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Words for Success

From time to time, community volunteers are invited to speak to youth in the CSR program. Typically, we look for individuals who have roots in our community and are willing to share an educational, motivational or inspirational message. This report period we were fortunate to have Nevil Shed and Marques Mireles share time with our youth:

- **Nevil Shed** is a motivational speaker, Spurs summer camp coach, and Texas Red Wolves ABA professional basketball team coach. He has earned countless accolades, including induction into the prestigious Naismith Hall of Fame.



As a former basketball player at Texas Western College — now known as the University of Texas at El Paso, he etched his name in the annals of American civil rights and basketball history. In 1966, Nevil and his college teammates were the first team to start an all-African American lineup in the NCAA Division I Championship Game. Against overwhelming odds and societal pressures, the Miners of Texas Western College were victorious. This inspirational story is portrayed in the Walt Disney movie “Glory Road.”

With our youth, Nevil shared a bountiful number of stories and life lessons that stressed the importance of citizenship, standing up for one’s beliefs, and adherence to positive core values. He shared the three pillars he lives his life by: Faith, Respect, and Belief in Oneself. Finally, he encouraged our youth to stay positive especially when facing negativity from others. (May 6, 2017)

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- **Marques Mireles**, Youth Prevention Specialist with the San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), provided substance abuse prevention information that in part helped dispel myths and misconceptions related to alcohol and drugs. He stressed the importance of natural highs, such as dance, arts, and sports, as opposed to the artificial and destructive highs of drugs and alcohol. He encouraged youth to find love, acknowledgement and respect in life by making smart choices. Additionally, he touched on the importance of self-worth and empowerment. Judging by the free-flow of questions, Marques succeeded in getting our youths thinking about this incredibly important topic. *(June 20, 2017)* ■



SAVE THE DATE

Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Andy Mireles Juvenile Probation Center
301 E. Mitchell

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

For more information please contact

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INVITATION WILL FOLLOW

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

At the department's annual meeting held on June 22nd, **Joe Medellin** was presented with the CSR Employee Excellence Award. Joe is a longtime employee of this department. He started his career back in 1997 as a CSR Case Aide. Currently, he is the Lead Specialist.

In 2016, he clearly went above and beyond his job duties. He manned weekend crews on a weekly basis, including Sundays. In addition, he did an impressive job on the RAMP Build Project. Specifically, he led the construction of seven wheelchair ramps in the community.

Thank you Joe for your dedication and hard work. ■



Chief Lynn Wilkerson Presents Joe with Award

Mobility Project

In partnership with the Northside Lions Club and Mobility Worldwide, our youth once again spent part of this summer assisting in the construction of hand-cranked mobile carts.

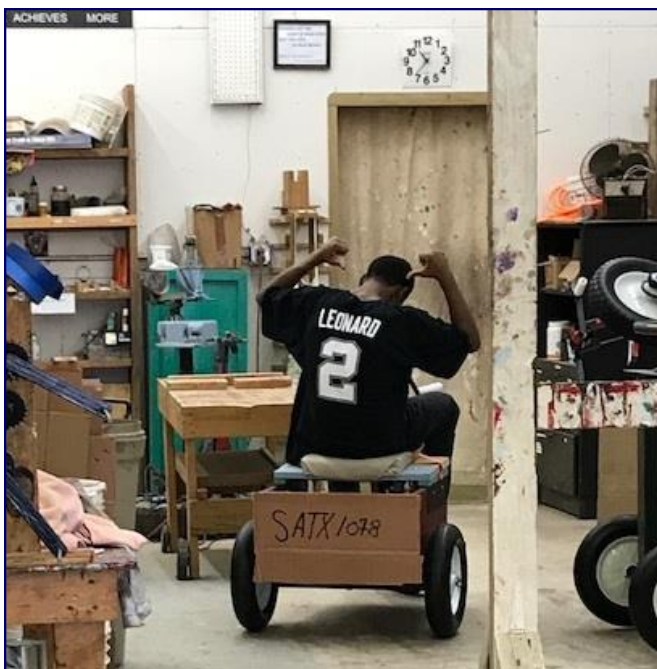
Finished carts are then shipped by the Lions Club to developing countries. These carts provide a means of transportation to non-ambulatory individuals living in those countries.

This service learning project introduced youth to basic carpentry, construction, painting, manufacturing, safety, and other workshop related activities. Youth taking part in the project were credited with twenty-four CSR hours. Project was held from July 19th to July 27th at the Northside Lions Club PET manufacturing site located at 219 E. Nakoma.

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



Painting — A Favorite Part of Cart Assembly



SPURS Pride on Display in the Workshop

WELCOME



Lillian



Melanie

We are very pleased to welcome **Lillian Byas** and **Melanie Castro** to the CSR Unit.

Lillian joined CSR on June 5th. She is a native San Antonian who earned a Bachelor's degree from Baylor University. While at Baylor, she co-founded The Cultural Competency Consortium to help educate Baylor University staff and students on diversity and cultural competence. In addition to her background in cultural diversity education, Lillian is also well-versed in group processing, spreadsheets, film and digital media. In particular, this skill-set lends itself well to our service learning projects.

Melanie joined CSR on July 20th. However, she's been employed with the department since May of 2013. Prior to joining CSR, she worked pool at Detention. While there, she was regarded as an outgoing employee with a positive attitude towards fellow staff and residents. This May she graduated from UTSA

with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. In specific, detention experience and familiarity with our clients are expected to greatly help with her transition to our unit.

Once again, WELCOME. ■

This report period our youth performed CSR at the following sites. Very **THANKFUL** for these partnerships.

5-Diamonds Little League .. Art for Kids ..
 Boysville Children's Shelter .. Chapel Hill
 UMC .. CHAPS .. Christian Hope Resource Center .. City Youth Church ..
 Columbia Squires .. Converse Animal Shelter .. ECISD .. Frank Garrett Community
 Center .. Goodwill .. Greater Athletes Succeed .. Greater Randolph Area Services Pro-
 gram .. Habitat for Humanity .. Iglesia Dios es Amor .. JJAEP .. JISD .. Last Chance
 Ministries .. Madonna Neighborhood Center .. Mobility Worldwide .. NISD .. Pro-
 spera Housing Community Services .. The Restoration Center .. SA Food Bank .. San
 Antonio Youth for Christ .. SWISD .. Texas Ramp Project .. Texas Transportation
 Museum .. The Advocates Social Services .. The Door .. The Promised Land Church