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Greetings,

I would like to take this time to reflect on the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Community Service Association Conference that was held on November 8th-11th, at the Inn on Barons Creek in Fredericksburg, Texas. TCSA board member and former President, Domingo Sanchez, did a amazing job at chairing this conference and had the wonderful support of his community. The board and I were pleased with the outcome of this conference. We had excellent speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise as well as demonstrating the importance of Community Service. We also had a wonderful crowd that was willing to share their thoughts and ideas. We were very excited to see some new faces and to see so many attendees excited to take back some ideas to share with their community.

Kirsta Melton with the Attorney General's Office, served as speaker during the conference luncheon which was catered by August E's Fine Dining. TCSA donated canned goods that were brought by our members and a cash donation was made in the amount of \$500 to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. TCSA is all about Collaboration and helping out the Community and Educating our youth by making them aware of Resources within their community!

At our Fredericksburg Conference, we had three new board members join TCSA. Clint Emerson from Cherokee County CSCD, Mandi Jakubowski from Guadalupe County Juvenile Probation, and Vanessa Vasquez from Bexar County Juvenile Probation. The current board members were re-elected at this time to continue to serve on the board; Lonnie Rogers from Burnett County CSCD and Brenda Garcia from Victoria County Juvenile Probation. TCSA sends its best wishes to the following who have stepped down as board members: Pete Gonzales who also served as past president from Bexar County Juvenile Probation and Edward Delgado from Caldwell County CSCD. We will miss you!

During the General Membership Meeting in Fredericksburg, the TCSA membership voted to hold the 2016 conference in Fort Worth, Texas with current member Deanna Madrid hosting the conference. This will be the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual TCSA conference. As discussed during the General Membership meeting, we recently had a change to our TCSA Bylaws; reducing the number of board members from 11 to 9 and opened up the organization to not only Juvenile Probation Departments, Community Supervision and Corrections, and Law Enforcement, but also to Parole Services, Non-profits, and Independent School Districts. As part of working with the community and to allow our organization to continue to grow we must be open to fresh ideas that community partners bring. Take care and please see upcoming quarterly newsletters, updates on our website, and share your projects on our Facebook page.

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*Happy Holidays!*

Respectfully,

Brenda Garcia  
TCSA President

*(more conference pics on pg. 9)*

## TCSA Welcomes New Board Members

### Mandi Jakubowski

*Guadalupe County Juvenile Probation*

Mandi Jakubowski has total of 14 years' experience in Law Enforcement support as a former Police Officer, and Detention Officer ( Classification Specialist). She has been working for Guadalupe County Juvenile Probation nearly 3 years. She handles a general offender caseload, assists with community service/ special programs and is a member of the Spirit Committee. Mandi has a BAAS- Criminology from Texas State University and a AAS in Criminal Justice- Law Enforcement from San Antonio College. Mandi and her husband Paul have 2 beautiful children and reside in New Braunfels Texas.



### Clint Emerson

*Cherokee County CSCD*

Clint Emerson began working for Cherokee County C.S.C.D. in 2009 over the Community Service Restitution Program. Prior to this rewarding career, Clint previously worked for Cherokee County Road and Bridge for 5 years. Clint has been a Texas Community Service Association for the past few years.



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for an Annual Fee of \$25**

**Contact Brenda Garcia, TCSA President, @ 361.575-0399 or  
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## NEW TCSA BOARD MEMBERS cont...

### Vanessa Vasquez

*Bexar County Juvenile Probation*

Vanessa Vasquez is employed as a Community Service Specialist with the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department. She joined the Community Service Restitution Unit on May 11, 2015. She was first hired by the department on September 16, 2013. During that time, she worked as a Residential Treatment Officer in the Institutions Division. Vanessa was born and raised in San Antonio. She is also well on her way to attaining a Bachelor's degree. Currently, she attends Texas A&M University at San Antonio. Previously, she attended Texas Southern University. She earned an athletic scholarship to TSU where she played two years on the softball team. Regrettably, her university softball experience was cut short due to a knee injury.



## BCJPD COMMUNITY GARDEN UPGRADE

Bexar County Juvenile Probation (BCJPD) youth spend many hours on the department's Community Garden. At year's end, much needed top soil and mulch was delivered to fill-in recently constructed raised beds.

A total of 19-yards was used, all courtesy of Bexar County Public Works. Many thanks to Aaron Martinez, Public Works Superintendent, for facilitating the donation and delivery of materials. Incidentally, Public Works recycled all materials from their various projects.



Come spring time, BCJPD plans to add more plants to the garden. Youth will also help construct trash can holders, sand and stain existing picnic tables and benches, and install a corrugated steel cover on the pergola. Minor, but necessary, upgrades to improve the functionality and appearance of our grounds. Not to mention, CSR youth will learn a thing or two about horticulture and carpentry.

# *TCSA Board Members Re-elected*

## Brenda Garcia

*Victoria County Juvenile Probation*



**Brenda Garcia is currently the Staff Services Coordinator for the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center and currently serves as President for the Texas Community Service Association and has been a board member since 2012. Brenda a native of Goliad, is a graduate of Goliad High School and a graduate of University of Houston-Victoria, where she obtained a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice. In 2010, Garcia began her rewarding career with the Victoria County Juvenile Services Department as a Juvenile Probation Officer and Community Service Restitution Coordinator. In addition to being a certified probation officer by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, she is also involved in numerous state organizations including a current member of Juvenile Justice Association. Brenda serves on the board and is affiliated with several non-profitable organizations and stays actively involved with her community in charities, school functions, and volunteerism. Brenda enjoys running, being outdoors, and spending time with her family.**

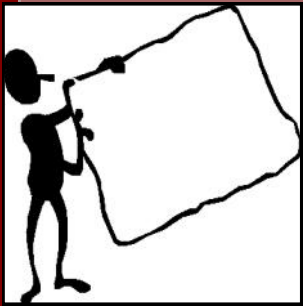
## Lonnie Rogers

*Burnett County CSCD*

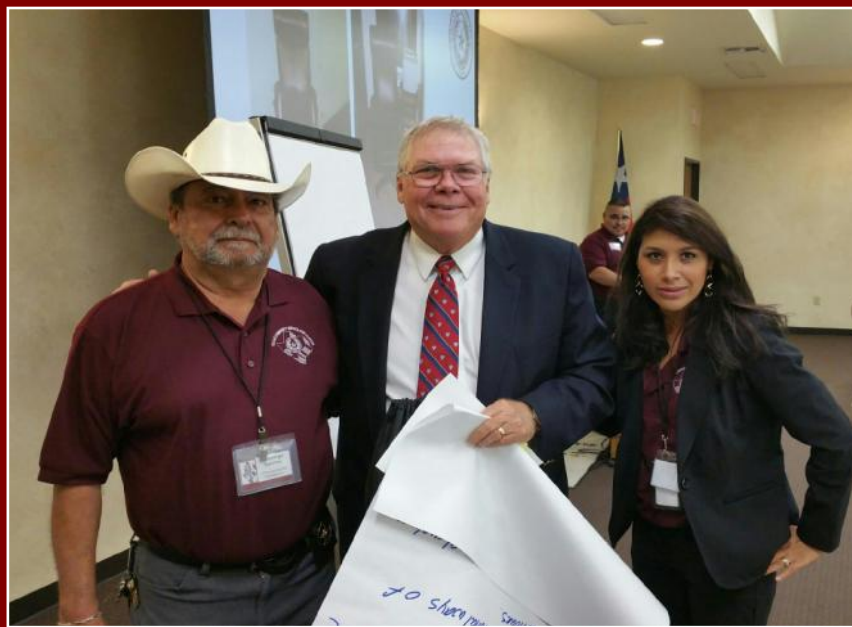
**Lonnie Rogers has 21 years experience in Community Corrections/Adult Probation starting off as a Detention Officer at the 33rd and 424th Judicial District ISF and working his way up to Program Specialist in Education and CSR. Responsible for making sure each resident has a plan for education and treatment classes and follows them. Lonnie Rogers accepted the part time position of CSR Coordinator for Burnet County in March of 2005 and teaches Cognitive Life Skills classes, Anger Management Classes and Substance Relapse Prevention Classes for the 33rd and 424th Judicial District C.S.C.D. on top of working on the Departments computers off the clock.**



## 20th Annual Conference Highlights



# Keynote Address



## Judge Stephen B. Ables

### 6th Administrative Judicial Region of Texas

Judge Ables delivered an inspiring keynote address at the conference. He was originally appointed by the Governor in 1995 as the presiding judge of the Sixth Administrative Judicial Region. He is also the former judge of the 216th District Court in Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie and Bandera Counties. Judge Ables is a fellow of the State Bar of Texas, a member of the Texas Center for the Judiciary Curriculum Committee, and a founding board member of the Texas Judicial Foundation. He is former dean of the Texas College for New Judges and past chairman of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Texas Judicial Section and Texas Judicial Ethics Committee. He is also a board member of the Cailloux Charitable Foundation, Hill Country Youth Ranch Advisory Board, Hill Country Young Men's Business League, and a member of Hill Country Beginners Symphony Orchestra.

# Farewell Board Members

## Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department

### Pete Gonzales



Pete Gonzales joined TCSA in 2008, and was then elected to the board in 2009. He served as president from 2011 to 2014. During this time, he chaired the 2012 TCSA Conference in San Antonio. In 2015, he opted not to seek re-election to the board, but he remains an active member of the association.

*"Serving on the board was a unique opportunity for me to help shape the future direction of TCSA – a direction heavily bent on promoting learning opportunities for our membership. Equally important, I enjoyed meeting and working alongside the many professionals around the state who are committed to the delivery of quality CSR program.."*

## Caldwell County Community Supervision and Corrections Department

### Edward Delgado

Edward Delgado joined TCSA in 2009, and was elected to the board at the 2009 conference in Tyler was also elected to the position of secretary the same year. Delgado was elected Treasurer by the board in 2011 and has remained as Treasurer.

*"I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with many different people from all over the state. I also have enjoyed the challenges that are involved in facilitating the conferences each year."*



## 2016 CONFERENCE

The Texas Community Service Association Conference will be held in

Fort Worth, Texas.

Look us up on the Web for more information.

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## *Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department*

### **Victoria County Helping out the Community**

Victoria County Juvenile Probation Department partnered up with the local Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and with the help of both of our Juvenile Court Judges' Judge Travis Ernst and Judge Gilliam, we were able to sponsor Thanksgiving Meals for 5 families on November 25th, 2015. JPO, Abby Vargas described some of the families as being thankful and appreciative as many were going through hardships and have had a difficult year. "It felt really good, some of our families come off as being very rude and ugly yet when you take the time to get to know them, you see all that they really need is some help."



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# Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center

## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center held a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, December 11th, 2015 for all its volunteers who come out to visit with our youth in our Post-Adjudication Program. We had several members of Faith Based Organizations, Non-Profitable Organizations, The Local Girl Scouts, Fire Department, Youth Advocacy Program, Reclamation Counseling Center, and The University of Houston-Victoria attend. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful group who support us!





## 2015 TCSA Conference Pics



Happy  
Holidays