

## HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION AND OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS BRIEF MEDIA AND LEADERSHIP AT “STATE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHILDREN FLEEING VIOLENCE CRISIS”™

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF), other institutions and individuals will hold a briefing titled *State of Central American Children Fleeing Violence Crisis* for the press, concerned national and local leaders, other organizations, and individuals at the National Press Club on Thursday, August 14, from 12-2 p.m. The briefing is part of HHF’s READ (Refugee Enrichment And Development) Project which is non-political, non-partisan, and non-immigration-reform related but focused providing hope, emotional outlets, and education to the children through reading, playing, and praying.

“Since returning from a trip to the border a few weeks ago, I have been overwhelmed by the genuine concern, questions and desire to help by national and local leadership as well as friends,” said Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO of HHF, who was born in Nicaragua in Central America. “This is clearly a humanitarian issue, and these children are simply trying to escape horrific violence in their home countries. This briefing is an effort to bring together the spirit of compassion in support of the children who are not only crossing the border but continuing their journey into states, counties and cities across the US. The group of experts we’ve brought together for the briefing will provide a comprehensive and compelling report on the situation as well as a call to action to help these children who are escaping violence. We are inspired by what makes America great – our moral mandate to care for those in need.”

Joining Tijerino will be the following experts and their topic areas:

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- o State Response – *Jonathan Green, Hispanic Liaison for Gov. Martin O’Malley (MD)*

County Response – *Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Navarro* Health response – *Dr. Christian Cornejo, Mary’s Center* Legal response – *Aryah Somers, Consultant* Family Unification and Trauma – *Luis Cardona, (HHS)* Health and Human Services Education – *Harlyn Pacheco, Qlovi Education*

### About HHF

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation inspires, prepares, positions and connects minority leaders in the classroom, community and workforce to meet America’s priorities. HHF also promotes cultural pride, accomplishment, and the great promise of the community through public awareness campaigns seen by millions. HHF is headquartered in Washington, DC, and has offices in Los Angeles, New York, Miami, and the LOFT Institute is housed at Michigan State

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