

## **RE: Mentor Meal Collaboration Project**

**To:** Tracey Curtis, Orange Plaza Rotary President

My Name is Ron Esparza and I'm the current Chair for the Educational Committee/Career Club through the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County. I'm also the owner of a State Farm Agency in the City of Orange and a graduate of El Modena High School. Furthermore, I have two children who attend El Modena HS. The purpose of my correspondence is to share with you my excitement in the possibility of bringing the Orange Plaza Rotary, El Modena HS (CTP), the Chamber's Education Committee/Career Club and the Mentor Meals project together in unison for one great cause.

These organizations and programs are a perfect fit for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and I'm certain that the Collaboration efforts of these organizations can and will make a significant impact on the young women and young men who will be part of the program.

Through our High School Career Club Program, the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (HCCEF) provides a program that encourages students to strive for excellence. Similar to the goal of the Computer Technology Program, our goal is to instill in students the motivation and determination to complete high school and earn a college degree.

The objective of the Career Club Program is to develop confidence, self-esteem, and leadership abilities in high school students through team building and exposing the students to opportunities in a variety of careers. Mentor Meals will enhance the adult guidance and role model aspect of our program, and build a resource base where these young people can come for reinforcement, encouragement and support.

As a partner in the Mentor Meals project, The Hispanic Chamber will:

- establish a Career Club Exploring Post at El Modena High School
- assign a member of the HCCEF Education Committee as liaison (that would me)
- recruit six to eight mentors that will attend four Mentor Meal dinners
- assist with arranging for guest speakers as needed
- fund \$500 in student scholarship monies

I look forward to meeting you in the near future. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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