

Dia de los Niños set for April 30th

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Laredo – Surrounded by children and dignitaries Mary Capello, CEO of the Texas Migrant Council, Inc. announced preparations for this year's Dia de los Niños. "On April 30th Texas Migrant Council, Inc. (TMC) will celebrate Dia de los Niños. This event celebrates and empowers the children of Laredo and the surrounding areas through educationally focused activities. Dia de los Niños centers on family values and education for a successful future", stated Mary Capello-CEO.

The children of the Henry Bonilla Head Start Center, in hula skirts, performed for the crowd while McGruff, the United South Panther, Willie Bote and the Border Patrol joined them. Representatives from Kohl's Department Store handed out toys to the Center children and students from Bruni and McDonnell Elementary Schools.

This year's poster was unveiled. The artist is Juan Medellin a student at Laredo Community College. Mr. Medellin received a \$250 scholarship for having been chosen as this years winner.

Background

Dia de los Niños is an event held annually in over 75 cities throughout the country and internationally. In Laredo, the celebration has grown from a gathering of hundreds in 1999, to a peak attendance of 18,000 children and adults in 2006 at the Laredo Entertainment Center.

This year's event will include Jose Luis Orozco, an author and recording artist whose work draws upon the rich heritage of the Hispanic community. Other events include children's performances, petting zoos, pony rides, face painting booths, puppet shows, story telling, and children's art activities.