

## **Manny Campos** **Former Student Research Assistant**

Manuel (Manny) Campos is a native of Sonora, Texas and is currently a graduate student of Public Administration at Angelo State University (ASU). Manny has worked as a youth counselor for the San Angelo YMCA After School Program from 2005-2008. Manny was the President of the Young Democrats at ASU while an undergraduate. In this capacity, he organized numerous voter registration drives and assisted with the groundwork for several campaigns. He also was the campus liaison for a speech delivered by Bill and Chelsea Clinton.

### **Testimonial on CDI experience:**

I had the pleasure of working with CDI on various projects centered on the 2010 Census during the fall of 2008. I assisted in creating a network of community leaders and citizens who will play an important role in the upcoming census count. Groups I worked with included political organizations, area school leaders, and the various heads of city and county agencies. This positive experience taught me that a city is comprised of different people from the spectrum of political, social, and economic backgrounds. Furthermore, it taught me how different individuals and organizations can work together to accomplish a goal. The experience and contacts I made through the CDI also helped me gain employment at a local non-profit community development corporation after graduating in the 2008 Fall Commencement.

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### **Manny's Job Description: A Brief Summary**

As Program Director at Galilee Community Development my responsibilities include client services and program planning and implementation. Our first program has just recently taken flight, the Galilee Vision Fund. The Vision Fund is an Individual Development Savings Account. Nationally, IDA's are used to help with three basic areas: down payment on a new home, starting a small business, and higher education. Our focus is on a home down payment. I am responsible for setting up trainings and creating curriculum that teach our Vision Fund participants fundamental principles on how to better manage their credit, savings, and checking accounts. The program lasts for five months and I carefully monitor the joint accounts to make sure that all parties involved adhere to their responsibilities. Lastly, I also have to ensure that all parties involved in the Galilee CDC experience are satisfied with the way they are treated and that the proper steps are made to give all clients the opportunity to move toward owning their first home.