



BCIC Board Member Profile

Mr. Celestino "Tino" Villarreal has been a BCIC board member since January 2016. In his role he also actively participates in the following BCIC Board Committees: Relocation Committee, Promotion & Community Event Grants Committee, and the Brownsville Sports Park Committee.

Background

Mr. Villarreal was born in Monterrey, Mexico and moved to Brownsville, TX at the age of four. He is an only child of parents Celestino and Victoria Villarreal.

In 2004, Mr. Villarreal moved to Austin, TX to work for the National Hispanic Institute where he was the Associate Vice President for Education. He traveled the country recruiting the top Latino students and trained them at NHI's yearly Leadership conferences. During his time in Austin he was a member of the Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and also served as motivational speaker for local high schools.

In 2008, Tino moved back to Brownsville, TX and opened the first Tino's Seafood restaurant at the Palm Village. By 2010, Tino's Seafood was franchised by Mr. Villarreal and he quickly had over 12 locations in 6 south Texas cities (Brownsville, Mission, Edinburg, McAllen, South Padre Island and San Antonio). During this time Tino began coaching again at Saint Joseph Academy as the Varsity Football Offensive Coordinator and the Head Soccer Coach, he was also invited to serve as Trustee on the board of the National Hispanic Institute in 2011, a position he still holds. His active participation in the National Hispanic Institute, coaching of football, and as a business man has provided him with an extensive knowledge in collaborative leadership, economic development, training, athletics, strategic planning, program management, public speaking.

Education

Mr. Villarreal graduated from Saint Joseph Academy in 1999. He currently holds a Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Community Focus & Role at BCIC

Mr. Villarreal is a community man that is actively participating at BCIC to improve Brownsville's quality of life. He is very excited to be part of making a difference in the community and see our city thrive and continue to flourish and being a place where people reside, work, visit and play.

BCIC Funds Sabal Palms Sanctuary's Barbara T. Warburton Education Center

BCIC in 2014, in its Cycle 2, awarded a capital project grant in the amount of \$106,382 to the Gorgas Science Foundation for the Sabal Palm Sanctuary Educational Center Building Project, now the Barbara T. Warburton Education Center. The Education Center will host educational exhibits that will focus on the biodiversity and cultural legacy of the Rio Grande Delta and will also serve as a meeting/lecture hall.



Southmost Hike & Bike Trail Project Receives Tree Donations

The Southmost Hike and Bike Trail in whose first phase was funded by a Brownsville Improvement Corporation (BCIC) Capital Project Grant and a City Development Block Grant, which in 2020 (estimated completion date) it will be seven (7) miles and connect to the existing battlefield trail. We are excited to learn that this project has been enhanced by 50 trees that the Leadership Brownsville Class XXXI has donated. These trees will make the trail even more livable and accessible for the Brownsville community and visitors. **Thank you Leadership Brownsville Class XXXI!!!**

BCIC Community Partner



BCIC Sponsors Tip of Texas's "Child Abuse Prevention Walk"

BCIC awarded a Promotion and Community Event Grant to Tip of Texas's Family Outreach for their community event, "Child Abuse Prevention Walk". BCIC is proud to support such worthwhile causes that enhance awareness and improve the quality of life of our residents.

BCIC's Staff Corner



On May 5th, **Vanessa Villarreal, BCIC Project Coordinator** attended "Audits for Non-Profits Organizations Workshop" hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce

Rebeca Castillo, BCIC Executive Director & Cori Pena, BCIC Project Coordinator participated in a Network for Alignment towards Sustainability Thinking-Interdisciplinary Multi Stakeholder Workshop on May 5th, which was hosted by UTRGV.

Upcoming BCIC Funded Events/ Mtgs.

- 5/28/16 USA Heroes Tribute Night Trail Run
- 6/15/16Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- 6/25/16 Belden Ribbon Cutting



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Belden Connect Save the Date!!!



BELDEN CONNECT & RESACA RESTORATION RIBBON CUTTING & CELEBRATION RIDE!!!

BCIC, bcWorkshop, City of Brownsville and PUB are organizing a ribbon cutting ceremony and bike ride that will inaugurate the newly developed extension of the Belden Trail. The celebration ride will commence shortly after the ribbon cutting at the new section of the Belden Trail where cyclists and walkers will then take a tour through the newly developed extension that leads to PUB's resaca restoration project at the old city cemetery. We would like to invite our Brownsville community to come join us on this fun filled event.

BCIC Sponsors Symphony in the Park

BCIC Board of Directors attends our sponsored community event, "18th Annual Symphony In The Park", hosted by the Brownsville Literacy Center on May 7th, 2016 at TSC. It was a wonderful evening event filled with good food and great music and we would like to thank our Brownsville community for attending and supporting the Brownsville Literacy Center.



BCIC Sponsors Mommy and Me 5k & 1 Mile Run/Walk with Inflatable



We were delighted to have been invited to participate with our BCIC Inflatable Start/Finish Arch at the St. Mary's Catholic School's "Mommy and Me" community event on May 7, 2016. Thank you to the organizers and to our Brownsville's residents for your support.

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