

January 2006 is *National Mentoring Month* in Rio Grande County

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WHEREAS: Youth need adult guidance and mentors to be role models, to help prevent abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, to help create involved citizens for our community's future and

WHEREAS: heightened awareness and education will encourage volunteers to come forward as mentors; and

WHEREAS: the **County of Rio Grande** can be proud of the leadership role the professional community has taken in educating against alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and in supporting the local Mi Animo Prevention & Mentoring programs

WHEREAS: the **County of Rio Grande** is fortunate to have many volunteers who provide one-on-one role models for youth in our rural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE: we, the **Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners** and the citizens of our great community, do hereby proclaim **January 2006** as "**National Mentoring Month**" in **Rio Grande County**.

Signature

Date



Did you know? Mentoring works to lower alcohol and other drug use; it improves school attendance and boosts grades, too!



Hilaria with her mentor

The Mentoring Program has helped me find a neutral place to talk about my feelings and having a Mentor has helped me get rid of some of my anger and fears about being in new situations and around new people. Having a Mentor has helped me be more comfortable with myself; plus, being with my Mentor and in Mi Animo Prevention is fun!

Vanessa :

"The Mentoring program & CASAS-TART has been good for me. Last year I was beginning to get into negative ways and I was doing poorly in school as well as getting into trouble in school & at home. This year I have participated in the CASASTART Program and with that have been matched with a Mentor, I improved my grades and my attitude at school has definitely gotten better."

