gloria Castillo -Camilo Prada Child Development Center Director and Carmen Pompa - United ISD Early Childhood Coordinator. Also, testimonials were delivered praising the effect the Texas School Ready program has had on the children of their classrooms by Janice de la Viña and Victoria Camacho -MacDonnell Elementary, Melissa Cisneros - Cuellar Elementary, Homero Reyes—Reyesitos Learning Center, Adriana Aguilar—Naty's Learning Center and Krystal Payle – Parent Finley Webb County Head Start.



Safe Haven Thanks Noche de Niños Sponsor for His Support

Members of the Laredo-Webb County Safe Haven and TMC Board of Directors, including former Secretary of HUD Henry Cisneros, who serves on TMC's Special Advisory Board, and San Antonio City Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros visited Danny's Restaurant at 802 Juarez to thank Owner Danny Lopez for allowing the Safe Haven to use the MonteCarlo Reception Hall and for catering the Noche de Niños Reception free of charge to the Safe Haven program.

"On behalf of TMC I would like to thank Mr. Danny Lopez for his generous donation. The Safe Haven was able to raise more than \$45,000 towards the continuation of the program. Without this support the Noche de Niños Reception would not have been successful," stated Judge Oscar Hale – Safe Haven Advisory Board Co-Chair.



Laredo Police Department Supports Safe Haven Program

To assist in the continuation of the Safe Haven program, the Laredo Police Department made a presentation to the Laredo-Webb County Safe Haven Program today. Police Chief Carlos Maldonado, joined by Assistant Police Chiefs Gilberto Navarro, Gabriel Martinez and Guillermo Perez, representing the Laredo Police Department made a check presentation for \$10,000 to TMC to assist in the continuation of the Safe Haven program here in Webb County. The donation will be used to assist with personnel costs that allow secure supervision of the children in the program.

"The Laredo Police Department has been a key partner with TMC since we began to manage the Laredo-Webb County Safe Haven Program in 2008 by providing a secure environment to the children and families who enter our facility. We are grateful to Chief Maldonado and the Laredo Police Department for their continued support of the Safe Haven program", stated Mary Capello – President/CEO.

