

# Fundraising Project



A Non-Profit 501 (C) (3) Organization

**“Help us help other who are in great need.”**

**“Ayúdanos a ayudar a otros que se encuentran en gran necesidad.”**

*Letter from the Director*

*Esteemed reader,*

*We hope that in reading this presentation we can count with your comprehension and support to achieve the goals that we have proposed as an organization, to offer services that unfortunately many people with scarce resources are denied.*

*With our programs we hope for the success of the general community in the areas of health, education, social well being, and economical. We thank the interest you have in our cause, and recognize the need of our programs that are beneficial to the poor, needy and uninsured.*

*We hope that this document will touch your heart about the need of the community and become one of our sponsors to relay this important message as an ambassador of good faith.*

*Remember that each of us have the potential to make this world a better place.*



*Victor Palma  
President and Founder  
Equal Rights Organization Inc.  
Organización de Igualdad de Derechos Inc.*



A Non Profit Social Service Agency 501(c) 3

## **EQUAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION INC.**

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### **Fundraising Campaign**

#### **Main Objectives:**

- Support for the existing programs for the community
- Implementation of new programs and important projects in the future
  - Purchase of headquarters
  - Remodeling of necessary installations for new programs
  - Childcare Center for working women available 24 hours a day
  - Create a foundation, for the assistance of people with terminal diseases, and for those with out medical insurance or those that lack the resources to be able to afford any kind of medical services
  - Create a fund to defend those with insufficient resources that have had their Civil Rights violated

The Equal Rights Org. Inc. (Organizacion de Igualdad de Derechos Inc.) will carry out several visits to different industries (Financial, Commercial, Industrial, etc.) with the purpose of requesting their support in donations and sponsorships for diverse events that will perform in the city of Houston, Texas and the metropolitan area.

### **Our Mission:**

The Equal Rights Organization offers assistance and orientation to the entire community without any kind of distinction of race, gender, religion, language, or physical disability. There exist many people who suffer their problems and frustrations in silence, without knowing what to do or where to go for help. Our Organization offers orientation to families and the general community by means of professionals in the legal, medical, and psychological fields. It is our goal, to avoid the abuse and injustices that some individuals in our society face. We offer various services for the community part of our assistance is to provide references and information if we are unable to help with a particular problem. Our service and the information we provide are essential, so that the community knows and understand our service and those available so they can overcome their difficulties.

**This great country was founded with noble human principles based on:  
Democracy, Liberty, Justice, and Equal Rights.**

### **Support for the Existing Programs for the Community Service**

- 1) Orientation for victims of domestic violence (men, women, and children)
- 2) Orientation, assistance and transportation for people with terminal diseases
- 3) Medical assistance (volunteer physicians, monetary assistance, and referrals)
- 4) Legal assistance for civil, criminal, and immigration cases (certified attorneys by the state of Texas)
- 5) Housing for families faced with economic problems, as well as food pantries for the community (by our organization and by reference)
- 6) Basic medical orientation for pregnant women
- 7) Job bank referral (we provide references)
- 8) Activities for the youth (sports related)
- 9) English, computer and Spanish classes (Houston Community College References)

## Acquisition of Headquarters Building

Our organization has been presented with the opportunity to purchase our existing headquarters. Taking advantage of this opportunity would establish our great achievements to the community. Furthermore it would be beneficial to the community, as we will be implementing new programs. The purchase of this building is the most important part of our fundraising campaign that is why it is imperative that we have the participation of the community so that we can achieve greater goals and be able to help people in a grander scale.



### Acquisition and remodeling of necessary installations for the new programs

### **GOALS TO ACHIEVE**

The remodeling and conditioning of the childcare center depending on the necessities of the programs.



The creation of a 24 hour childcare center for working women who work different hours of the day and do not have a safe place with the necessary installation or adequate personnel for the care of their children.



## Reasons

The main cause of death in children in the United States, are accidents caused by the lack of care. Annually, thousands of children die due to the lack of attention. Also, millions of them die because of the inappropriate medical assistance. These infants are particularly vulnerable and that is why they often suffer all kind of injuries.

According to statistics, children that have passed away are consequences due to the carelessness of their parents. Most of the parents have the necessity to work and do not have anyone who can properly take care about their children. The authorities have noted this problem and informed the community of the necessity of safe child care facilities. Due to the vast necessity that several women face, we have proposed to implement a childcare center to provide safe, secure, and reliable child care. Our organization currently helps women who were victims of domestic violence, and single mothers who need job opportunities and support. This will be the next step to help them with the support they need to become successful.



## Create a foundation for the assistance of terminally diseases patients and people that lack medical insurance and or resources to receive medical services

This campaign is for the benefit of terminal patients to create conscience, that many deaths of such patients are consequence of poverty and lack of insurance. It is sad to know there are people suffering from terrible diseases and no one provides them adequate medical assistance. Their families do not have sufficient resources to afford any medical treatment and thus people die without any hope. Our mission is to provide these individuals support and help them overcome the obstacles to a healthy life.

### IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE



**Please do not deny the right to live decorously to these people. Their greatest desire is to become healthy persons without causing any inconvenience to their relatives for medical assistance.**

Many people have an erroneous idea when they believe this problem is exclusively of undocumented individuals however, the citizens and legal residents who do not receive medial treatments are faced with the same problem. Though reasons vary, according to the situation of the patient, the problems faced in the health system needs to be fixed. If a citizen or legal resident has not earned enough points in the social security, he does not qualify for any medical assistance or any kind of transplant.

Our main focus, are terminal patients since most of them cannot afford any medical treatment. Our goal is to be an option for those who are suffering without having any opportunity of life. It is a reality that a great quantity of people with an indefinite legal status in this country experience refusal of some social or medical assistance from programs sponsored by local, state, or federal agencies of the government of the United States.

## Program Objectives

Our objective is to create a foundation for the purpose of helping individuals without medical insurance to pay for certain medical services or medical treatments. Furthermore, this foundation intends to help people realize transplants by means of finance, or charitable programs in order to provide them a new opportunity of life.



It is important to create conscience of the necessities that several areas of our community are facing due to poverty. Most of the time, people need help from other people in order to solve their problems. The participation of each individual is fundamental in order to achieve these goals.

### Free transportation for terminal patients



We exhort all the businessmen to join us as a sponsor of this noble cause. Any donation is 100% tax deductible because this organization is a Non-profit Organization with a permanent certificate by the Federal Government with the form 501 (c) (3). This certification identifies our organization as a Non-Profit Social Service Agency.

For any question, please feel free to call us at (713) 944-9654 or (713) 943-9010. Each contribution or donation should be payable to Equal Rights Organization Inc. by check or money order. This contribution is 100% tax deductible in the United States.

**This news article informs about the difficulties that citizens, residents, and undocumented immigrants encounter with the constant change of both immigration and insurance laws that effect children and adults alike. It is imperative that we do something about this growing population of the poor and uninsured.**

# HOUSTON

## SUPLICA MIENTRAS LA VIDA SE LE VA



**PENSATIVA,** Gloria Corrales tiene tres posibilidades: un trasplante renal, la diálisis que le están negando o morir en pocos días.

Respaldada en el TPS, esta hondureña comenzó a recibir el vital tratamiento de diálisis, que ahora el Medicare le niega porque la considera una inmigrante ilegal

**GALIA GARCÍA-PALAFIX**

Hoy podría ser el último día que Gloria Corrales reciba una diálisis. En unos días podría estar muerta.

El cuerpo de Corrales está desmenuzándose. Tubos de 8 pulgadas forman protuberancias en sus brazos y piernas. Son las sondas que la ayudan a mantenerse viva. Llevan 10 años en su cuerpo y ha aprendido a apreciarlas como el medio de comunicación con la máquina de diálisis que tres veces a la semana la desintoxica y le devuelve la vida.

Ahora ese tratamiento está en riesgo. El Medicare dejó de pagar las cuentas de miles de dólares a la clínica de diálisis, por la situación legal de Corrales, que emigró de Honduras a EU hace 15 años.

En 1998 obtuvo el TPS (estatus de protección temporal), con lo que obtuvo un permiso de trabajo que renueva periódicamente.

Dos años antes, sin seguro médico, Corrales llegó inconsciente a una sala de emergencia. El diagnóstico fue una enfermedad en los riñones que, pensó, tenía solución. Pero el médico fue determinante: Sus riñones se dañaron y están secos como una pasa; necesita hemodiálisis. Su vida depende de

eso: si no la recibe, se va a morir".

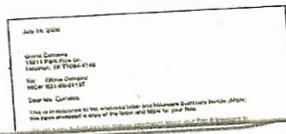
Corrales recuerda ese momento como si hubiera sido ayer. "Pensé: No tengo seguro médico, pero eso no me quita el derecho a vivir. La culpa no es mía de haberme enfermado ni de no haber nacido aquí".

Durante varios años el hospital Southwest Memorial pagó a una clínica para que sometieran a Corrales a diálisis, un proceso que limpia la sangre, trabajo que los riñones dejaron de hacer.

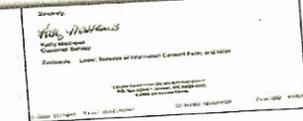
Hace 4 años, Corrales perdió las prestaciones del hospital, pero como ya tenía TPS, recibió Medicare. Desde entonces, ha recibido tratamiento en una clínica privada que envía las cuentas a la Administración federal.

Mientras tanto, Corrales se arregló los dientes y se realiza todos los chequeos necesarios para obtener un trasplante. Ya está prácticamente lista. Con ella tiene siempre un buscapersonas en el que espera el mensaje milagroso. "Han encontrado un donante y tiene dos horas para llegar al hospital".

El mensaje aún no ha llegado,



Medicare can not consider claims for services rendered to you because our records indicate that you are in the United States illegally. If this information is incorrect, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.



pero Corrales sigue a la espera. Aunque estos días su preocupación es otra. En mayo, la clínica le avisó de que Medicare había dejado de pagar. Corrales empezó a recibir facturas por tratamientos de más de \$20,000 semanales.

Apeló la decisión de Medicare, pero la respuesta fue: "Nuestros datos indican que usted está en el país ilegalmente". Su abogado, Aseph Almas, explica que el TPS le permite trabajar en el país y pagar impuestos y así evita que sea deportada, pero oficialmente es considerada ilegal.

Para que una persona pueda acogerse a este programa no cuenta su situación legal sino los aportes previos que haya hecho a Medicare, dijo Eva de Luna, del Centro de Prioridades Políticas.

Los inmigrantes sin permiso de trabajo no tienen posibilidad. "El gobierno federal hace las excepciones más raras a las normas".

En 2004 había 2.4 millones de texanos con Medicare, 229,000 nacidos fuera del país, de los cuales 103,000 no son ciudadanos estadounidenses. La nueva ley de Reducción del déficit, que entró en vigor este mes, reducirá el presupuesto nacional de Medicare en 6,500 millones y, aunque a diferencia de Medicaid, no ha empezado a pedir la verificación de la situación legal a sus afiliados, De Luna dijo que esa puede ser una forma de reducir gastos. "El problema es que asustamos a la gente con tanta documentación y para algunos es un asunto de vida o muerte", dijo.

A pesar de todo, Corrales ha seguido recibiendo servicios de la clínica, pues no han sido notificados, pero cada visita puede ser la última.

## Medicare, para quien le aporta

**GALIA GARCÍA-PALAFIX**

Medicare es el seguro médico para personas de más de 65 años, discapacitados o aquellos con una enfermedad renal en estado terminal. Para recibir el servicio hay que haber hecho aportaciones a Medicare un número de años que varía según el caso.

De los 2.4 millones de texanos en Medicare, 2 millones son mayores de 65 años. Del total, 126,000 son naturalizados y 103,000 son inmigrantes no naturalizados. El 6.7% de todos los nacidos fuera del país que vive en Texas recibe Medicare y el 6.9% Medicaid. La mitad de los nacidos en el extranjero no tienen ningún tipo de seguro médico.

"La gente cree que sin los inmigrantes no tendríamos [los beneficiarios] que pagar cuotas tan altas, pero son muy pocos los que reciben beneficios", dijo Eva de Luna, del Centro de Prioridades Políticas.

04/23/2007

*Equal Rights Organization, Inc.  
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*Dear Mr. Palma,  
President & Founder of Equal Rights Organization, Inc,  
Board Members, and all Volunteers of the community,*

*I would like to thank you with all my heart and make a distinction for the great achievements that you are performing for the benefits of the community.*

*On behalf of our family, we would like to appreciate you for the new opportunity of life that you provided my brother, Venancio Garza. We feel that you were an essential instrument for this miracle made by God due that my brother could obtain the transplant of liver and continue doing his ordinary activities.*

*After praying, crying, suffering, and asking for help in numerous important organizations and churches, we did not find any kind of support. However, one day, walking down the street, we perceived a group of volunteers.  
Furnishing informative flyers from Equal Rights Organization, Inc.*

*We went to this organization and they were very nice with us. We explained them the critical situation regarding our brother, Venancio Garza, and they listened to us tolerantly. We informed them that our brother, Venancio Garza, was diabetic and he needed an urgent surgery. The doctors had given him a critical diagnostic with remote probabilities of life.*

*However, due to the intervention and all the support that we received from Equal Rights Organization, Inc, the State Health Department authorized the surgery.*

*The transplant of liver was performed on February 2006. After the successful surgery, our brother, Venancio Garza, started feeling better bringing us the happiness and the prosperity in our family.*

*We would like to thank the Organization publicly for all its help and support. Our intention is to inform the public regarding the importance of this Organization. The members from this Organization endeavor for providing the best of them to the community.*

*It is very important to have an Organization that promotes the donation of organs*

*for the Hispanic people because most of the time, these people are not very documented concerning this matter.*

*The altruistic tasks elaborated by the members from this Organization have been performed without any kind of discrimination of race, religion, sex, idiom, etc.*

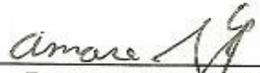
*Our family invites all the Governmental Institutions, Organizations, Foundations, Private Corporations, and the Community to provide economical support and all kind of help to Equal Rights Organization, Inc.*

*We should support this Organization in any aspect, so that this organization could continue growing and helping innumerable families with their problems.*

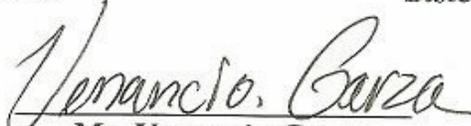
*We greatly appreciate Equal Rights Organization, Inc for the new opportunity of life that it provided our brother, Venancio Garza, and the happiness to our family.*

*God bless all the members from this Organization.*

*Sincerely,*

  
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*Pastor, Amaro Garza*  
*Brother (832) 435-4897*

  
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*Mss. Olga Garza*  
*Sister (713) 637-8944*

  
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*Mr. Venancio Garza*

## Letter for Assistance for Live Transplant

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07/2/2007

Sr. Víctor Palma  
President & Founder  
Organización de Igualdad de Derechos Inc.  
Equal Rights Org Inc.

Mr. Palma

Through this letter I want to thank you, your volunteers and your board of directors, for the beautiful humanitarian work that you do in benefit of the poor community. Thanks to this effort I have received economic assistance, which has allowed me to overcome difficult times that I have been facing after my health deteriorated. My husband and I are very thankful to know that people like you exist that are determined to help without expecting anything in return, especially the elderly to whom the society ignores.

It is sad that being citizens of this country we are limited, and are unable to qualify for government assistance. My husband is a hardworking man that has brought to this country effort and youth, he is unable to comprehend how is it that this system denies the benefits that we deserve, like to be able to have liver transplant. According to the doctors I am too old to be in the waiting list for a transplant, which is why with great sorrow that I write this letter to thank you for all you and the volunteers have done for us, because without this help we would be in a worse situation.

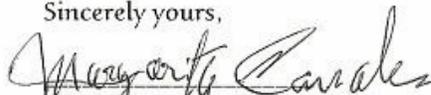
Do not cease to continue with creating the dreams of terminal patients to create a fund that will help those in need. This program gives us a light of hope that motivates us to keep on living with only the knowledge that you promote the need for people like us.

Ever since that doctors told me I was too old to be in the transplant list I grew greatly disillusioned and in times though of dying. My pain became greater when thinking that if I am not giving the opportunity what will become of my husband and man of 85 years of age when he gets sick and I am unable to be by his side. Like you can see these thoughts only bring sadness, that is why I am asking you to please do not forget about us and all those other people that are in the same situation.

I ask God to take you down the right path, and that all those doors whom you knock on in our name open up in benefit to all those people in need. I know that you are have a great gift of love for all of us, and that thanks to your efforts we have been able to overcome the hardships that come with being poor.

With all my heart I wish you the best to you and all your collaborators do not stop doing what you do, because programs like yours are greatly needed. I am aware that with my sickness maybe God will not give me the change to see the organizations dreams realize but I ask that you please do not forget my husband, if something happens to me please help him like you have helped me. I do not say goodbye but I extend to you my heart and best wishes through my prayers. With this I hope that the roads will be open to you and that everything that you set out to do, in benefit of the sick can be realized.

Sincerely yours,

  
Miss; Margarita Canales

  
Brushaber Chris  
Daughter (832) 526-0093

**Organización de Igualdad de Derechos invita a hacer:**

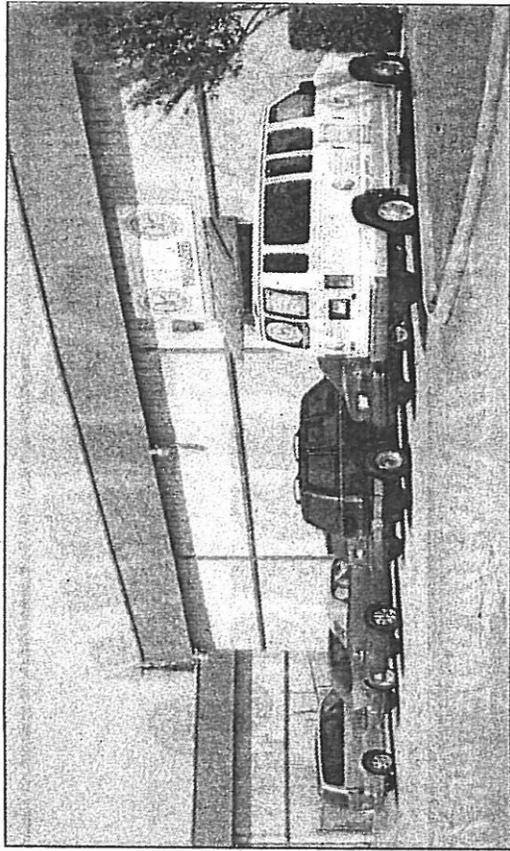
**Donación de órganos y tejidos**

**\*Hace un llamado a la comunidad en general y principalmente a la comunidad latina**

Houston, Texas.- Hasta el 31 de marzo del 2004, unas 89,641 personas estaban en la lista de espera para recibir donación de órganos, de los cuales el 47 por ciento eran miembros de minorías. Cerca de 23,000 afro americanos están en la lista de espera para trasplante de órganos, lo que representa el 27% de todos los pacientes en lista de espera. Los afro americanos representan el 36% de la lista de espera para trasplante de riñón y tienen casi cuatro veces más probabilidad que los blancos de tener

una enfermedad renal en fase Terminal, pero tiene menos probabilidad de ser evaluados y puestos a tiempo en lista de espera para los trasplantes de riñón. Más de 4,000 asiáticos están en la lista de espera para los trasplantes de órganos. En los trasplantes de riñón, hígado y pulmón el promedio de espera para los asiáticos americanos e isleños del Pacífico es más de 50% más larga que para los blancos, excepto para los trasplantes de riñón/páncreas, donde la espera es sólo 21% más larga. Sin embargo, en todas las categorías, a pesar de los índices de trasplante más bajos y los más largos períodos de espera, los asiáticos americanos e isleños del Pacífico muestran una tasa de sobre vivencia a los trasplantes más alta que los blancos. Cerca de 13,000 hispanos están en la lista de espera para

trasplantes de órganos, lo que representa el 25%. El período de espera para todos los trasplantes es 26 a 58% más largo para los hispanos que para los blancos. Con la excepción de los trasplantes de hígado, riñón y páncreas, los hispanos tienen un índice de sobre vivencia a los trasplantes menor que los blancos. No existen estadísticas sobre la población de indígenas americanos y nativos de Alaska. En este sitio web, incluimos estadísticas como estas para indicar algunas de las razones por las cuales los estadounidenses deberían preocuparse por eliminar las disparidades en el acceso a la atención médica y en las condiciones de salud de los diferentes grupos étnicos y raciales. Nuestro mensaje más importante es que no tiene por qué ser así. Las personas y las familias pueden tomar



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muchas medidas para mejorar su salud y la de sus seres queridos y el Departamento del Salud y Servicios Humanos tiene muchos recursos útiles. Aquí listamos la mejor información que tenemos o conocemos.

**Páginas Web Fuente:** Biblioteca Nacional de Medicina, Institutos Nacionales de la Salud (NLM/NIH) & United States Department of Health Human Services

La Organización de Igualdad de Derechos Inc. (Equal Rights Organization Inc.) tiene una misión: Proveer asistencia y orientación a la comunidad en general al sin distinción de raza, género, religión, idioma, discapacidad Física ó status migratorio. Hay personas que sufren sus problemas y frustraciones en silencio sin saber a

donde acudir. Nosotros ofrecemos orientación a individuos y familias por medio de profesionales en el ámbito legal, médico y psicológico para, así, ayudarnos a superar sus dificultades. Es nuestro deseo, como Organización, evitar el abuso e injusticias de los cuales son objeto algunos grupos comunitarios en nuestra sociedad.

La Organización de Igualdad de Derechos Inc. (Equal Rights Organization Inc.)

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## CUANDO ELLOS SON LOS QUE SUFREN

Las mujeres abusan de su posición de mujeres, dice una experta

GALLIA GARCÍA-PALAPOX

Cuando era niño, a José le enseñaron que a las mujeres no se les pega, pero no le dijeron qué hacer cuando le pegaran. Cuando recibió el primer arañazo de su esposa lo único que hizo fue protegerse, luego vinieron los golpes y los objetos empezaron a volar por la casa. Un día un cenicero de varias libras le cayó en el pie y se lo inutilizó.

El hombre no siempre es el causante de la violencia doméstica: en 15% de los casos de violencia entre parejas la víctima es el hombre, según datos de la Oficina de Estadísticas de Justicia.

Si es difícil para una mujer víctima de violencia pedir ayuda, para un hombre es aún más difícil y vergonzoso, dice la Dra. Myrta Benkert. "Nunca va a buscar ayuda porque lo consideran marica".

Quienes aceptan el problema y piden ayuda no encuentran muchos recursos. Víctor Palma fue



MISHEL VARELA

**KEITH JORDAN;** en el recuadro, los pies de José, marcados por golpes de su mujer.

una de esas víctimas, por lo que fundó la Organización de Igualdad de Derechos. Allí llegó José, de 56 años, que pidió no revelar su apellido, con el pie lastimado y después de cuatro años de maltrato físico y emocional.

Su esposa vino de México antes que él. Cuando él llegó ella ganaba el doble que él y era residente, lo que según José la hizo cambiar.

"Primero gritaba, porque llegaba tarde, por no hacer quehaceres, hasta que un día me dio dos cachetadas", recuerda él.

"Yo tenía la idea que en Estados Unidos la mujer tiene un lugar preponderante y tenía miedo de llamar a la policía", dice Luis.

Así empieza la violencia, con gritos, dice Benkert. En su sala de terapia, las cinco mujeres que la

escuchan se ríen cuando ella actúa una escena en la que empieza a gritar al esposo; cuando él no responde, termina lanzándole manotazos. El único hombre en la sala mueve la cabeza, la agacha de vez en cuando. Él sabe.

"Las mujeres abusan de su posición de mujer", dice Benkert.

La violencia en la relación de 15 años de Keith Jordan empezó cuando conoció a su esposa. Con su estatura poco le hacían los golpes de ella; por eso sólo ponía las manos para protegerse. La única vez que llamó a la policía se retrató porque si la detenían, sus hijos pasarían Navidad sin su madre.

"Mi mamá me decía que tenía que ponerme energético, pero yo pensaba que eso traería más violencia", dice. "Yo la quería, pero aguantaba por mis cinco hijos".

Y como a muchos maltratados, nadie le cree, ni siquiera las autoridades que no le ayudan a hallar a sus hijos, pese a que un juez le autorizó visitarlos cada dos semanas.

"Cuando uno escucha a una mujer gritar la percepción es que la están golpeando", dice Jordan.

## 'Ella es más vengativa'

GALLIA GARCÍA-PALAPOX

En la terapia de grupo que realiza la Dra. Myrta Benkert, las mujeres escuchan que muchas veces ellas son las brujas malas del cuento.

"El hombre siempre pierde", dice Benkert, que atiende en Houston a alrededor de 700 familias cada año, todas con problemas de violencia, muchas veces provocadas por la mujer.

Benkert no niega que hay muchos hombres abusadores y que maltratan a su pareja, pero dice que en muchos casos la violencia la inician las mujeres con agresiones, olvidando que los hombres tienen otras cargas y que han sido educados para brindar protección a su familia.

El hombre, dice la experta, por lo general aguanta las agresiones. "La mujer es más violenta que el hombre", dice Benkert. "Además, las mujeres somos más vengativas".

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July 6, 2007

Victor Palma  
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Dear Mr. Palma,

I am writing to you this day to express my support for your efforts in assisting families facing difficulties through the Equal Rights Organization, Inc. of Houston, which provides orientation in cases of domestic violence to men, women and children alike.

When you initially came to me about three years ago, I felt you really wanted to help those suffering from domestic violence, terminal illness, and other hardships. I urged you to move forward and now I'm pleased that your organization now provides a forum for families seeking assistance.

The services your organization makes available - such as referrals to healthcare, counseling and legal assistance - fill a void that is greatly needed in our community.

Many times, we in law enforcement come across all sorts of difficult situations that impact families, and organizations such as yours give us the resources we need to make appropriate referrals.

Thank you for allowing me this time. If I can be of further assistance please feel free to call me at (713) 923-9156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor Trevino", written in a cursive style.

Victor Trevino



# CITY OF HOUSTON

**Houston Police Department**

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Mr. Victor B. Palma  
Equal Rights Organization, Inc.  
6060 Brookglen, Suite B  
Houston, Texas 77017

Dear Mr. Palma:

It was a pleasure talking to you last week. More gratifying to me personally was to find out that you are heading an organization whose mission is to protect and inform victims of domestic violence of their rights because as a police officer, I am much aware of this problem and the need for more community involvement to eradicate it, especially among members of our Hispanic community.

As you know, the Houston Police Department has a long-standing commitment to this issue. I personally have spoken about victims rights and about the negative impact that domestic violence has on the structure and stability of families.

Best wishes and success with your endeavor. Do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Manzo, Lieutenant  
Burglary and Theft Division  
Financial Crimes Unit

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VIA FACSIMILE  
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to notify you that Univision Network's newsmagazine show "Aqui y Ahora" aired a story about men who are victims of domestic abuse on March 8, 2007.

As part of the report, we conducted an interview with Mr. Victor Palma, president and founder of Equal Rights Organization, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marisa Venegas".

Marisa Venegas  
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

Thank you so very much for referring your clients to me for assistance. I genuinely appreciate your consideration and kind deed. As you are well aware, being a business owner yourself, a sound business is built upon having a meaningful and professional reputation, and then having people recognize and solicit that business. Thank you for your recognition and your referral to this law firm. It is my hope that my work will be successful and that your clients will be satisfied with the services to be provided.

At this time I would like to share with you the additional types of services this law firm provides to our valued clients, such as yourself. This law firm emphasizes estate planning, family law, bankruptcy and federal tax matters we are full service general civil and criminal litigation firm providing the following services:

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- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Defenses
- Criminal Law (*Felony, Federal and State Misdemeanor A, B, and C*).

Please know that this office is always available to assist you with your personal or business legal questions and concerns. Thank you for your business and trust.

Sincerely yours,



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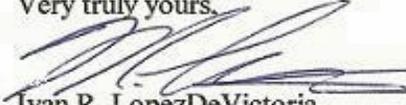
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Dear Mr. Palma:

We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to help and support our community by referring us people in need of legal advice. Through out the last year we have received several referrals and worked together towards the prompt resolution of these cases most in pro bono or by charging low fees.

This is just a brief note to express our very great appreciation to you and recognition for your help to our community. We can only hope to be able help several more in the near future and continue our mutual cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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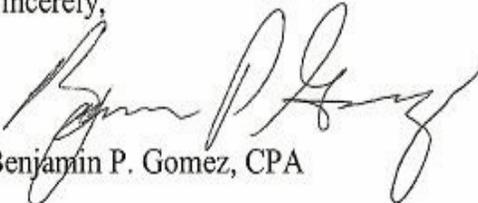
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Sincerely,

  
Benjamin P. Gomez, CPA

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By means of this document, we want to express our profound thankfulness for the attention and support given to our volunteers that represent us. It is not their intention to make you feel uncomfortable on your daily driving routine. They represent a hope for those individuals who suffer from a terminal illness and do not have the financial means to fight it back. Our organization is implementing this new pilot program to, eventually; create a foundation, which will have as purpose helping people, with this kind of illnesses, to pay for some of their treatments. All this has emerged due to the great necessity that many members of our community face every day. It is our intention to inform and create consciousness about this situation, which is not exclusive to undocumented immigrants but it also affects U.S. citizens and legal aliens. This is the reason why your support is very important. If you would like to further contribute to our mission, in order to help us accomplishing this noble purpose, please make a donation payable to Equal Rights Organization Inc. (Organización de Igualdad de Derechos Inc.) Our account is established in Bank of America. You may use this flyer as reference.

Remember that your donation is tax deductible. Your proof will be the deposit receipt. If you wish to make a donation directly to our organization, please send a personal check or Money order payable to Equal Rights Organization Inc. In exchange, you will receive a tax deduction certificate by mail. Once again, thank you. We hope to have your understanding whenever you find our volunteers again in the intersections of the City of Houston and its surroundings. Keep in mind that our mission is permanent and your support vital to save lives. Remember, today for them, tomorrow God only knows, thank you.

NOTE: If you know any one who is profiting with this information and/or our name, please report it to the Houston Police Department at (713)222-3131 or to the sheriff's department at (713)-221-6000 by doing so; you will be helping us to fight fraud. Individuals or in association not authorized to use the above information will be prosecuted. Our volunteers are duly identified, wearing uniforms with our logo imprinted on it.



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