

# United Way of South Texas recognizes ISD Coordinator of Year

SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR

United Way of South Texas proudly recognized outstanding volunteers and supporters at the 2019 Campaign Annual Awards Ceremony held in early March. With appreciation for his outstanding dedication and leadership, the Board of Directors presented Alonzo Barbosa from Edinburg CISD with the 2019 Campaign ISD Coordinator of the Year Award.

Barbosa is one of United Way's most enthusiastic volunteers and has led the United Way campaign at Edinburg CISD for more than seven years. He has effectively engaged his department and the whole district to support hundreds of programs and services that benefit families throughout Hidalgo and Starr Counties. This year, Barbosa led his district to a 12% increase in contributions to United Way.

"Having been on both sides of the fence, I can truly understand what a little help can do for an underserved child," Barbosa said. "I lived it and I know that everything we do as a District and as an Organization will create a pathway for our students to reach their potential and beyond. Planting seeds of success should be our goal, one seed at a time."

Barbosa believes that someday, each and every child impacted by United Way — whether through a United Way administered program, like the Back-to-School "In Style" Shopping Spree, or through a service (i.e. after school and summer youth programs) provided by a United Way Partner Agency — will have the ability to reach greatness and make a dif-



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Pictured from left are D'uAndre Drain, GE Aviation, United Way of South Texas 2019 Campaign co-chair; Alonzo Barbosa, Edinburg CISD; Lisa Killion, United Way of South Texas 2019 Campaign co-chair.

ference in another child's life.

United Way is fortunate to have a supporter and leader like Alonzo Barbosa. The United Way Board of Directors deeply appreciates the Edinburg CISD School Board, superintendent, principals, directors and all the ECISD employees for their outstanding support and for their daily commitment and dedication to the wellbeing and success of our students.

## ABOUT UNITED WAY

United Way of South Texas invests in programs that address critical services in the areas of health, education, financial stability and safety net. It supports more than 21 nonprofit agencies in Hidalgo and

Starr counties that serve a minimum of 225,000 local residents. Services provided to the community include shelter for victims of domestic violence and the homeless, disaster relief, end-of-life care, information and referral services, consumer education, job training to people with disabilities, counseling to those affected by alcohol or drug abuse, basic necessities for the elderly or disabled, character building programs for children, child victim advocacy and infant stimulation classes. Call (956) 686-6331 or visit [www.unitedwayofsotx.org](http://www.unitedwayofsotx.org) or [www.voluntersotx.org](http://www.voluntersotx.org), if you are interested in getting your company involved with the 2020 Campaign or in volunteering today.