



OUR MISSION

To empower young Latinas and their mothers through educational and support services that increase preparedness, participation, and success in post-secondary education.



Because of YOU...

Con Mi MADRE already has so much to be thankful for in 2017. Our generous sponsors and attendees made our 8th annual Corazón Awards at Brazos Hall on February 4th a HUGE success! We raised over \$185,000 to assist young Latinas and their mothers through the college application process. [Click here to visit the Corazon Awards Photo Gallery.](#)

For a 24-hour period, March 2 - 3rd, YOU helped us raise over \$6,000 through Austin's largest online giving campaign - Amplify Austin! We can support 6 mother-daughter teams to receive our full range of services for an entire year with these funds! If you didn't get a chance to participate, it's never too late to support our mission and our girls in their relentless pursuit of higher education. [Donate now!](#)

We're launching our first Con Mi MADRE Chapter outside of Central Texas in El Paso, TX Fall 2017!!! Through partnership with El Paso Independent School District and the Texas Pioneer Foundation, we are bringing Con Mi MADRE's holistic academic and socio-emotional learning curriculum to the young Latinas and their families in the great Sun City! We could not be more excited and grateful to our partners, our Mission Accelerator team, and our community supporters for helping us make this happen. For more information on the expansion to El Paso, TX, contact our Executive Director Dr. Teresa Granillo at teresa@conmimadre.org.

Thank you for making the dreams of our young Latinas, and their mothers, become a reality by believing and investing in our mission!

Inspirational Mother-Daughter(s) Team

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We could not be more proud of Chelsyana (Bella), Gabriella (GG), and their mother Patricia - all of whom have pursued higher education! Bella was the first to join Con Mi MADRE when she was in the 6th grade at Kealing Middle School. Bella is now an alum of UT Austin and Con Mi MADRE and is serving her **2nd year as a Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan!**

Bella's little sister, GG, also joined the program when she was in the 6th grade and she is currently a sophomore at UT Austin. GG was accepted into the study abroad program and will be **studying in Japan Fall 2017!**

What can be better than the success of our girls? The success of their MADRE too! **Patricia went back to school while the girls where in Con Mi MADRE and she is graduating this spring with a Master's in Education!!!** Patricia suffers from Muscular Dystrophy and said that "Con Mi MADRE was a saving grace. For example, I know how important college visits are, exposing my girls to opportunities, but with my disease I couldn't do it on my own. We are so grateful to Con Mi MADRE. I'm so glad we participated...it was the way it was supposed to be."

Congratulations Bella, GG, and Patricia!! We are beyond proud of all of you!

Save the Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017



Want to hear more success stories like Bella, GG, and Patricia's?

Join us on **May 21st** as we celebrate with Con Mi MADRE students as they continue on their journey - whether that be transitioning from 8th to 9th grade, graduating from high school, or the ultimate goal, graduating from college and transitioning into the workforce!

What: **Oh the Places YOU Will Go! Celebration**
Location: St. Andrew's Dell Fine Arts Center ([link to map](#))
Time: 1:30 p.m.

The Next Generation of Latina Business Leaders, Launched at Soy Unica, Soy Latina Conference

Con Mi MADRE mother - daughter teams tapped into their entrepreneurial spirits at the **2017 Soy Unica, Soy Latina Conference** on February 18th at Mendez Middle School. Keynote speaker, [Rebecca Contreras](#), shared her inspirational story about how she overcame many obstacles on her path to success.

She is now the **Founder & President of [AvantGarde](#)**, a \$10 million dollar government consulting company based out of Texas & Washington D.C.



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Excited participants spent the day learning to utilize marketing, technology, and creative financial planning to build their own businesses and unique products. The conference peaked with groups of student entrepreneurs doing “Shark Tank” style presentations to an eager panel of judges. Students pitched their new companies like a delicious new treat "Mystery Pops" and “Doggo Ears” - customized ear phones for your pet, just to name a few. With valuable feedback from the panel, the next generation of business women are ready to make their mark!



Thank you to our community panel of judges!



(From left to right): Bianca Garcia, Alexis Aduato-Ferguson, Terri Villanueva, Edith Mejia, Margo Fesas, and Salma Manzur

Coming Up...

Con Mi MADRE's 3rd Annual Bilingual STEM Fair

Join us Saturday, April 1st for our 3rd Annual **"It's Your Future, You Decide: Is it Going to be a Career in STEM?"** Conference. This bilingual event is interactive, informative and FUN for the entire family. Don't miss the chance to be up close and personal with a myriad of STEM exhibitors: companies, businesses, outreach programs, and educators that will have Akins High School buzzing with live demos and hands on exhibits!

The Con Mi MADRE team is excited to welcome Keynote speaker [Laura](#)

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providing BI strategy and process transformation services to small companies and non-profit organizations. Laura obtained her MBA and BS in Computer Science at Monterrey Tech ITESM in Mexico. Laura is part of the CIS Texas State Board of Advisors and sits on the Innotech Advisory Counsel.

Break the myths of STEM education. [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a STEM exhibitor. Contact Karen Gonzales, Program Director, for more information: karen@conmimadre.org.



Laura McCanlies
Founder - ATX Data Rocks

A promotional poster for the Con Mi MADRE 1st Annual Golf Tournament. The top half features a woman in a red shirt and white shorts swinging a golf club on a green golf course. In the upper right corner of the poster is the Con Mi MADRE logo, which consists of a stylized black silhouette of a woman's head and shoulders with the text 'Con Mi MADRE' and 'Mothers And Daughters Raising Expectations' below it. The bottom half of the poster has a white background with a pile of white golf balls at the bottom. The text on the poster reads: 'Con Mi MADRE 1st Annual Golf Tournament', 'April 21st, 2017', 'Teravista Golf Club', '4332 Teravista Club Dr, Round Rock, TX 78665', and 'Shotgun Start @ 1:30pm'.

[Sign up for a team or to be a Sponsor!](#)

For more information about the event, contact our Board Member and Padrino, Mr. Rudy Mejia at rudym@conmimadre.org. Thank you Mr. Mejia for leading us through our FIRST golf tournament benefit!

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