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Conference Update

Greetings,

The 2014 TCSA Conference in El Paso is right around the corner. Many thanks to Israel Tena, Community Engagement Officer with the El Paso Juvenile Probation Department, who is the 2014 conference chair. Israel has been working diligently to make sure that this year's conference turns out to be a learning and enjoyable experience.

The conference begins on Sunday, October 26th and ends on Wednesday, October 29th. It is anticipated that the conference will attract community service specialists, probation officers and other professionals from both the adult and juvenile justice systems. We are also expecting some of our colleagues from New Mexico which should make for some very interesting dialogue.

Regarding training credit, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) has approved this conference for a total of 17.75 hours, i.e., 16.25 certification hours and 1.5 management hours.

As usual, training credit hours for conference attendees who are employed by Community Supervision & Corrections Departments are to be approved by their respective CSCD Director. Additionally, TCLEOSE credit will be awarded to Texas peace officers. Officers must provide their TCLEOSE-issued personal identification number and sign in every day to receive credit.

For CSCD and TCLEOSE attendees, 17.75 training credit hours is also recommended.

More conference information is contained in this newsletter. This includes the Registration Form and Agenda. As we get additional conference details, they will be posted on our website www.texascommunityservice.com.

Best Regards,

Pete Gonzales
TCSA President



The Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) is a recognized 501 (c) (6) non-profit organization in the State of Texas. It exists to enhance the business conditions of professionals and other individuals involved in the development and administration of community service restitution programs. Special emphasis is placed on those programs and individuals involved with Community Supervision & Corrections Departments and Juvenile Probation Departments.

2014 Conference Registration Form

Texas Community Service Association 19th Annual Conference

WWW.TEXASCOMMUNITYSERVICE.COM

The registration fee for the 2014 conference in El Paso will remain **\$125.00** and includes a TCSA Annual Membership.

Conference dates are:
October 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2014

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TEXAS COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

CSCD

Mail Conference registration forms and fees by **October 15, 2014** to:

Caldwell County CSCD
Attn: Edward Delgado, TCSA Treasurer
401 E. Market Street
Lockhart, Texas 78644

Phone: (512) 398-7151 Fax: (512) 398-6639 E-mail: Edward@caldwellcscd.org

If you fax or e-mail your registration information, follow up with your payment to the address above.

If possible, please bring a modest item representing your area that we could use as a door prize. Also, please bring a canned food item(s) as we will be making a contribution of non-perishable items and a monetary contribution to a local food bank..

Hotel Information

Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport, 1770 Airway Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925 (915) 772-3333

www.radisson.com/elpasotx

If calling the hotel directly to make your room reservation, let the hotel employee know that you are requesting a room from the room block that is set aside for the **Texas Community Service Association**. If you are making your reservation directly on the hotel website, enter the following promotional code: **TCSA2014**. Both of these hotel room reservation processes, will allow you to get the government room rate of \$90 per night, plus 17.5% local and state taxes (\$105.75). This includes complimentary hot breakfast, parking and WiFi. Mini-refrigerator and microwave is also included in each room. The hotel will reserve rooms up to **October 12, 2014**. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space availability basis only and promotional rate will no longer apply. Please remember to bring any Hotel Tax Exemption letter that applies to your organization.

TCSA Conference Registration Form

October 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2014

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Conference Agenda

Texas Community Service Association 2014 Annual Conference

Community Service Restitution – 19th Annual Conference

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Registration

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

7:30 am to 8:00 am

Registration

8:00 am to 8:30 am

Posting the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance

Challenge Academy Color Guard (El Paso County JPD)

Invocation

Cruz Vances, TCSA Board Vice-President

Greetings & Introduction of TCSA Board of Directors & Guests

Pete Gonzales, TCSA Board President

8:30 am to 8:45 am

Welcome to El Paso

Judge Veronica Escobar, El Paso County

8:45 am to 9:15 am

Keynote Address: The Value of CSR – A Chief's Perspective

Chief Roger Martinez, El Paso County JPD

9:15 am to 9:45 am

General Session: The Reluctant Volunteer

Bernie Sargent, Chair of the El Paso County Historical Commission

9:45 am to 10:45 am

General Session: A Lil' Rainbow Within the Grey

Daniel L. Rollings, President of PFLAG El Paso

10:45 am to 11:00 am

Break

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11:00 am to 12:00 pm

General Session: Life Decisions/Shattered Dreams
Lt. William "Bill" Gibson, Rogelio Sanchez State Jail

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Break-out Sessions for Juvenile and Adult Officers

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

CSCD Session: Mental Health Issues

Sonia Morales, Forensic Services Coordinator, DSHS El Paso Psychiatric Center and Faculty at the University of Phoenix

Juvenile Session: Evolution of Youth Services – Psycho-Educational Model to Needs and Strength-Based Approaches
Ernesto Tapia, Program Director with Casa El Paso Unaccompanied Minors Shelter Care

2:15 pm to 3:30 pm

CSCD Session: Love Paws – A New Beginning

Larry Brunt, City of El Paso Animal Services, Grant Coordinator

Rose Janice, City of El Paso Animal Services, Volunteer Program Coordinator

Juvenile Session: Motivational Interviewing

Elizabeth Calvillo, El Paso County JPD, Training Technician

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

CSCD Session: Networking – Adult Programs

Frank Hernandez, Operations Manager for West Texas CSCD

Juvenile Session: Networking – Juvenile Programs

Joel Olivas, Community Service Technician, El Paso County JPD

Christopher Redfearn, Community Service Technician, El Paso County JPD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

7:30 am to 8:00 am

Registration

8:00 am to 9:15 am

General Session: Community Service and the Border Patrol

Ramiro Cordero, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

9:15 am to 10:30 am

General Session: ADA: An Understanding

Amanda Proffitt, El Paso County, ADA Coordinator

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Conference Agenda

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10:30 am to 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am to 11:45 am

General Session: Community Service, Who's Involved

Slade Davis, El Paso PD Northeast Regional Command Center, Community Services Officer

11:45 am to 1:30 pm

Luncheon Presentation (Meal provided by TCSA)

Dr. Mary Cuadrado, Chair & Associate Professor of the Dept. of Criminal Justice at UTEP

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

General Session: Liability Considerations in Implementing CSR Programs

Jo Anne Bernal, El Paso County Attorney

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm to 5:00 pm

General Session: Community Service Research – What We Know, What We Don't Know, and Future Directions

Dr. Leanne Alarid, Associate Professor at the University of Texas El Paso

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

7:30 am to 8:30 am

General Membership Meeting

Financial Audit Report *Chairperson: Brenda Garcia, TCSA Board Member*

Nominations and Elections of New Board Members

2015 Conference Location

8:30 am to 10:00 am

General Session: Disproportionality and Disparities, Achieving Racial Equity Across-Systems

Herman Horn, Ph.D. & Mari Tucker, LMSW

10:00 am to 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am to 12:00 pm

Reconvene General Membership Session

Results of Vote on Board Elections & 2014 Conference Location

Open Floor for Any Other Business

12:00 pm

Closing / Certificates

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

2014-2015 TCSA Board Meeting

Reflection

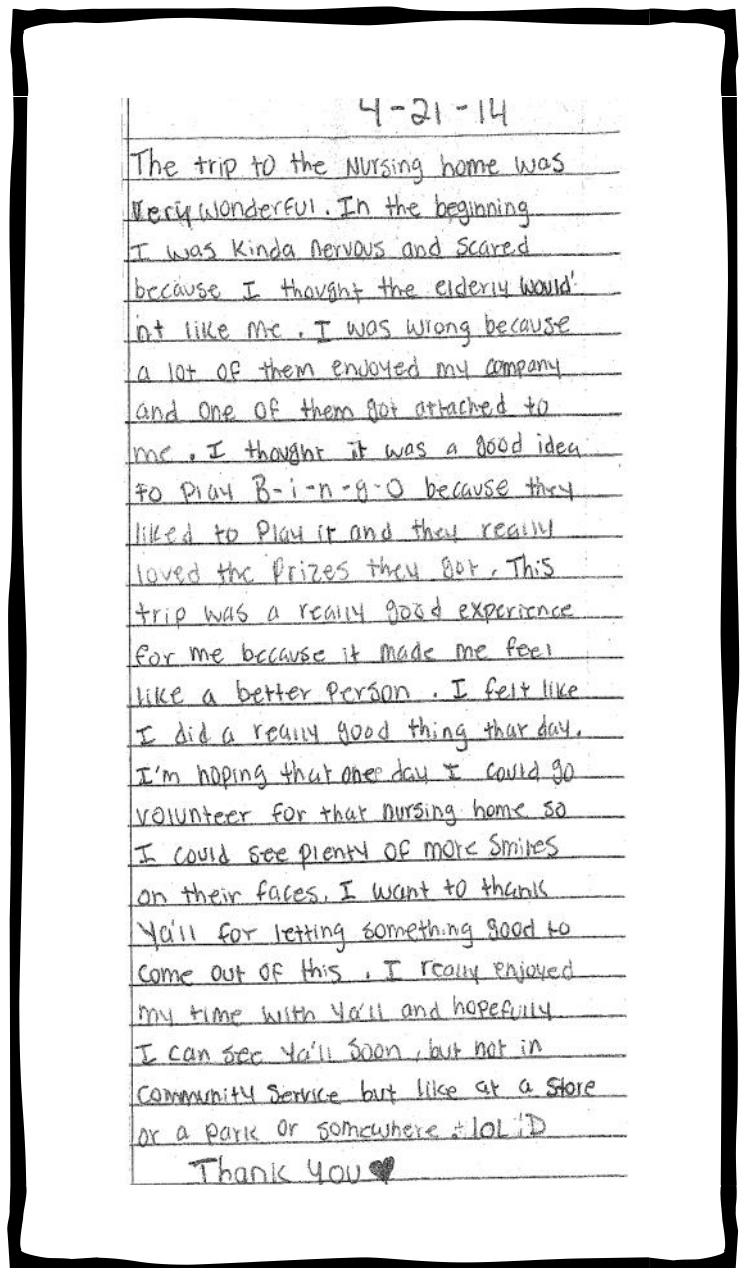
A component of community service learning projects is a time for Reflection.

Reflection is a crucial part of any service learning project. It helps promote a participant's understanding of the meaning, importance, and impact of his/her efforts.

Reflection can happen in many different mediums. This includes writing (see attached letter written by a juvenile probationer), speaking, listening, reading, drawing, acting, etc. The intent is for participants to acknowledge and/or share their reactions, feelings, observations, and ideas about the activity.

For participants, the benefits of Reflection are:

- Gives meaning to the community service experience
- Relieves tension and provides re-energizing and renewal
- Creates a sense of accomplishment
- Creates a habit of appreciating oneself
- Builds community
- Promotes shared understanding



Sources: Julie Reed and Christopher Koliba, *Facilitating Reflection — A Manual for Leaders and Educators* http://www.uvm.edu/~dewey/reflection_manual/; Jim & Pam Toole, *Compass Institute*; and, *Community Engagement through Service Learning Model*, Case Western Reserve University, 2001, http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/CETSLmanual4.pdf ■

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 Contact Pete Gonzales, TCSA President, @ 210.335.1840 or pgonzales@bexar.org

GYSD Follow-up

For the 9th consecutive year, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department served as the Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day, which was celebrated in the month of April. GYSD is the world's largest youth service event. This year, TJJD's coalition consisted of 37 partners and 18 public school campuses.

In May, TJJD reported that its TJJD coalition partners implemented 83 service learning projects involving 2,265 youth. These youth contributed 11,450 hours of service to 105 Texas communities.

For a detailed report, please look up the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's Executive Director's Report for May 2014 @ www.tjjd.texas.gov ■

Restoring History

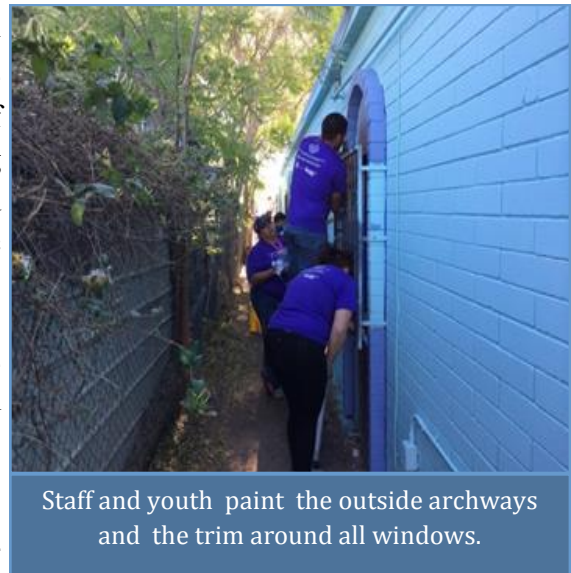
The El Paso Juvenile Probation Department gathered local teens to work to Restore History! Kids from El Paso got together to restore the Trinity Community Center as part of Global Youth Service Day. This year's theme was "restoring history," and almost 200 kids, parents and volunteers worked through the weekend to paint, clean and restore an historic building.

Crystal Sustaita-Duran, Trinity Community Center moderator, said they've been working with the Juvenile Probation Department for several years. They are able to help out, while getting their community service hours signed off.

Officials said however, this is more than just a project to renew the appearance of a building. The real changes are those they hope to see within the kids as they worked together to give back to the community. "This is where we plant the seed of serving for our youth," said Israel Tena, Juvenile Probation Department supervisor. "From here they are going to learn something about servicing. And we are planting that seed to where they are going to go home, to their communities, to their centers, to their churches, to their faith groups, and want to serve and volunteer for their communities," Tena said.

Those seeds were planted as the kids worked with each other throughout the weekend, braving the winds and heat to accomplish their goal to clean up a building that has been around since the 1800s. "It feels good...this wouldn't have gotten done if we didn't come... It feels good that we're restoring an old building," said D'Andre Jackson, Global Youth Service Day participant.

Angel Moreno said the weekend was hard work but he said he felt accomplished at the end of the day. "It doesn't help only yourself but others. Something to give out than to give in," Moreno said. ■



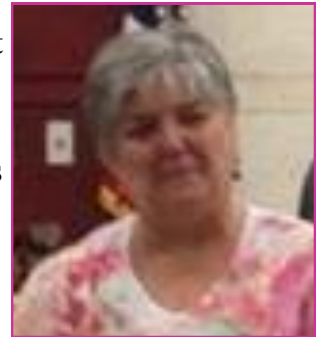
Staff and youth paint the outside archways and the trim around all windows.

Alice Wilkins

After 33 years of service at the CSCD in Bell/Lampasas, Alice Wilkins, Court Officer, retired on May 22, 2014.

Alice started her employment in 1981 with the Bell/Lampasas CSCD. She was also a longtime member of TCSA and is a past president of the association.

She will be missed..... ■



Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department

The Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department participated in a Community Service Restitution Project that was held on Friday, June 20, 2014 at the local Golden Crescent Food Bank. The food bank employs a small full time staff and relies on the many helping hands of volunteers to help heal the hurt of hunger in this area.

This department had 10 juveniles participate. They packaged 480 snack packs which included several healthy items geared for families with children within the community. All snacks were prepared within a two hour time frame.

Juveniles also learned about the types of services that the Golden Crescent Food Bank provides in the community. ■



2014 CONFERENCE

The Texas Community Service Association Conference will be held in El Paso, Texas.
It is set for October 26-29.

Look us up on the Web for more information www.texascommunityservice.com