

Proyecto Azteca

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## PROYECTO AZTECA NEWS



### Budgeting Tips

A budget is a spending plan to help you forecast and control your expenses.

The 1st step is knowing how much you actually spend. To create a budget you need to know how much you take home each month and compare that to your monthly expenses. Here are a few suggestions on how you can track your spending:

- ◆ Write down everything you buy and every bill you pay for a month.
- ◆ Keep your receipts in an envelope or shoe box.
- ◆ Use a calendar to help you time your expenses.
- ◆ Review your notes and receipts and create an ideal budget that will cover all your basic necessities.

### Energy Saving Tips

- Change your air conditioning filters every month.
- Unplug any appliances that are not in use.
- Use hot water faucet only when really needed so water heater uses less energy.

### Monthly Lottery!!!

Everyone who makes their payment on time for the month of September will be eligible for the raffle of a used Personal Computer.

### Cesar Chavez Quote

"The non-violent technique does not depend for its success on the goodwill of the oppressor, but rather on the unfailing assistance of God."- Cesar Chavez

## MY FAMILY VOTES 2008

It is election season again and it is very important for everyone to exercise their right to vote. The Rio Grande Valley has had the lowest voter turnout in the state and it is time we get out the vote and make our voices heard.

If you are not registered to vote, you have till October 6, 2008 to do so. Once you are registered to vote, early voting will begin from October 20th to October 31st 2008 and the Presidential Election will be on November 4, 2008.

Make sure that you take your Texas identification card or your Texas driver's license to vote. We will be registering voters here at Proyecto Azteca. If you come to register, make sure you ask for Perla Lopez or Leonel Lopez.



Equal Voice Convention September 6, 2008

### Equal Voice Campaign

Thanks to the Marguerite Casey Foundation, Proyecto Azteca staff and families were able to attend the Equal Voice National Family Convention in Birmingham, AL. This multi city convention of over 15,000 families was held in Birmingham, Chicago, and Los Angeles on September 6, 2008. Families created a National Family Platform and called on lawmakers and the next president of the United States to adopt it and address the challenges families face.

## PROYECTO AZTECA RECEIVES NEW GRANT

### CHDO Grant 2008

Proyecto Azteca shall construct thirteen 2, 3 and 4 bedroom wood frame self-help pre-manufactured units of affordable housing to low-income qualified first time homebuyers. This agreement for low and moderate income families in the County of Hidalgo (with the exception of the city limits of Edinburg, Pharr, McAllen and Mission) will target four families at or below 30% of the median income and nine families below 60% of the median income. Proyecto Azteca will provide 0% interest mortgages to each family, which will be amortized over a 20/25-year period. Families will be required to contribute a total of 550 hours of sweat equity on their own home. The project will be administered in accordance with the HOME Investments Partnerships ACT at title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.

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