



January 29, 2015


Dear Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to nominate Ms. Thania Gonzalez for the Emerging Leaders Award of Child Care Exchange. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Gonzalez in several capacities. As the Outreach Coordinator for the Children's Museum of Brownsville, she has worked closely with Gladys Porter Zoo to provide quality programs for the children in our community. She successfully organized and publicized numerous community events including Literacy Play Days at the Gladys Porter Zoo, which have helped fulfil the Zoo's mission of Education by creating engaging educational experiences. She has also engaged families in the Children's Museum events, traveling exhibits, local school district programs and outreach. Her literacy-based presentations in the various venues in South Texas are student centered, engaging and have help establish the Children's Museum of Brownsville as a leading community resource for families.

Ms. Gonzalez is currently pursuing a master's degree in Early Childhood Education. As a graduate student, she has demonstrated discipline, hard work, and above all dedication. Her effort was recently recognized in April of 2014 when she was awarded the "Scholastic Excellence Award" in the field of Early Childhood Education.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend Ms. Thania Gonzalez as a recipient of the Emerging Leaders Award of Child Care Exchange.

Sincerely,



Sergio Garcia
Curator of Education
Gladys Porter Zoo