

Club/ Organization Guide 2019

ORGANIZATION: **ACCESS ESPERANZA CLINICS**
CONTACT: Patricio C. Gonzales
916 E. Hackberry Ave
McAllen, TX 78503
PHONE: 956-688-3700
EMAIL: info@accessclinics.org
WEBSITE: www.accessclinics.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday and some Saturdays
PURPOSE: Access Esperanza Clinics offers confidential family planning and preventive health care at five clinics throughout Hidalgo County. Fees are low to no-cost for those who qualify by income, age, and Texas residency. For more information and to request an appointment visit www.accessclinics.org.

ORGANIZATION: **AFFORDABLE HOMES of SOUTH TEXAS, INC.**
CONTACT: Robert A. Calvillo
1420 Erie Ave.
McAllen, Texas 78501
PHONE: 956-687-6263 Fax: 956-682-9751
EMAIL: ahsti@ahsti.org
WEBSITE: www.ahsti.org
HOURS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
PURPOSE: Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.'s, (AHSTI) mission is to enhance the quality of life for eligible families in the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding areas by providing affordable housing solutions to low-income, working families who would otherwise not qualify for conventional home loans. AHSTI has been providing affordable housing to the residents of South Texas, for over 32 years. Since its inception in 1976, AHSTI has assisted over 2,800 families who would not otherwise qualify for conventional home mortgages. As a community development financial institution, AHSTI serves as land developer, general contractor, mortgage lender and servicing agent for all loans originated by the agency.

ORGANIZATION: **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**
CONTACT: 1200 E. Ridge Rd. Ste. 1
McAllen, TX 78503
PHONE: 956-682-8320
WEBSITE: www.cancer.org

HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
PURPOSE: To provide direct service for cancer patients & their families, offer education materials, & programming on prevention & early detection for youth & adults.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE REGIONAL HOSPITAL – DIABETES MANAGEMENT CENTER
CONTACT: 222 E. Ridge Road, Suite 211
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-632-6523
WEBSITE: www.diabetes.org
PURPOSE: To prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION
CONTACT: 8207 Callaghan Rd. Ste. 140
San Antonio, TX 78230
PHONE: 1-800-586-4872 or 1-210-308-8978
EMAIL: txinfo@lungs.org
WEBSITE: www.lung.org
PURPOSE: To fight lung disease through education, community service, advocacy & research.

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS / SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER
CONTACT: 6914 W. Expressway 83
Harlingen, TX 78551
PHONE: 956-423-0523 Fax: 956-423-0542
WEBSITE: www.southtexasredcross.org
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To provide relief to victims of disasters & teaching the community how to prevent, prepare, & respond to emergencies.

ORGANIZATION: AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.
CONTACT: Alex Guerra
4138 Crosspoint Blvd.
Edinburg, TX 78539
PHONE: 956-213-9400
WEBSITE: www.advrgv.org
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To provide diversified & effective human services & advocacy to the elder population of the Rio Grande Valley.

ORGANIZATION: AREA AGENCY ON AGING
CONTACT: Jose L. Gonzalez, Director
301 W. Railroad
Weslaco, TX 78596
PHONE: 956-682-3481
WEBSITE: www.lrgvdc.org
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

PURPOSE: To provide case management, ombudsman, legal awareness, information, assistance, & nutrition to persons 60 yrs & older.

ORGANIZATION: BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF SOUTH TEXAS

CONTACT: Dolores Salinas
502 E. Expressway 83 Ste. C
Weslaco, TX 78596

PHONE: 956-968-3678

WEBSITE: www.weslaco.bbb.org or www.bbbsouthtexas.org

HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

PURPOSE: Non-profit consumer service organization which provides instant access to business & consumer alerts as well as helpful resources.

ORGANIZATION: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MCALLEN

CONTACT: Dalinda Alcantar
2620 W. Galveston
McAllen, TX 78501

PHONE: 956-682-5791 Fax: 956-682-4023

WEBSITE: www.bgcmcallen.org

HOURS: M-F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

PURPOSE: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

ORGANIZATION: BUCKNER NATIONAL MISSIONS

CONTACT: Javier Perez, Director
3780 N. Bentsen Palm Dr.
Mission, TX 78574

PHONE: 956-583-2041 Fax: 956-585-4848

WEBSITE: www.buckner.org or www.borderregion.bucknerconnect.com

PURPOSE: Help needy families in the colonias.

ORGANIZATION: BUCKNER RIO GRANDE CHILDRENS HOME

CONTACT: Monica Salinas/Administrator
3780 N. Bentsen Palm Dr.
Mission, TX 78574

PHONE: 956-585-4847 or Fax: 956-585-4848

WEBSITE: www.buckner.org

PURPOSE: Provide foster care for children in the Valley.

ORGANIZATION: BUCKNER STAR (SERVICES TO AT RISK YOUTH) and UCAP (UNIVERSAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION) PROGRAM

CONTACT: 5425 N. McColl, Suite A
McAllen, TX 78504

PHONE: 956-630-6285 or Fax: 956-630-6370

WEBSITE: www.buckner.org

HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

PURPOSE: Provide counseling and crisis intervention to at risk youth and their families.

ORGANIZATION: BUSY BEE EXTENSION EDUCATION CLUB
CONTACT: Joyce Oton
100 W. Hibiscus
McAllen, TX 78501-9447
PHONE: 956-686-6990
MEETINGS: 2nd Thursday Sept. - May
PURPOSE: To increase our knowledge in all facets of homemaking,
taking care of businesses, creative & leadership skills, and to
share information with others.

ORGANIZATION: CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY -
ESTRELLA'S HOUSE
CONTACT: Jesus Sanchez
525 W. Wisconsin
Edinburg, TX 78539
PHONE: 956-287-9754
WEBSITE: www.cachidalgo.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
PURPOSE: The mission of the Hidalgo County's Children's Advocacy
Center is to break the cycle of child abuse through
collaborative intervention in a child-sensitive environment.
Our vision of success is improving the lives of abused
children in Hidalgo County and providing national leadership
on child abuse issues.

ORGANIZATION: CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY -
ESTRELLA'S HOUSE
CONTACT: Jesus Sanchez
1116 N. Conway
Mission, TX 78572
PHONE: 956-519-4847
WEBSITE: www.cachidalgo.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm by appointment
PURPOSE: The mission of the Hidalgo County's Children's Advocacy
Center is to break the cycle of child abuse through
collaborative intervention in a child-sensitive environment.
Our vision of success is improving the lives of abused
children in Hidalgo County and providing national leadership
on child abuse issues.

ORGANIZATION: COMFORT HOUSE SERVICES, INC
CONTACT: 617 Dallas
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-687-7367
WEBSITE: www.comforthousergv.com

PURPOSE: Our mission is to provide a comfortable homelike environment where any person may pass away peacefully, pain-free, and surrounded by loved ones.

ORGANIZATION: **COSTEP**
CONTACT: 200 S. 10th St. Ste. 502
McAllen, TX 78501

PHONE: 1-800-949-6371 or 682-6371
WEBSITE: www.costep.org
HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
PURPOSE: COSTEP is a private non-profit organization chartered in January of 1972 to foster economic progress in South Texas, and today originates and services student loans for other lenders and the South Texas Higher Education Authority.

ORGANIZATION: **DISCOVERY SCHOOL**
CONTACT: Leticia Sanchez
1711 W. Alberta Rd.
Edinburg, TX 78539

PHONE: 956-381-1117 Fax: 381-1007
WEBSITE: www.thediscoveryschool.net
PURPOSE: To provide a caring environment prepared to meet the development needs of children 18 months to 12 years of age. Our goal is to allow the child to develop to the fullest potential in order to have a positive approach to life and contribute or the betterment of the world. Our inspiration is Dr. Maria Montessori, who saw in the developing child, the path for all mankind.

ORGANIZATION: **EASTER SEALS RIO GRANDE VALLEY**
CONTACT: Patricia Rosenlund, Executive Director
1217 W. Houston Ave.
McAllen, TX 78505

PHONE: 956-631-9171 or 1-800-728-5491
EMAIL: prosenlund@easterseals-rgv.org
WEBSITE: www.easterseals-rgv.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: Easter Seals provides physical rehabilitation services through our Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program, for children ages' birth to 3 years old and childcare for children of all abilities ages 6 months to 5 years old.

ORGANIZATION: **EL MILAGRO CLINIC**
CONTACT: Marisol Resendez, Executive Director

PHONE: 901 E. Vermont
McAllen, TX 78503
956-213-6400 Fax: 956-213-0693
EMAIL: info@milagroclinic.org
PURPOSE: El Milagro Clinic is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization chartered in 1996. We provide Primary, Preventive and Behavioral Healthcare services to the uninsured in the Rio Grande Valley. The clinic follows a patient-centered model of care that includes nutrition, physical activity, and mental health counseling. We also provide Women's Health, laboratory services, prescription assistance, food pantry, and fresh produce distribution.

ORGANIZATION: FOOD BANK OF THE R.G.V.
CONTACT: DeAnne Economedes Interim CEO & COO
724 N. Cage Blvd.
Pharr, TX 78577
PHONE: 956-682-8101, 956-682-7921 (f)
EMAIL: terrid@foodbankrgv.com
WEBSITE: www.foodbankrgv.com
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley supports the mission of ending hunger through member agencies, by promoting healthy living in South Texas.

ORGANIZATION: FRIENDSHIP EXTENSION EDUCATION CLUB
CONTACT: Joyce Ofton
100 W. Hibiscus
McAllen, TX 78501-9447
PHONE: 956-686-6990
MEETINGS: 1st Tuesday of the month Sept. – May
PURPOSE: To increase our knowledge in all facets of homemaking, taking care of business, creative leadership skills and to share this information with others.

ORGANIZATION: FRIENDS of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR / FRIENDS of SANTA ANNA
CONTACT: Keith Hackland or Michael Boylan
801 Main Street
Alamo, TX 78516
PHONE: 956-782-9912/784-7502 Fax: 956-782-1827
EMAIL: alamoinn@aol.com
WEBSITE: www.friendsofsouthtexasrefuges.org

HOURS: 9:00am–9:00pm
MEETINGS: Call for meeting times
PURPOSE: We are a support group for the South Texas National Wildlife Refuges.

ORGANIZATION: FRONTERA AUDUBON SOCIETY
CONTACT: 1101 S. Texas Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78596
PHONE: 956-968-3275 Fax: 956-968-1388
EMAIL: fronteraaudubon@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: www.fronteraaudubon.org
HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
PURPOSE: Frontera Audubon Society is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and protection of the environment, wildlife, and native habitat of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

ORGANIZATION: GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH TEXAS
CONTACT: Lea A. Peacock - CEO
202 E. Madison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
PHONE: 956-425-2388 Fax: 956-425-9602
EMAIL: lpeacock@gsgst.org
WEBSITE: www.gsgst.org
HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
PURPOSE: Serving girls in Kinder-12th grade. Inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

ORGANIZATION: GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH TEXAS
CONTACT: 2961 S. Port Ave.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
PHONE: 361-884-4068
WEBSITE: www.goodwillsouthtexas.com
PURPOSE: To provide employment, education, and training for persons with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

ORGANIZATION: GREATER MCALLEN ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
CONTACT: Monica Pena
1324 E. Nolana
McAllen, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-682-4119
WEBSITE: www.gmar.org
HOURS: M-F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

PURPOSE: To promote ethical standards in the Real Estate industry and the protection of private property rights.

ORGANIZATION: HIDALGO COIN CLUB
CONTACT: P.O. Box 2364
McAllen, TX 78502
PHONE: 956-566-3112
WEBSITE: www.hidalgocoinclub.com
PURPOSE: The Hidalgo Coin Club is an organization devoted to serving the numismatic (coin collecting) community of the Rio Grande Valley and beyond.

ORGANIZATION: HIDALGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
CONTACT: Rosalie Weisfeld or Leslie Gower
PHONE: 956-793-5814 or 956-624-5978
EMAIL: rweisfeld@rgv.rr.com
WEBSITE: www.hctdw.org
MEETING: General Membership Mtgs. Are held the 1st Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6 pm and Board Mtgs. Are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

PURPOSE: The Hidalgo County chapter of Texas Democratic Women (HCTDW) will promote increased political activity of Democratic women in local, state and federal government. HCTDW will work to promote increased representation of women in party and government institutions. HCTDW will promote legislative, executive, and judicial policies that enhance equitable representation of women in party and government affairs. HCTDW will provide training and other support for Democrats working in party organizations, campaigns and/or seeking public office.

ORGANIZATION: HOPE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
CONTACT: Rebecca E. Stocker, Director
2332 Jordan Rd.
McAllen, TX 78503
PHONE: 956-994-3319 Fax: 956-971-9377
EMAIL: rebecca@hopefamilyhealthcenter.org,
clinchahope@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.hopefamilyhealthcenter.org
HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am -6:00pm; Wednesday & Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

PURPOSE: Hope Family Health Center provides quality integrated medical, mental and educational health care services to the uninsured living in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. These holistic services aim to strengthen families, foster personal dignity and empower each person to take responsibility for his or her own well being. Medical services are provided by volunteer physicians and counseling services are provided by social workers and counselors. Although there is not a set cost for services at the clinic, we ask that patients leave a donation for appointments and pay for any lab work needed.

ORGANIZATION: IMMIGRANT HOPE MCALLEN
CONTACT: 5208 N. Jackson
Pharr, TX 78577

PHONE: 956-800-4249

WEBSITE: www.immigranthope.org

PURPOSE: A non-profit organization that is approved by the government to offer honest, low-cost advice and representation on U.S. immigration law to the McAllen and Rio Grande Valley immigrant community.

ORGANIZATION: INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART & SCIENCE (IMAS)
CONTACT: 1900 West Nolana
McAllen, TX 78504

PHONE: 956-682-1564

PURPOSE: The mission of IMAS is to promote a deeper appreciation of the Arts and Sciences through exhibitions, cultural events, and educational programs, and to expand and display its permanent art and science collections.

ORGANIZATION: JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MCALLEN, INC.
CONTACT: P.O. Box 3004
McAllen, TX 78502

PHONE: 956-682-0071

WEBSITE: www.juniorleaguemcallen.org

MEETINGS: Membership Information Sessions are held in January and July of each year at the International Museum of Art & Science in McAllen.

PURPOSE: The Junior League of McAllen is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and to improving the community through the action and leadership of trained volunteers. We strive to proactively meet critical needs of the surrounding community either by initiating or collaborating with community groups for positive solutions. The Junior League of McAllen envisions significantly improving the quality of life of the children and youth of our community by preserving the innocence of

childhood, encouraging responsibility, and promoting a safe environment.

ORGANIZATION: KEEP MCALLEN BEAUTIFUL
CONTACT: 4101 N. Bentsen Rd
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-681-4562
PURPOSE: KMB is an educational, nonprofit organization that develops and expands the awareness of proper waste reduction practices, litter prevention and the beautification and environmental preservation of McAllen's natural beauty.

ORGANIZATION: LEADERSHIP MCALLEN
CONTACT: David Girault
P.O. Box 720122
McAllen, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-335-3053
EMAIL: info@leadershipmcallen.com
WEBSITE: www.leadershipmcallen.com
PURPOSE: To provide a learning experience for existing and emerging leaders in McAllen. Participants are selected from all segments of the community and are given the opportunity to develop an understanding of the promises and challenges facing the city.

ORGANIZATION: LIFT FUND
CONTACT: Marlene R. Rodriguez
220 N. 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 1-888-215-2373
HOURS: M-F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: Provides loans to small businesses that do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Micro-entrepreneurs strengthen their business, stabilize and increase their incomes, create additional employment, and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities.

ORGANIZATION: MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION
CONTACT: Ava Sandlin
1801 S. 2nd St. Ste. 405
McAllen, TX 78503
PHONE: 956-686-9474 Fax: 956-686-4380
PURPOSE: To grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses and to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

ORGANIZATION: MARCH OF DIMES
CONTACT: 500 N. Water St. Ste. 511
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

PHONE: 361-855-4215
WEBSITE: www.marchofdimes.com
PURPOSE: To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects & infant mortality. Our campaign includes program research, community service, education, & advocacy.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CONTACT: Steve Ahlenius, President/CEO
1200 Ash
P.O. Box 790
McAllen, TX 78505-0790

PHONE: 956-682-2871 Fax: 956-631-8571
WEBSITE: www.mcallenchamber.com
PURPOSE: To serve its members, community, and visitors by enhancing economic growth and quality of life through leadership, marketing, and collaborative partnerships.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN CITY FEDERATION OF WOMENS CLUBS
CONTACT: Joyce Ofton
100 W. Hibiscus
McAllen, TX 78501

PHONE: 956-686-6990
MEETINGS: 3rd Tuesday of every month Sept.-May
PURPOSE: To promote civic, cultural, and welfare interests and to secure the benefits of cooperation.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETY (MIOS)
CONTACT: Edite Virkus
PHONE: 956-631-6204
EMAIL: membership@miosjournal.org
MEETINGS: 1st Sunday of every month, at 2:30 pm at STC Library
PURPOSE: To promote the love, care, study and preservation of orchids; this includes hybrids as well as orchids in their natural surroundings.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN LIONS CLUB
CONTACT: Eddie Williams
P.O. Box 720310
McAllen, TX 78504-0310

PHONE: 956-369-4605
WEBSITE: www.lionsclubs.org
MEETINGS: We meet every Friday at 12 noon at the Salvation Army 1600 N 23rd St McAllen TX 78501

PURPOSE: We Serve! As the world's largest service club organization, Lions are at work helping, leading, planning & supporting. Because we are local we can serve the unique needs of the community we live in and because we're global we can address the challenges that go beyond borders.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN METRO TOASTMASTERS
CONTACT: Chismere Mallard
PHONE: 956-984-9729
EMAIL: chismeremallard23@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.metro.toastmastersclubs.org
MEETINGS: Monday's @ 12:00 noon at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce

PURPOSE: To learn valuable leadership skills and to communicate effectively by building confidence through public and presentational speaking.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN -MISSION GARDEN CLUB
CONTACT: Beverly Huntley
PHONE: 956-580-2609
MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of each month Sept.-May at Mission Historical Museum

PURPOSE: Stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs to aid in the protection of native trees, plants, birds and to encourage civic planting.

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN NORTH ROTARY CLUB
PHONE: 956-618-3343 or 956-792-6857
EMAIL: info@mcallennorthrotary.com
WEBSITE: www.mcallennorthrotary.org
PURPOSE: International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto "Service Above Self".

ORGANIZATION: MCALLEN SOUTH ROTARY CLUB
CONTACT: Laura Warren
1801 S. 2nd St, Ste. 330
McAllen, TX 78503
PHONE: 956-994-1900
EMAIL: lwarren@thewarrengrouparchitects.com
WEBSITE: www.mcallensouthrotary.org
PURPOSE: Encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise through the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service above self.

ORGANIZATION: MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION
CONTACT: 8610 Broadway Ste. 200
San Antonio, TX 78217
PHONE: 210-650-3181
WEBSITE: www.mda.org
PURPOSE: Dedicated to the advancement of MDA's mission, the Association's advocacy efforts are committed to making life better for people with muscular dystrophy. Through representation in matters of public policy and research advancement, nationally and internationally, we strive to be an effective voice for the hundreds of thousands of Americans served by MDA. We aim to encourage and facilitate active involvement of people with these diseases in the community at large as well as in matters of public policy that are of specific concern to those with disabilities.

ORGANIZATION: MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS HISTORY
CONTACT: 200 N. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, TX 78539
PHONE: 956-383-6911, 381-8518(f)
WEBSITE: www.mosthistory.org
PURPOSE: "Preserving and presenting the borderland heritage of South Texas and Northeastern Mexico." A must-see first stop to give visitors an overview of bi-national history, culture, and geography of the region, with an emphasis on education and outreach.

ORGANIZATION: PALM VALLEY ANIMAL CENTER
CONTACT: Tim Ousley Executive Director
2501 W. Trenton
Edinburg, TX 78539
PHONE: 956-686-1141 Fax: 687-8336
WEBSITE: www.palmvalleyanimalcenter.org
HOURS: Monday – Saturday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
PURPOSE: To provide care & shelter for lost, stray, & unwanted animals through animal adoption.

ORGANIZATION: PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM
CONTACT: Nadia Ochoa
115 N. 9th Street
McAllen, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-687-7714 Fax: 956-687-5306
WEBSITE: www.palmerdrugabuse.com
HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: PDAP is an outpatient program that provides free help for teenagers, adults, and their families who are affected by

alcohol or drug abuse. Services include individual counseling, support group meetings, recreational activities and retreats for both substance abusers and their families.

ORGANIZATION: ACCESS ESPERANZA CLINICS
CONTACT: 916 E. Hackberry
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-688-3700
WEBSITE: www.accessclinics.org
PURPOSE: Planned Parenthood provides family planning services, including annual exams, contraception, family planning education, STD testing and treatment, Pap tests and testicular exams. Services are available to all who need them, with special funding programs for low-income people.

ORGANIZATION: RGV APARTMENT ASSOCIATION
CONTACT: 813 N. Main St. Ste. 201
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-428-5072 Fax: 412-6191
WEBSITE: www.aavalley.org
PURPOSE: Dedicated to orderly growth, development, high standards of business ethics & the protection of the interests of rental owners and residents. Members are owners, managers, & products/services suppliers to the rental housing industry.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE CHILDREN'S HOME
CONTACT: 3780 N. Bentsen Palm Dr.
Mission, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-585-4847 Fax: 956-585-4848
WEBSITE: www.buckner.org or www.borderregion.bucknerconnect.com
PURPOSE: Provide residential child care for children from birth to 17 years of age.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
CONTACT: Rudy Gonzalez
6912 W. Expressway 83
Harlingen, TX 78552
PHONE: 956-423-0250
WEBSITE: www.riograndecouncil.org
PURPOSE: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
CONTACT: Wayne Lowry

PHONE: 412 W. Ash Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501
WEBSITE: 956-686-7455
www.habitatrgv.org
PURPOSE: We build homes for low-income people and pick up donations from local businesses and households. We resell all donations back to the community in order to build homes. Dedicated to the ideal that all people deserve a simple, decent, healthy place to live.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE VALLEY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
CONTACT: 419 Nolana Ste. C
McAllen, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-686-2932 Fax: 956-668-9705
EMAIL: rgvbam@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.rgvba.org
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To enhance the climate for the housing and building industry; providing and expanding opportunities for all consumers to have safe, decent, and affordable housing. RGVBA helps promote policies that will keep housing a national priority.

ORGANIZATION: RIO GRANDE VALLEY COUNCIL INC., THE
CONTACT: 5510 N. Cage Blvd. Ste. A
Pharr, TX 78577
PHONE: 956-787-7111
WEBSITE: www.rgvcouncil.com
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: The R.G.V. Council, Inc. aims to reduce substance abuse and related co-existing conditions in our communities, encourage healthier life-style related to at risk public health behavior, and promote stronger families through multi-level prevention, education, interventions, and treatment. A multi-level approach includes age appropriateness, cultural relevancy, and language relevancy in an environment that is research and outcome based. The Council aims to be a leader in the development of resources appropriate to its communities.

ORGANIZATION: SAFE HAVEN FOR KIDS EMERGENCY SHELTER
CONTACT: P.O. BOX 815
Alamo, TX 78516
PHONE: 956-515-5437

WEBSITE: www.safehavenforkids.org
PURPOSE: Safe Haven for Kids is an emergency shelter for children needing immediate and temporary shelter after being removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

ORGANIZATION: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL
CONTACT: Michael Waller
2500 N. 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-686-0231, 956-686-8779 (f)
WEBSITE: www.stjohns-mcallen.org/school
PURPOSE: St. John's Day School offers a quality education in a loving, Christian environment for children Pre-K through 5th.

ORGANIZATION: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOL & CHILD CARE
CONTACT: Dr. Jeanne Kretzmann
300 W. Pecan
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-682-2345, 956-682-7148 (f)
PURPOSE: To provide a solid program of Christian education for children
18 months – 8th grade.

ORGANIZATION: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES
CONTACT: 1919 Austin Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-682-1301 Fax: 210-304-7757
WEBSITE: www.dfps.state.tx.us
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To protect children, the elderly, and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, by working with clients, families, and communities.

ORGANIZATION: TEXAS ORGAN SHARING ALLIANCE
CONTACT: Edwina P. Garza
1400 N. McColl Rd. Suite 104 A
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-630-0884 Fax: 956-687-7185
WEBSITE: www.txorgansharing.org
HOURS: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: We are the organ procurement organization for the RGV. We provide information on organ donation.

ORGANIZATION: THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY
CONTACT: 1218 Arion Parkway Ste. 102
San Antonio, TX 78216
PHONE: 1-800-683-2458 or 210-998-5400
WEBSITE: www.lls.org
PURPOSE: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. The mission of LLS is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

ORGANIZATION: THE PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
CONTACT: Joyce Ofton
100 W. Hibiscus
McAllen, TX 78501-9447
PHONE: 956-686-6990
MEETINGS: 2nd Friday of Sept, Nov, Jan, March & May
PURPOSE: To serve our community and to support all McAllen City Federation of Women's Clubs' projects

ORGANIZATION: THE VALLEY LAND FUND
CONTACT: 2400 N. 10th St., Ste. A
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-686-6429 or Fax: 956-686-1909
EMAIL: info@valleylandfund.com
WEBSITE: www.valleylandfund.com
HOURS: M – F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To preserve, expand, and enhance the native wildlife habitat in the RGV through education, land ownership, and creation of economic incentives for land owners.

ORGANIZATION: UNITED BLOOD SERVICES
CONTACT: 1400 S. 6th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-956-213-7500
WEBSITE: www.unitedbloodservices.org
PURPOSE: United Blood Services is a nonprofit community blood center, providing blood and blood products for local area hospitals throughout the United States. We exist to make a difference in people's lives by bringing together the best people,

inspiring individuals to donate blood, producing a safe and ample blood supply, advancing cutting-edge research and embracing continuous quality improvement.

ORGANIZATION: UNITED WAY OF SOUTH TEXAS
CONTACT: Thelma M. Garza
113 W. Pecan
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-686-6331
EMAIL: tgarzaunitedway@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: unitedwayofsotx.org
PURPOSE: The United Way of South Texas addresses health and human services through 22 partner agencies and various other community non-profits that address emerging needs. We maximize fundraising efforts with over 500 volunteers, distribute funds based on priority needs, and identify gaps in services to help us invest in the most needed programs.

ORGANIZATION: VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL/WESTBROOK CLINIC
CONTACT: Oscar Lopez
300 S. 2nd St.
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-668-1155 or 1-800-333-7432
HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
EMAIL: education@valleyaids.org
WEBSITE: www.vcinc.org
PURPOSE: VAC is a private, non-profit organization which provides primary outpatient care and support services to men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS in South Texas.

ORGANIZATION: VALLEY ASSOCIATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VAIL)
CONTACT: Susan Nelson
3016 N. McColl Rd
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-668-8245 Fax: 956-631-7914
WEBSITE: www.vailrgv.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: To assist all persons who have a disability by providing them with the opportunity to live as independently as their disability will allow through peer counseling, independent living skills classes, and networking with other service organizations.

ORGANIZATION: VALLEY NATURE CENTER
CONTACT: Hollie Johnston
301 S. Border Ave.
Weslaco, TX 78596
PHONE: 956-969-2475 Fax: 956-969-9915

EMAIL: info@valleynaturecenter.org
WEBSITE: www.valleynaturecenter.org
HOURS: Tuesday – Friday 9:00–5:00 Saturday 8:00–5:00 Sunday 1:00–5:00
PURPOSE: To provide educational opportunities and foster understanding and appreciation of the Lower Rio Grande Valley's unique natural communities of flora and fauna.

ORGANIZATION: **VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
CONTACT: Katy Coy, Executive Director
200 S. 10th St. Ste. 104
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-661-1615 Fax: 956-661-1617
EMAIL: admin@valleyorchestra.org
WEBSITE: www.valleyorchestra.org
HOURS: M-F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm closed at Noon to 1 pm for lunch
PURPOSE: Our mission is to engage, inspire and educate through excellence in the live performances of great music through our major work, Pops and Children's Education concerts. Our vision is to improve the quality of life in the Rio Grande Valley community through diverse, artistic excellence in the performance and preservation of great music.

ORGANIZATION: **VAMOS**
CONTACT: Daisy Hinojosa
800 N. Main St. Ste. 410
McAllen, TX 78504
PHONE: 956-800-4085
WEBSITE: www.vamosscholars.org
HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
PURPOSE: The Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships (VAMOS) provides four-year scholarships to high school seniors and mentoring assistance once in college for the purpose of completing a Bachelor's degree.

ORGANIZATION: **WOMEN TOGETHER FOUNDATION – MUJERES UNIDAS**
CONTACT: 511 N. Cynthia
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-630-4878
EMAIL: womentog@swbell.net
WEBSITE: www.mujeresunidas.org
HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
PURPOSE: It is the mission of Women Together to provide shelter and programs for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

ORGANIZATION: WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
CONTACT: 3101 W. Bus. 83
McAllen, TX 78501
PHONE: 956-928-5000
WEBSITE: www.wfsolutions.org
PURPOSE: Workforce Solutions, Inc. is the workforce development board serving the Texas Rio Grande Valley counties of Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy. Our organization delivers publicly-funded employment and training services through a network of partners located throughout the region. Our goal is to provide businesses, employers, job seekers and employees with the resources needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.