

## **TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS FACT SHEET**

### ***WHO***

Tejano Center was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Texas on June 24, 1992. The organization was formed as a response to social, economic, education, and housing problems and needs identified by neighborhood residents of the predominately Hispanic East End. It presently employs 183 staff persons and has an operating budget of almost \$10 million. Throughout its 14-year history, Tejano Center has demonstrated its readiness and willingness to partner with the private sector in order to promote its goals and objectives and to better serve the larger Houston community. This includes builders of affordable homes targeting the organization's low and moderate-income market.

### ***WHAT***

The organization's development activities began in early 1993 with the converting of a neighborhood eyesore at 6901 Brownwood into a vibrant community service center. Current housing services include Basic Homeownership Counseling, which focuses on providing individualized counseling to families seeking homeownership opportunities and includes long-term incubation counseling services. The organization also sponsors Homebuyer Education classes. Instruction is provided in both English and Spanish. New Construction of Single-Family Homes concentrates on in-fill development within its service area. Nueva Vida, a 66-unit apartment project for low and moderate-income elderly in the southeast Houston area, is currently under construction. The Tejano Child Placing Agency provides for the placement of abused and neglected and homeless children in culturally and language appropriate foster homes. It also operates El Hogar de Ninos, a 24-bed Homeless Shelter and long-term facility serving children ages 2-17. The Tejano Health Clinic serves the East End's medically indigent with free primary care services. The Raul Yzaguirre Charter School for Success, the only charter in the state of Texas which targets at-risk children and youth, serves over six hundred fifty students at its main campus on Broadway. Adult Education includes ABE, GED, and ESL classes for parents of RYSS students and other neighborhood residents.

### ***WHEN***

Normal hours of operation for all services are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P. M. Counseling Interviews are sometimes held after hours by appointment only. Home Homebuyer Education classes are held on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and on scheduled weekdays from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Child Care Services at the El Hogar de Ninos Shelter are provided on a 24-hour basis. Adult Education classes are held Monday to Friday, throughout the day and through the evening hours.

### ***WHERE***

Tejano Center's service area is Houston's greater East End. Service Centers are located at 6901 Brownwood, 2950 Broadway, and 5300 Sunrise. Administrative offices are located at 2950 Brownwood. More information on the organization can be found on at [TCCC-RYSS.org](http://TCCC-RYSS.org), its web site address.

### ***WHY***

Tejano Center's mission is the improvement of opportunities for Hispanic children and their families through housing, community development, education, social, and health services. To achieve its mission it has developed a number of local, state and national affiliations. Among these relationship are with National Council of La Raza and as a member of Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's NeighborWorks America. It is also a City of Houston and Harris County certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and a HUD-designated Housing Counseling Agency.