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## SAVE THE DATE

### Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Andy Mireles Juvenile Probation Center  
301 E. Mitchell

*The Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department's CSR Program will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner. This event will recognize and celebrate the many community partners who help department youth with their community service obligations. The event will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.*

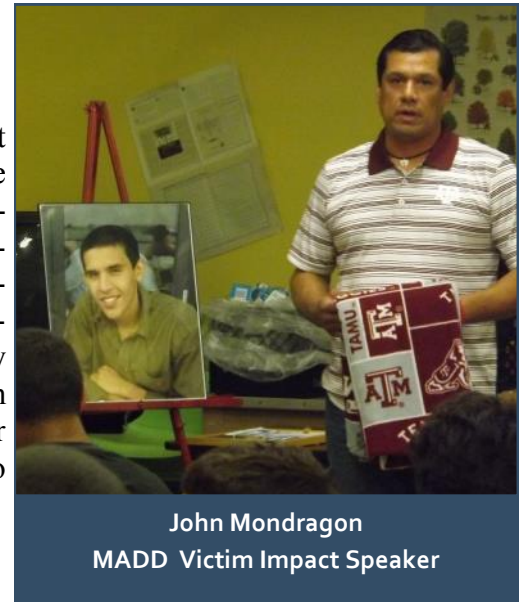
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INVITATION WILL FOLLOW

## Words for Success ... *Speakers Series*

Occasionally volunteers from the community are invited to speak to youth in the CSR program. We seek out individuals who have roots in our community and are willing to share an educational, motivational or inspirational message:

- **John Mondragon**, Victim Impact Speaker with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), spoke on the dangers of underage drinking and drunk driving. John shared his heart-wrenching story. Last year, he lost his twenty year old son, Matthew, to drinking and driving. Matthew was a student at Texas A&M University. John let our youth know that they can be productive and enjoy rewarding futures if they make good choices especially early in life. Special thanks to **Lorrie Calderon**, Manager of Victim Services for MADD, who arranged John's participation. For more information on MADD — South Texas Affiliate, go to [www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/south-texas/?referrer=https://www.google.com/](http://www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/south-texas/?referrer=https://www.google.com/). (05-21-16)

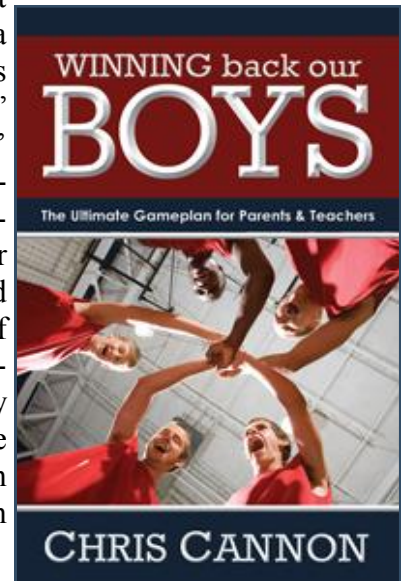


John Mondragon  
MADD Victim Impact Speaker



Chris Cannon Uses Role Play to  
Deliver a Point

- **Chris Cannon** is a best-selling author and motivational speaker. His key insight into the lives of young people is shaped in part by his experience as a former college football player at Eastern Michigan University as well as a former high school teacher and coach. His books include "Winning Back Our Boys" and "The Mystery of Manhood." Chris' presentation engaged our youth in a participatory way. He spoke on issues that are relevant to today's youth, such as negative peer pressure, growing up without a father, and choices. Above all, his message was one of hope, encouragement, and what determination can produce if you accept responsibility for your success and believe that it's possible for you. In short, he reminded our youth that "no one can steal your dream, unless you give it to them." To learn more about Chris, go to [www.Fighting4Youth.com](http://www.Fighting4Youth.com). (07-09-16)



- Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at St. Mary's University, **Valerie Huizar**, shared her life story and words of encouragement with our young ladies. Coach Val is a product of O'Connor High School. She played collegiately at LSU Shreveport, and later coached there, too. Prior to joining the St. Mary's Bas-

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Words for Success ... Speakers Series

ketball Program, other coaching stints included Our Lady of the Lake University and Tyler Junior College. Using sports as a metaphor for life, Coach Val stressed the importance of sacrifice, commitment and perseverance in attaining one's goals. She challenged our girls to find something productive in life that they are passionate about and work hard each day to get better at it, not just for themselves but for their families, as well. Finally, she stressed that winning the day can be defined by them showing to school, turning in assignments even when they experience pressure from peers to do otherwise. (08/27/16)



Once again, many thanks to Coach Val, Chris and John for taking time to share their thoughts, encouragement, and expertise with our youth. ■



CHAPS Trail Project  
(June 25, 2016)

Children and Horses Always Produce Success (CHAPS) is an on-site equine-facilitated therapy and activity program available to children under the supervision of the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department. CHAPS is designed to assist in the rehabilitation of children with significant mental health, emotional and behavioral health challenges.

In preparation for the future development of 23-acres adjacent to the CHAPS facility, this summer CSR youth started clearing brush and debris from the area. This is a tough challenge in which 822 hours of community service were performed between June and August. More work to come in future months.

CSR's role is to clear one to two of these acres. This is part of the proposed Salado Creek Trail Project. The latter proposes to create hiking and equine trails for enrichment programming.

For more information on CHAPS, please contact Theresa Scheets, Manager of Project Management & Enrichment, at 210.335.1896. ■





During the annual ArtsFund campaign, a total of 161 juvenile probation department employees donated \$8,908. The dollar amount donated and number of employees who donated set new contribution records for all county departments. We are really proud of JPD staff for supporting this worthwhile children's cause.

Many thanks go to the department's fundraising committee that among other tasks conducted over 50 presentations: Kimberly Lyday, Jacqueline Munoz, Michelle Ingoldsby, Mary Helen Silva, Rick Lozano, Erin Barry, Denise Guevara-Gil, Cassandra Clark, Linda Johnson, Jayme Lyon, Celia Eureste, and Pete Gonzales.

As an incentive to giving, the department held a prize drawing for staff on July 21st. Gratitude is extended to all the committee members as well as Chief Wilkerson for donating prizes for the drawing, and to Luke San Antonio for donating a generous \$100 gift certificate. Luke's is located on the River Walk and is renown for its French-German cuisine. Huge thanks to **Cathy Bartlett**, Luke's General Manager, for facilitating the donation. And congrats to the prize drawing winners:

Prize	Winner
Luke's \$100 gift certificate	Charlotte Tapia
Spurs Goody Bag containing Rubee Couture Elegant T-Shirt, replica championship ring, and koozie	Amy Gonzales
\$50 HEB gift card	Mario Martinez
Academy \$25 gift certificate	Tanya Navarro
Academy \$25 gift certificate	Larry Bray
\$10 Starbuck's gift card	Milo Ugalde
\$10 Chick-fil-A gift card	Bobby Rios
\$10 Chili's gift card	ShaMonica Biscoe
UT tie-knot blanket	Bregarian Bledsoe
\$10 Whataburger gift card	Rene Guerra
\$10 Bill Miller's gift card	Michelle Briseno
Kirkland's Home picture frame	Amanda Parrish



Erin Assists Chief Wilkerson with the Drawing



A Few of Our Record-Breaking Fundraisers



ShaMonica & Mario are Winners



## In Loving Memory—Betty Bundy

On August 15, 2016, Betty Bundy, a longtime friend to the CSR Program and its youth, passed away. Over the past eight years, CSR youth have performed community service at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, oftentimes under Betty's caring and watchful eye.

Betty was a remarkable and beloved woman who embodied the best of the human spirit. She was a nurse during World War II. After her retirement from the military in 1970, she dedicated her life to helping those in need through Christian based organizations. In particular, she was a fierce advocate for youth. Among her many accomplishments, she initiated the Green Bridges Community Garden at Chapel Hill UMC. It is at the garden where our youth did and continue to do their community service.

We extend condolences to the Bundy Family and our friends at Chapel Hill UMC. ■



Betty Bundy  
Jun 22, 1922—Aug 15, 2016

## Personal Energy Transportation

**F**or the third consecutive year, CSR youth participated in the Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Service-Learning Project.

In partnership with the Northside Lions Club, youth spent part of this summer assisting in the construction of hand-cranked mobile carts, called PET® Mobility Carts. These carts provide a means of transportation to individuals living in developing countries who are unable to walk.

Carts are produced by volunteers in Affiliate workshops throughout the country. The Northside Lions Club is one of these Affiliates. After these carts are produced, they are shipped to third world countries. This includes Haiti, Nicaragua, Vietnam, and many more.

This summer the service learning project was held from June 14 to August 3. It was conducted at the Northside Lions Club PET manufacturing site located at 219 E. Nakoma. CSR lead staff were Steven Lerma and Joe Medellin.

To learn more about the PET® Mobility Project, please go to <http://petinternational.org/> ■



Youth Assembling and Painting Cart Parts (June 22, 2016)

**W**e are in constant need of community service work sites. During this 4-month period, we were fortunate in that several entities signed letters of agreement to have our youth do community service on their premises:

Community Partner	Type of Agreement
All Nations Winners Church	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
City Youth Church	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)
Freedom: A Church for All People	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)
Greater Ball Tabernacle AME Church	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
Greater Nehemiah Pentecostal Church	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)
Mission San Jose	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)
Palm Heights Baptist	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
Place of Grace Fellowship	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
Premier Boxing Club	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
Ransomed Life	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
SA Bears Youth Football	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
The K.I.N.G. Movement	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
True Vision Church	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)
Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley (CA)	Individual Placement (Single-Client)
Word Christian Ministry Community Church	Individual Placement (Multi-Client)



**Thank You Partners**