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# FIESTA DE LOS NIÑOS CAR SHOW



**Pictured L To R:** Fred Guzman, CSR Specialist; Nacho Borroel, Best In Show; and, Pete Gonzales, CSR Supervisor

On Saturday, April 20th, our CSR Unit spearheaded a car show at Port San Antonio's Fiesta de los Niños - an official fiesta event that is family friendly. Fiesta goers enjoyed games and rides in a safe, alcohol-free environment.

The car show served as an added fiesta attraction with all car show proceeds benefitting our very own non-profit Bexar County Partners for Youth, including the CSR Program. Luckily, we enjoyed a good turnout - 102 cars registered.

All types of makes, models, and years were represented. We were honored that these car owners displayed their pride and joy at the show.

While the real winners at this show were the youth we serve, car show owners were winners as well. Due to space limitations, however, only a few of the award winners are listed below:

**Best In Show**, Nacho Borroel, 1956 Chevy Sedan ... **Peoples' Choice**, Sandy Fuentes, 1966 Ford Mustang Pony ... **Kids' Choice**, Mike & Christy Rivera, 2013 Jeep Rubicon JKU ... **Largest Club Participation (tie)**, San Antonio Jeep Club and Classic Street Knights ... **AAA Affordable Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Pick**, Andrew McBurney, 1967 Camaro ... **Judge Carlos Quezada Pick**, Troy Contreras, 2015 Jeep Wrangler ... **Port San Antonio Pick**, Humberto Ramirez, 1955 Chevy Pickup

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**Largest Club Participation:**  
Classic Street Knights



**Largest Club Participation:**  
San Antonio Jeep Club

For these kinds of events to come together, it takes manpower. Therefore, gratitude goes to our CSR staff. They worked their tails off before and during this event. Special gratitude goes to CSR Specialist Fred Guzman who served as event co-chair.

Additionally, many thanks to all probation staff who volunteered their time: Amanda Guzman, Andrew Ramos, Anthony Cooney, Celia Eureste, Dana Wilson, Garrett Caswell, John Moran, DCPO Maricela Morales, Mario Martinez, Marisol Quinones, and Tanya Jopling. Of note, Amanda got several student volunteers from Holy Cross High School to help out. These young people were phenomenal. There were also several friends of the department who helped. Simply too many to mention.

Finally, mega thanks to all the car owners who showcased their vehicles. Roughly a third of show participants had no car club affiliation. Others represented several area clubs:

Alamo Area Pontiac, Alamo City LX, Alamo City Rods, Alamo City Vdub, C10 Addictions, City Wide, Classic Street Knights, Cuadro Chico, Ethnics Car Club, Honson Early Ford V8, Klassisch

Vdubs, Locos, Pushrods, Redcon 1, River City Classics, Rivercity Corvettes, San Antonio Car Club, San Antonio Jeep, San Antonio Mustang Club, She Devils, South Texas Car Club, TCA, Texas Bowties Car Club, and VOSA.

It is difficult for any car show to do well without sponsorships. So we cannot say *Thank You* enough times to our generous sponsors:

- **Partner Level Sponsors** Port San Antonio ... O'Reilly Auto Parts ... AAA Affordable Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
- **Friend Level Sponsors** Judge Carlos Quezada, 289th District Court ... Universal Toyota
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- **Club Trophy Sponsor** Klassisch V-Dubs

In closing, this was a fun event for a good cause. And given the green light, CSR is revved up to take this on again. ■



**Pictured L to R:** Jim Wheat, Associate Judge, 289th District Court; John Tobar, Jr., AAA Affordable Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; and, Ralph Zamora, O'Reilly Auto Parts District Manager (*Sponsor Reps*)











Our 9th annual barbecue plate fundraiser was held on March 7th. Sincerest gratitude goes to probation department staff and community friends who supported the event. So many of you not only bought plates but donated as well.

Many thanks to our CSR Team who made this event a success. In particular, CSR Lead Specialist Joe Medellin (Head Cook) and his Sous Chef, CSR Specialist Joe Villescraz. Both of these men got up very early in the morning to barbecue.

For cooking the beans and rice, special thanks go to Probation Officer Rosalie Vogt, as well as Joe Medellin's family: Corina Mata and Laura Medellin. As always, gratitude to our good friend Marcus Lopez with Legacy Gutters for lending us his awesome pit.

In addition, we would be remiss not to thank the following for helping serve plates: Sheriff's Deputy Krissy Perez, and Parent Project Supervisor, Celia Eureste. Hopefully, we have not overlooked anyone's contribution.

This year, we were especially thrilled to donate plates to the children at Centro Seguro.

Once again thank you everyone for supporting our department's youth and program. ■



Busy Serving Line



Joe Villescraz Working the Grill



Pictured in the Background L to R: CSR Staffers Joe Medellin and Joe Villescraz lead birdhouse construction activity

## Recycling Wood Project

This project's purpose is to educate youth on the importance of recycling and repurposing materials to benefit the community. An outcome of the project is the construction of birdhouses that will be displayed at The Promised Land Church.

Project started on March 27th and will end on May 1st. Project is under the direction of Joe Villescraz, CSR Specialist. In our next issue, we will cover the project's final day, including the placement of birdhouses at the church. ■

# Small Engine Project

In the Small Engine Maintenance & Repair Service Learning Project, youth were introduced to basic skills associated with the maintenance and repair of lawn equipment. This includes tools as well as small gas engine operated equipment, specifically lawn mowers and weed trimmers.

By the end of the project, youth were able to identify and use appropriate tools, recognize different fuel systems, understand basic carburetion principles, and perform small engine tune-up and add lubrication/oil. Hands-on training was supplemented with a tour of the Aviation Hangar and Sheet Metal Shop at Alamo Community College .

This project was coordinated by Lead Specialist Joe Medellin. It culminated on Saturday, March 2nd, with a lawn mower spring tune-up at the Madonna Neighborhood Center. At this event, youth changed motor oil, replaced spark plugs, air filters, and sharpened cutting blades. Equipment serviced belonged to elderly residents who are active with Madonna. All costs (oil, spark plugs, etc.) associated with the tune-up were borne by the project.

For partnering with us, many thanks go to Roger Caballero, Executive Director at Madonna. ■



(Pictured on the Right) At the lawn mower spring tune-up, CSR Specialist, Pablo Villanueva, directs youth on lawn mower maintenance.

## FAREWELL

Effective, May 9th, CSR Specialist, Sonia Benavides, will report to Child Support Probation where she will begin her new career as a Probation Officer.

Sonia joined the CSR Unit back in January 2018. She worked as a part-time CSR Specialist assigned to our weekend work crews. During her brief stint with us, Sonia was a joy to work with, extremely upbeat regardless of the circumstance. In addition, she displayed a keen ability to manage some of our more behaviorally challenged youth.

Saddened to lose Sonia, but very happy for her new opportunity. ■

