

CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

Zavala's Mission is to preserve the unique cultural gifts of the Hispanic heritage and empower Hispanic citizens to become fully engaged in the overall community.

Zavala's History and Vision for the Future

History Zavala was founded in 2001 by a group of individuals that recognized the need to develop Hispanic leaders in the Wichita Falls community. After initial meetings, a steering committee was formed in 2002. Topics of discussion centered around ways to engage the Hispanic population in all sectors of community life. Additionally, barriers keeping Hispanics uninvolved were identified and discussed. In 2003, the Secretary of State of Texas issued a formal charter and approved Zavala's By-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Then, in 2006, Zavala was granted non-profit status and was recognized as a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. The organization is active and busy.

Future Zavala has a vision to serve the Wichita Falls community in a variety of ways. Service is at the forefront of our Mission. Our service is demonstrated most vividly through educational programs and supporting the development of a education centered culture as an avenue to empowering the Hispanic community. In an effort to celebrate our beautiful culture, we will continue to enrich the experiences of the citizens in Wichita and the surrounding areas with cultural programming like Calle Ocho and Las Posadas.

On the horizon, Zavala sees an even brighter future for our community. Imagine a Hispanic Cultural Community Center to carry out the mission of SERVE, CELEBRATE, EDUCATE and EMPOWER.

JOIN US...¡SI SE PUEDE!

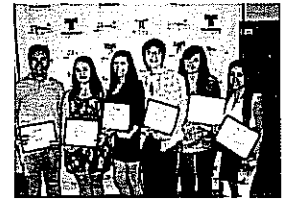
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LEADERSHIP BANQUET MAY

The leadership banquet is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Hispanic leadership in Wichita Falls. Scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors. Additionally, the Hispanic Person of the Year for Wichita County is presented with a proclamation from Wichita County Commissioner's Court. The Leadership Banquet is a time of celebration. We invite you to join us in the festivities.



Amanda Luna-Garcia, 2013 Hispanic Person of the Year with Judge Woody Gossom



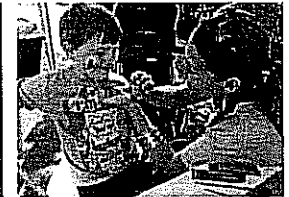
2013 Scholarship Recipients

CALLE OCHO FESTIVAL OCTOBER

Calle Ocho is a music, arts, and culture festival held in the heart of historic downtown Wichita Falls. This celebration wraps up Hispanic Heritage Month that runs from September 15th to October 15th. The festival is our way of sharing the richness of our culture with everyone in the community. Calle Ocho serves as a fundraiser for scholarships and other educational programming sponsored by Zavala throughout the year.



Folklorico, Grupo Mexitizo 2010



Children's Area Fun

LAS POSADAS DECEMBER

Las Posadas is a Hispanic Christmastime tradition that includes the re-enactment of Joseph and Mary seeking lodging on the eve of Jesus' birth. After the re-enactment, pan dulce, chocolate, and piñatas are enjoyed by all ages. In the past, this program has been held at the Kemp Center for the Arts, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Midwestern State University's Clark Student Center.



Re-enacting the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph



Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus portrayed by BESO students.