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**THE JETHSUBY FUND OF THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARDS FIRST ROUND
OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL HISPANIC STUDENTS**

Scholarship awards help deserving students attend Dallas-area Catholic schools

DALLAS – The beginning of the school year means the end of water parks, camp and summer vacation, but one deserving group of students received a surprise that has given them a running start and some new-found motivation for this academic year. The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund of The Catholic Foundation awarded eight Hispanic elementary school students scholarships to attend Catholic schools within the Diocese of Dallas, in its first round of scholarship disbursements in the Fund's history.

The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund was created by Dr. and Mrs. Mauricio Delgado through The Catholic Foundation in December 2009 with the mission to provide Hispanic students the necessary resources to obtain a Christian education.

"The start of a new academic year is a very busy and exciting time, and this news brings with it a sense of pride and encouragement for the recipients and their families," said Dr. Mauricio Delgado, director of neurology at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and professor of neurology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "This first disbursement of scholarship awards through the Jethsuby Fund has proven successful in honoring and motivating eight young superstars, and we look forward to recognizing more students' hard work and success as we grow the fund."

The students were nominated by their respective school principals based on academic performance, character and participation in school activities, and selected by a committee comprised of professionals from within the Diocese. The recipients each received a scholarship that will cover up to 50 percent of tuition for one academic year.

"Dr. Delgado's focus is to provide opportunities for children, and that is exactly what he is doing through this incredible fund," said Ed Schaffler, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "To see the Fund in action is truly rewarding, and we are honored that he chose The Catholic Foundation to administer a fund that will better the lives of so many children."

The Jethsuby Fund has carried out a number of fundraising events to benefit Hispanic elementary school students through tuition assistance. These include two sold-out performances of the Spanish play

titled, "Mi Cristo Roto," performed by Mexican actor, Alberto Mayagoitia, during which \$25,000 was raised by the Hispanic community to support the fund.

"Salma was beyond excited and felt extremely motivated because of this scholarship award," said Andres Aleman, father of a scholarship recipient. "She's beginning to see that her hard work and effort are paying off, and she knows she has to continue giving everything her all."

All eight scholarship recipients are listed below:

Damian Alcaez

St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School, 8th Grade

Salma Aleman

Good Shepherd Catholic School, 7th Grade

Liam Almaguer

Mary Immaculate Catholic School, 2nd Grade

Alexa de la Garza

St. Monica Catholic School, 6th Grade

Ashley Hernandez

James L. Collins Catholic School - Corsicana, 6th Grade

Jonathan Hernandez

St. Pius X Catholic School, 6th Grade

David Perez

Santa Clara Catholic Academy, 5th Grade

Daniel Santillan

St. Augustine Catholic School, 3rd Grade

Currently the focus of the fund is in the Diocese of Dallas, but there is potential for students throughout the state of Texas to be eligible for scholarships in the future. For more information on the nomination process please contact The Catholic Foundation at 972.661.9792 or an individual Diocesan school.

The Jethsuby Scholarship Fund also is open to donations from like-minded individuals interested in helping Hispanic students. Donations can be made to The Catholic Foundation, 5310 Harvest Hill Rd., Suite 248, Dallas, TX 75230.

Dr. Delgado named the Jethsuby Scholarship Fund after a child he knew whom he thought would have benefited tremendously from attending a private, Christian school. A son of Mexican immigrants, Jethsuby died at the age of 11 years in a motor vehicle accident. Dr. and Mrs. Delgado decided to help other children interested in attending private school whose families faced financial obstacles, in honor of Jethsuby.

The Catholic Foundation works with families and individuals interested in starting donor-advised funds, named or otherwise, to benefit their communities today and for future generations. The Catholic Foundation granted a total of \$2.5 million to more than 275 different organizations in 2009 through donor-advised restricted funds.

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