



UNITED WAY
South Texas

**2026
AWARDS CEREMONY**

PROGRAM

*Honoring 20 Years
of South Texas Heroes*

Program

Invocation

J.J. Serrano
H-E-B RSC

National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance

Daniela Pomares & Edgar Garza Jr.
Roma I.S.D.

Presentation of Awards

Annette S. Garcia
Region One ESC Retiree

Welcome / Introductions

2025 Board Chairman

Gerardo Paz, South Texas Federal Credit Union

Outgoing Board Members

Kim Davis, South Texas Health System

Campaign Awards

Blanca I. Villalobos, IBC Bank
Campaign Co-Chair
J.J. Serrano, H-E-B
Campaign Co-Chair

Loaned Executives

Angela Aceves, PlainsCapital Bank	Diamonique Montoya, BGC of Pharr
Mary Aceves, Magic Valley Electric Co-op	Lori Perez, Starr County
Marilyn Becerra, IBC Bank	Mirella Perez, Rally Credit Union
Victor Castro, City of McAllen	Lucy Renteria, Starr County
Fidel Covarrubias, City of McAllen	Michelle Renteria, Rally Credit Union
Erick Flores, City of McAllen	Anthony Rios, IBC Bank
Luz Galindo, City of Weslaco	Stephanie Rivera, City of McAllen
Adrian Garza, Greater State Bank	Jaime Salazar, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1
Amy Ibarra , Vantage Bank	Alondra Salinas, IBC Bank
Brigitte Iracheta, IBC Bank	Clarissa Vallejo, IBC Bank
Angel Olvera Mariscal, IBC Bank	
Robert Olvera, Vantage Bank	

2025 Outstanding Volunteers

Agency Speaker of the Year
District Campaign Coordinator of the Year
Company Campaign Coordinator of the Year
Loaned Executive of the Year
TO BE ANNOUNCED

2025 Accountability/Fund Distribution & Community Relations Awards

Cyndy Ramos , Rally Credit Union Fund Distribution Co-Chair	Cris Moncayo , Vantage Bank Finance Co-Chair
J.J. Serrano , H-E-B Fund Distribution Co-Chair	Cesar Rodriguez , City of McAllen Finance Co-Chair
Annette Garcia , Region One ESC Retiree Community Relations Co-Chair	

Special Recognition

AEP TX	PlainsCapital Bank
City of McAllen	PNC Bank
Frost Bank	Rally Credit Union
Greater State Bank	Security Service FCU
H-E-B Corporate Office-SA	Target #2237 - Mission
H-E-B Regional Office	Telemundo
IBC Bank	Texas Gas Service
Lisa Shampoe Cancer Foundation	The Monitor
Lone Star National Bank	Vantage Bank
Magic Valley Electric Co-op	

2025 Business United Companies

Excel Therapeutics, Inc.	Synergy Development
LMG Sales	Think Fast Sales & Service
Mor-Wil Construction	C&S Wholesale Grocers
Holt Company - Pharr	



South Texas Heroes

Honoring 20 Years
of Community Champions

South Texas Hero Award

The South Texas Hero Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to serving the community through year-round volunteerism.

Established in 2006-2007 in honor of Ray Alexander, retired General Manager of KRGV-TV 5, the award reflects his legacy of strengthening collaboration between United Way of South Texas and non profit organizations throughout the Rio Grande Valley, including helping launch the region's 211 information and Referral Program.

As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the South Texas Heroes, we proudly recognize the individuals whose service and dedication continue to make a lasting impact in our community.

2006-2007

Ray Alexander
KRGV-TV 5

2008

R. David Guerra
IBC Bank

2009

Joe Vera III †
City of Hidalgo

2010

Steve Ahlenius
McAllen Chamber of Commerce

2011

Jenise Diaz
The Monitor

2012

Dr. Marla Guerra
South Texas I.S.D.

2013

Adrian Villarreal
IBC Bank

2014

Jim Deuser
McAllen Chamber Foundation

2015

Jeannette Ahlenius
Wayland Baptist Foundation

2016

Lee Jones
AEP Texas

2017

John Herrera
Magic Valley Electric Co-Op

2018

Commissioner Eduardo Cantu
Hidalgo County Precinct 2

2019

Edna Garcia
Security Service Federal Credit Union

2020

H-E-B Border Region

2021

Dr. J.A. Gonzalez
McAllen I.S.D.

2022

Tyler Stone
Rioco Partners

2023

Blanca I. Villalobos
IBC Bank

2024

Gerardo Paz
South Texas Federal Credit Union

2025

Laurence "Larry" C. Gonzalez †
PlainsCapital Bank

Employee Group Awards

Top State & Federal Agency Supporters

Office of Attorney General
DHS - CBP - Hidalgo POE

Top 10 Companies

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) H-E-B Stores & H-E-B RSC | 6) C&S Wholesale Grocers |
| 2) Hidalgo County | 7) Holt Company |
| 3) City of McAllen | 8) AEP Texas |
| 4) Vantage Bank | 9) GE Aerospace |
| 5) IBC Bank | 10) Target Stores |

Raised \$876,500 - 43% of Total Campaign

School District Awards

Highest Per Capita Campus & Department

Gonzalez Elementary – **McAllen I.S.D.**
Administration Office – **Roma I.S.D.**

Golden Apple Awards

Top 5 District Contributors

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Edinburg C.I.S.D. | 4) Pharr-San Juan-Alamo I.S.D. |
| 2) McAllen I.S.D. | 5) Mission C.I.S.D. |
| 3) Roma I.S.D. | |

**Thanks to all School Districts in Hidalgo & Starr Counties.
Represent 22% of Total Campaign**

Spirit Awards

Employee Groups whose Per Capita Donations are at or above \$250.

AEP Texas - Weslaco
Boys & Girls Club of Pharr
Greater State Bank
Mayfair Properties, LLC
Rally Credit Union - Pharr

Security Service FCU
South Texas FCU
Target - District Office
United Way of South Texas

Century Club Awards

Employee Groups whose Per Capita Donations are at or above \$100.

AEP TX - Rio Grande City
C&S Wholesale Grocers
Comfort House
Community Council of RGV
Design & Development Institute
H-E-B Border Region Office
H-E-B #009 - Donna
H-E-B #677 - Elsa
H-E-B #172 - Edinburg, Closner
H-E-B #334 - McAllen
H-E-B #370 - Mercedes
H-E-B #226 - Mission, Conway
H-E-B #571 - Mission, Griffin Pkwy.
H-E-B #094 - Mission, Shary Rd.
H-E-B #448 - Palmview
H-E-B #642 - Pharr
H-E-B #231 - Weslaco, Tx Blvd.
H-E-B #485 - Weslaco, Westgate
H-E-B Weslaco RSC-Transportation
H-E-B Weslaco RSC-Warehouse
Hidalgo County - Drainage Dist. 1
Hidalgo County - Precinct 2
Hidalgo County - Urban Co. Program
Hobart

HOLT CAT - Edinburg
HOLT CAT - Edinburg, North
HOLT CAT - Weslaco
IBC Bank
Magic Valley Electric Co-op - Edinburg
McAllen Chamber of Commerce
PlainsCapital Bank - Donna
PlainsCapital Bank - Pharr
Rally Credit Union - Alamo
Rally Credit Union - McAllen
Rally Credit Union - Mission
Rally Credit Union - Palmhurst
Rally Credit Union - Weslaco
Serving Children & Adults in Need
Silver Ribbon Community Partners
Su Casa de Esperanza
Starr County - Victims of Domestic
Violence Program
Target Stores
Texas Gas Service
Vantage Bank
Women Together Foundation

United Way of South Texas Staff

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President/CEO

Gloria Hernandez

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Velma Garcia

Community Investment Specialist

Sabrina K. Lopez

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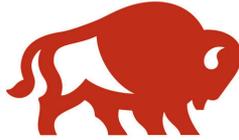
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