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Greetings,

I would like to take this time to reflect on the 21st Annual Texas Community Service Association Conference that was held at the Hyatt Place Fort Worth Stockyards on October 23rd-26th. TCSA board member, Deanna Madrid, did a wonderful job at chairing this conference along with the great support of her department and community. The Junior Cadet Corps J.P. Elder Middle School posted the Colors early Monday morning and Director of Tarrant County Juvenile Services, Bennie Medlin opened up the 21st Annual TCSA Conference. We were welcomed by State Representative, Ramon Romero Jr. Judge Tim Menikos, who is with the 323rd District Court gave the Keynote Address. The board and I were pleased with the outcome of this conference. Our speakers shared their knowledge and expertise as well as demonstrating the importance of Community Service and collaborating. It was great to see so many new faces. TCSA donated canned goods that were brought by our TCSA members and a cash donation was made in the amount of \$500 to North East Emergency Distribution NEED in Tarrant County,

At the Fort Worth Conference, we had three new board members join TCSA. We would like to welcome all of our new board members as they represent their departments and will help TCSA continue to grow. We welcome David Peters with Smith County Juvenile Services, Frank Torres with Gillespie County Juvenile Probation/CSCD, and Jeff Lee with Liberty County CSCD. Israel Tena, El Paso County Juvenile Probation, a current board member was re-elected as board member and will continue to serve as Vice President.

During the General Membership Meeting, the TCSA membership voted to hold the 2017 22nd Annual TCSA Conference in San Marcos/New Braunfels area with current member Mandi Jakubowski hosting the upcoming conference. *"We are really excited to be co-hosting this event with the Central Texas Board of chiefs. This is a great opportunity to include fresh participants in the Upcoming years. We are excited to be touring New Braunfels and San Marcos in February for the 2017 site finalization."* - Mandi Jakubowski
We are excited!

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Best Wishes,
Brenda Garcia, TCSA President

WELCOME NEW TCSA MEMBERS



**David Peters- Historian
Smith County Juvenile Services**

**Frank Torres-Newsletter Editor
Gillespie County Juvenile Probation & CSCD**

**Jeff Lee-Board Member
Liberty County CSCD**

TCSA Membership

While TCSA's membership is primarily comprised of community service professionals employed by a Juvenile Probation Department or Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), it is also open to any individual involved in community service programming. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals employed by law enforcement and parole services, advocacy groups, and educational entities.

Prospective members can join TCSA in one of two ways. Attend the annual conference. The conference fee includes a one year membership in TCSA. Or purchase a one year membership in the amount of \$25. An individual who pays the \$25 annual fee and attends the annual conference will have his/her conference fee discounted by the same amount.



The El Paso County Juvenile Probation Departments, Samuel F. Santana Challenge Academy is a post adjudication correctional facility that protects the community and provides military academy styled structure, leadership, discipline, education, counseling, as well as other pertinent services and programming for 14-17 juvenile offenders who are in need of residential treatment and behavior modification in El Paso County. In addition, the facility offers the juveniles and their parents an opportunity to participate in the Challenge Academy Explorers Post. The Explorers Post began in 2009 and is sanctioned by the Yucca Council. Juvenile's and parents actively participate in 15 week sessions that include family therapy and community service. Each year the Explorer Post participates in the El Paso Thanksgiving Day Parade in which the family, juveniles and Explorer staff works together in building a float. The 2016 parade theme was around the world in 80 days. The Post received the "Most Honorable Award" for the Challenge Train.



A Big Thank you to Israel Tena for sharing this story with TCSA!

21st Annual Conference Highlights

Speakers



Alisa Jordheim-Justice Society
Founder & Executive Director of Justice Society, a nonprofit that connects people and strategies to advance justice.



Nydia D. Thomas
TJJD Special Counsel for Legal Education and Technical Assistance (LETA)

TCSA appreciates all your hard work in making this conference a success!

Thank you to our hosting county!

A special thanks to TCSA Board Member, Deanna Madrid & Former TCSA Board Member, Lydia Villamil.



TCSA Blessing's



Happy Holiday's



HIGHLIGHTS



TCSA Enjoying the Stockyards!



Billy Bob's Texas



Tom Streetman wins 4 tickets to Cole Swindell



Chris Shirley wins 4 tickets to Clay Walker

Join the Texas Community Service Association

Annual Fee is \$25

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