



9th Annual Art Show & Silent Auction

Honorary Chair – Rosa Navejar
President, The Rios Group, Inc.



Ms. Navejar started her banking career in 1976 at First of Fort Worth, (which is now Bank of America). She worked in the banking industry for 25 years and this experience gave her a vast knowledge of operations, retail, consumer and commercial lending. Ms. Navejar's first management position was as a teller supervisor 1991. In 2001, Ms. Navejar left banking to become the first Hispanic female to lead the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Since then the chamber worked to develop programs that promoted 'Business Development' to both public and private sectors for its members. The FWHCC holds business development and procurement sessions annually with various industry sectors from transportation, airports, rail, hospitals and etc. The FWHCC has taken lead on various economic development projects throughout Tarrant County to help promote M/WBE participation and percentages. Ms. Navejar advocated for legislature that spurred economic development and policies that helped build capacity for M/WBE businesses in north Texas. FWHCC's partners included BNSF Railway, Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter, DFW International Airport, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County to name a few.

In 2012, Ms. Navejar stepped down from FWHCC founded The Rios Group, Inc. (TRG) through a divesture with Gorrondona and Associates. TRG key services are Subsurface Utility Engineering, Utility Coordination and Public Relations (M/WBE consulting). Major clients are Tarrant Regional Water District, Union Pacific Railroad, City of Fort Worth, Texas Department of Transportation, North Texas Tollway Authority, DFW International Airport, BNSF Railway to name a few. TRG employees 25 individuals and works in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Ms. Navejar holds a deep connection with the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas –Fort Worth Chapter since she was chair from 1991 to 1994.

Honors:

“40 Under 40,” January 1995, Business Press

Ann Brannon Award, Alumni of Diamond Hill Jarvis High School, 1995

Executive Woman of the Year, 2002, Zonta International Club

Hispanic Woman of the Year, 1996, Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas

Leadership Excellence in Neighborhood Development Award, Nations Bank, 1997

Leadership Excellence in Neighborhood Development Award, Bank of America, 2000

Named one of the “40 Women Who Run Our City” by Fort Worth Texas Magazine, March 2004

Outstanding Women of Fort Worth, Volunteer, March 1995

Tarrant County’s Most Influential Business Women of 1997, Fort Worth Business Press

Women in Business, 2000 YWCA

Coors Brewing Company’s 2006 National Hispanic Lideres of the Year

Lunch of Champion Award, Minority Business News and Enterprise Magazine, 2007

Influential Hispanic Leader of Texas, Minority Business News of Texas, 2008

Luna Awards, Hispanic Contractors Association of Dallas/Fort Worth, 2008

Downtown FW Inc. Trailblazer Award, 2010

People of the Year, Fort Worth Magazine, 2010

Workforce Solutions Chair Award, 2010

Shining Star Award, Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas – Fort Worth, 2011

Hats off the Mothers, Easter Seals, 2012

Women of ALPA (Associate of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting) Latina Achievement Award, 2013

2013 Board of Directors:

Armed Forces Bowl Executive Committee

APTA Executive Board Member

Chair of Fair Contracting Committee, Trinity Uptown Project –Central City Uptown Project

Congresswoman Kay Granger’s Hispanic Advisory Committee

Congressman Joe Barton’s Hispanic Advisory Committee

Easter Seals

Fort Worth Executive Roundtable

North Texas LEAD, Chair Advisory Board

Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth

Senior Citizen Services Community Advisory Cabinet

Safe City Commission