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## **Driscoll's Rio Grande Valley volunteers install officers**

McALLEN – The volunteer auxiliary at Driscoll Children's Medical Plaza in McAllen

recently installed officers. Newly installed chairpersons for 2010 include **Ellen**

**Martinez**, chair; **Carmen Jackson**, vice-chair; **Aida Escobar**, recording secretary;

**Irma Garcia**, treasurer; **Shirley Robinson**, co-treasurer; and **Lydia Briones**, assistant

treasurer. **Ellen Martinez** was honored as the 2009 Rio Grande Valley Volunteer of the

Year.

In 2009, 26 volunteers at the facility logged a total of 13,722 hours volunteered. They managed the snack stand, sorted and bagged gifts for children for holiday gift giveaways, solicited donations, served at events, and greeted and escorted patients and their families to the appropriate clinic. In addition, the auxiliary received a substantial amount of monetary donations, as well as a large number of gift items collected via toy drives. As a result of this generosity and success, the auxiliary was able to contribute to the Children's Miracle Network and Fiesta de los Niños. Other donations to the clinic included beautiful treatment room murals, waiting area playscapes, television sets for the stress lab and waiting area and book displays for four of the Driscoll clinics.

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Officer installation

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The volunteers are overseen by Lizette Saenz, director of Volunteer Services, and Tammy Weaver, assistant vice president of Marketing and Community Relations at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

**About Driscoll Children's Hospital...**

*"Improve the health of adults and you give them back their health...  
Improve the health of children and you give them their life."*

Driscoll Children's Hospital is a 189-bed pediatric tertiary care center with pediatric specialists representing 32 medical and 13 surgical specialties offering care throughout South Texas, including Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley, Victoria and Laredo. Each year, more than 100,000 children receive care through Driscoll, including the 40,000 patients seen at South Texas' first emergency room created specifically for pediatrics.

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