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## Conference Update

**O**n February 22nd, the TCSA Board held its 2016 Conference Planning Meeting in Ft. Worth. The board selected the Hyatt Place Ft. Worth Historic Stockyards as the host hotel. This 101-room hotel is located in "Cowtown." It is in walking distance to over fifty dining and shopping venues.

Planning for the conference will continue with efforts headed by Deanna Madrid, Tarrant County Juvenile Probation Services. Deanna is the 2016 conference chair. The conference is set for October 23 - 26.

While the conference agenda is still being finalized, we already have several presenters committed. Speakers include, but are not limited to, Mayor Betsy Price (Welcome); Judge Timothy Menikos, 323rd District Court (Keynote); Jacinto Ramos, Tarrant Juvenile Probation Services (Cultural Diversity); Mandi Jakubowski, Guadalupe County JPD (Ethics); and more.

Should you decide to join us at the conference, and we hope you do, on page 2 you will find Conference Registration information. Please note that the deadline to book hotel registrations under the discounted group block is **Thursday September 22, 2016 at 11:59pm** . As we get more conference details, we will post them on our website [www.texascommunityservice.com](http://www.texascommunityservice.com). ■

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2016 TCSA Board Pictured L to R: Clint Emerson, Mandi Jakubowski, Ricky Carpenter, Brenda Garcia, Deanna Madrid, Vanessa Vasquez, Israel Tena , Lonnie Rogers (not pictured)

# 2016 Conference Registration Form

## Texas Community Service Association

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

[WWW.TEXASCOMMUNITYSERVICE.COM](http://WWW.TEXASCOMMUNITYSERVICE.COM)

The registration fee for the 2016 conference in Fort Worth is **\$125.00**.

Conference dates are:

**October 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2016**

**Make All Checks Payable to: TEXAS COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION**

Mail Conference registration forms and fees by **October 15, 2016** to:

33<sup>rd</sup> & 424<sup>th</sup> Judicial ISF

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*If possible, please bring a Local Food Pantry Donation as we will be making a contribution of non-perishable items to the North East Emergency Distribution (NEED).*

#### Host Hotel Information

HYATT PLACE FORT WORTH/HISTORIC STOCKYARDS

132 E. Exchange Ave.

Fort Worth, Texas 76164

(817) 378-1709

[Hyattplacehistoricstockyards.com](http://Hyattplacehistoricstockyards.com)

To make a room reservations you can click on the link below to register or by calling the hotel directly at **1-800-833-1516** and refer to the group under the name of Texas Community Service Association 2016 with group code **TCSA** to make their reservation. The government room rate is \$129 per night, plus 15% city and state taxes (\$148.35). The room rate includes complimentary full breakfast, parking and WiFi. Mini-refrigerator and microwave is also included in each room. The hotel will reserve rooms up to **September 22, 2016**. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after September 22, 2016.

<http://www.hyatt.com/hyatt/reservations/flow6/place/propCheckAvailability.jsp?pid=DFWZF&extCorporateld=G-TCSA>

#### TCSA Conference Registration Form

October 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2016

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Conferences: Profit/Loss

The following table shows how we've done financially in conferences held from 2010 to 2015. In particular, 2015 was a very successful conference in Fredericksburg. We were able to comeback after a loss over the last couple of years. It was a challenge hosting a conference in a small town. However, we were able to profit \$4,352.82. Our bank balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$23,298.42. We look forward to our upcoming conference in Ft. Worth and will continue with our membership growth as well as seeking sponsorships for the conference.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/Loss</i>	<i>Location</i>
2015	\$ 6,975.00	\$ 2,622.18	\$ 4,352.82	Fredericksburg
2014	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 7,064.03	\$ (3,439.03)	El Paso
2013	\$ 6,875.00	\$ 9,339.22	\$ (2,464.22)	Ft. Worth
2012	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 9,444.08	\$ 3,355.92	San Antonio
2011	\$ 9,495.98	\$ 9,101.00	\$ 394.98	Ft. Worth
2010	\$ 5,443.00	\$ 5,178.90	\$ 264.10	Fredericksburg

If you are interested in being a future sponsor for Texas Community Service Association or have a question regarding membership, please contact TCSA President, Brenda Garcia at [bgarcia@vctx.org](mailto:bgarcia@vctx.org).

## Going Beyond the Line of Duty

*Submitted by Israel Tena, El Paso Juvenile Probation Department*

On Saturday February 6, 2016, some of our El Paso JPD staff donated furniture to one our families in need -the Castillo family. Several furnishings were donated, including a living room table, a sofa bed , and television. The sofa bed is to be used by a special needs child. The family was excited to see the furniture and immediately began helping to unload items from truck. JPO O. Miranda stated that "it felt good knowing that the items donated were going to be put to good use, as the family was in need of furniture."

The Castillo family has suffered through physical abuse and domestic violence for several years. The juvenile's mother, Ms. Guajardo, has attempted to leave the home with her five children on several occasions; however, returns back home due to pressure from the father. This includes pressure of abandonment regarding a special needs child that belongs to the father only. Ms. Guajardo has raised this child since birth. This child suffers from various disabilities: Down Syndrome, kidney failure and several other health issues.

With the support of our department along with the El Paso Mental Health Support Services and Child Protective Services, a plan was developed for the mother and children to leave the home and begin a new journey. Child Protective Services allowed the mother to take the special needs child with her to the shelter, as it would in the best interest of the child. In addition, Child Protective Services referred the family to receive guidance from a local Baptist Church (New Life Church) under the supervision of Pastor Larry Moore.

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In December of 2015, the El Paso Sheriff's Department transported the mother and children to the Center Against Family Violence. Our department assisted Ms. Guajardo through Anthony Housing. El Pasoans Fighting Hunger also provided assistance to the family. New Life Baptist Church took the juvenile's mother to locate and find an appropriate home in the El Paso County. Ms. Guajardo was approved and moved into a three bedroom apartment on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Guajardo stated she feels empowered and would like to share her story with others. ■

## FAREWELL *Good Friend*

On Saturday, March 12th, Cleo Kennedy, formerly Cleo Pace, passed away in Tyler. Cleo was a longtime member of TCSA. She joined the association in 2001 and served two stints on the Board of Directors - 2004 to 2009 and 2010 to 2014.

Our deepest condolences go to Cleo's family and friends. Cleo was a devoted TCSA member, a credit to the profession, and above all a thoughtful and caring person. For those of us who were fortunate to have met Cleo, and call her our friend, we are profoundly heartbroken but rejoice in the knowing she is now with her maker.

We all love you and will miss you, Cleo. ■





# The Texas Ramp Project

*Submitted by Pete Gonzales, Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department*

TCSA conferences are a great place to network and get new ideas. At last year's conference in Fredericksburg, David Peters (Smith County) shared information with me on the Texas Ramp Project (TRP).

TRP is a statewide nonprofit that builds free wheelchair ramps for elderly and disabled people who cannot afford them on their own. These ADA-compliant ramps are built by local volunteers throughout the state with the TRP providing volunteer training, materials, and tools. TRP is always in need of volunteers.

Shortly after the conference, I contacted John Laine, State Coordinator for the TRP. On February 10th, John came to San Antonio and provided training to CSR Specialists Joe Medellin, Steve Lerma, and Jesse Vielma on ramp construction. A couple more training sessions will take place. After completion of this training, our staff will be able to lead work crews comprised of Bexar County JPD youth in the construction of these ramps. Our plan is to build at least one ramp per month to assist elderly and disabled in our community.

To learn more about the Texas Ramp Project, please go to [www.texasramps.org](http://www.texasramps.org) or call John Laine at (214) 675-1230. ■



John Laine  
Texas Ramp Project's State Coordinator



L to R: J. Medellin, S. Lerma, & J. Vielma

Any information you would like for us to include in the next newsletter?

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