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Greetings,

On January 22, 2018, the Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) board met in San Antonio, Texas for its 2018 Conference Planning Meeting. The board selected the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio Brooks City Base. This hotel is located in the Brooks City Base and near the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. Our Conference Chair, Pete Gonzales welcomed the board to the beautiful city of San Antonio, TX and the hotel provided great hospitality. The planning of the conference will continue with our leading chair, Pete Gonzales who is with Bexar County JPD and Co-Chair, Rita Flores-Garcia who is with Bexar County CSCD. The board is excited to see both Bexar County JPD and CSCD Co-Chairing the 23rd Annual TCSA Conference.

The conference dates will be October 28th-31st, 2018. We are excited that we already have several speakers locked in and we are looking forward to this conference. We hope that you will join us at our upcoming conference, more information is provided within this newsletter, please visit our website at www.texascommunityservice.com and find our group on Facebook for updated information regarding conference.

Respectfully,

Brenda Garcia

TCSA President



Texas Community Service Association

23rd Annual Conference

Snapshot



Brett Merfish



Mary Mergler



Jacinto Ramos



Dr. Milton Harris



Erin Barry



The Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) Conference will be held on October 28-31, 2018, in San Antonio. Bexar County CSCD and the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department are co-hosting the event. The conference hotel is the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio Brooks Hotel & Spa. This contemporary, all-suite hotel is located in the thriving community of Brooks City Base, just 11 minutes from the famed Alamo and downtown San Antonio. Conference registration is \$125.

TCSA is excited to announce that this year's keynote speakers will be Texas Appleseed's **Brett Merfish** and **Mary Mergler**. They will discuss the unique challenges facing Texas' juvenile and criminal justice systems. **Jacinto Ramos**, CSR Supervisor at Tarrant County Juvenile Services, will talk about racial identity and consciousness as a criminal justice leader, specifically why culturally responsive persons can better navigate and lead in systems when they are racially aware. **Dr. Milton Harris**, Executive Director of 100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc., will speak to the social, cultural, emotional, and unique needs of youth, primarily African American males, as it relates to mentoring opportunities. **Erin Barry**, Staff Attorney for Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department, will discuss pertinent legal issues including governmental immunity and liability. Many more informative and useful topics will also be covered.

TCSA is looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio and sharing ideas that will further strengthen our respective community service programs.

For more information or to register please contact:

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Conference Registration

Texas Community Service Association
23rd Annual Conference Registration Form

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Make All Checks Payable to: Texas Community Service Association
The TCSA registration fee for the 2018 conference in San Antonio, TX is \$125.00.

Mail all registrations and fees to:

33rd & 424th Judicial ISF

Attn: Lonnie Rogers, TCSA Treasurer

501 Coke ST.

Burnett, Texas 78611

Phone: (512) 588-0658 E-Mail: csrcoord@burnetcountytexas.org

Host Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton

San Antonio Brooks Hotel & Spa

7610 S. New Braunfels

San Antonio, TX 78235

(210) 388-0312

To make a room reservation, call the hotel directly at (210) 388-0312 and refer to the group under the name Texas Community Service Association 2018 with group code TCSA to make your reservation.

TCSA Registration Form

October 28th- 31st, 2018

Name: _____ Registration/Membership (\$125)

Agency: _____

Job Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

TCSA shirt fee \$15 (size S, M, L): _____

TCSA shirt fee \$20 (size XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X): _____

(If you are interested in purchasing a Black Polo TCSA shirt, please select your size, payment will need to be included with registration. Shirts can be picked up on Sunday, October 28th at registration table)

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Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

All vendors will have one table available with table cover. You are welcome to bring your own set up, brochures, give away items, etc. Check in will be on Sunday, October 28th at registration. You are encouraged to bring a \$25.00 value door prize item.

Giving Back to our Community

'A Day with our Veterans'



On March 15, 2018, the Victoria County Juvenile Services teamed up with **The Courtyard Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center** and representatives from the **Crossroads Area Veteran Center** in the first session of **Operation Impact**. Pictured are JPO Abby Vargas and JPO Senae Davidson with members of the Crossroads Area Veteran Center.

Operation Impact focuses on juveniles visiting veterans that reside in rehabilitation centers. The juveniles and residents participated in an icebreaker called '**All About Me**', the juveniles and residents shared ideas and facts about them. The goal of the event was for all individuals to engage in pro-social communication and to focus on talking about their goals and aspirations. The residents provided feedback for the juveniles and discussed various jobs that they have participated in. The juveniles were able to talk about their dreams and aspirations to people that they have never met. Members from the Crossroads Area Veteran Center also shared their past military experience and their current jobs.

The **Victoria County Juvenile Services** is excited about this new partnership with The Courtyard Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and collaboration with the community.

Cherokee County CSCD



On March 26, 2018, the Cherokee County CSCD collaborated with the Cherokee County Master Gardeners, a non-profitable organization. They assisted in bringing life back to the flowerbeds at Conley Park in Rusk, Texas. Cherokee County CSCD weeded the beds and spread out 43 bags of donated mulch. The Ag Extinction Office assisted along with Cherokee County CSCD. Brandon Sheele, who is a Supervisor at Cherokee County CSCD jumped right in to assist the work crew. Clint Emerson, TCSA board member stated, “My boss Brandon Sheele showed up and dove right in and worked by my side and with the crew, it meant a lot to them and to me, it’s nice to have a boss that jumps in and is hands on.”

“I would like to say thanks to my boss for his leadership and hard work.” ~ Clint Emerson, Cherokee County CSCD

Global Youth Service Day!



The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) is a Lead Agency and is participating in its 13th year! The Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) is collaborating with TJJD by contributing \$500 in mini grants for all TCSA members with participating members of JPD and Parole. Congratulations to **Bexar County Juvenile Probation** and **Victoria County Juvenile Services** for applying and receiving mini grants this year. A reminder to all of our TCSA members, each year our organization contributes to TJJD as they are a Lead Agency. All eligible members are encouraged to apply and participate in Global Youth Service Day.