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## ***Grant to Help Non-profit Repair Homes of Farm Workers in South Texas***

(Raymondville)—Motivation, Education and Training, Inc. (MET) received a \$50,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) to provide home repairs for low-income farm workers in South Texas. The grant was presented by State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., David Long, President of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, and Julian Alvarez, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Advisory Council Member.

MET received one of 16 grants awarded by TSAHC as part of its Texas Foundations Fund program. The grant will be used to perform critical repairs to farmworker owner-occupied homes in rural areas of Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zavala Counties. MET will focus funds on homes that are severely substandard and require significant resources to repair.

“MET is very pleased to partner with the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation through the Texas Foundations Fund. It allows us to fix the most serious and dangerous situations when addressing substandard conditions on farmworkers’ homes. We can tackle the worst homes and resolve more of the issues than what MET’s funding alone will allow,” said Bill Johnson, Executive Director of MET. “It is a privilege and an honor to see the farmworkers’ homes and their lives transformed,” he added.

“We are impressed with the success that MET has had with their home repair program,” said David Long, President of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. “We are excited to support their efforts with a Texas Foundations Fund award that will expand the quality services they provide.”

The home where the check presentation ceremony took place is an example of the type of transformation that Texas Foundations Fund enables. The homeowner, Maribel Hernandez described it as “like a miracle that the repairs were done so fast with the help of MET and TSAHC.”

Beatriz Farias, Housing Coordinator for MET, added, “We wouldn’t have been able to do the extensive repairs needed on this home if it were not for Texas Foundations Fund. It is great to see the family so grateful and happy with the repairs that were done. This is the type of success that the Texas Foundation Fund brings to MET and the families assisted.”

*Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) is a non-profit organization created at the direction of the Texas Legislature in 1994 for the promotion of public health, safety and welfare through the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income Texans and other underserved populations. Through the development and administration of innovative and unique housing programs, TSAHC facilitates affordable housing primarily for Texans who do not have comparable options through conventional financial channels.*

*Motivation Education & Training, Inc. is a private, nonprofit 501 (c)(3), organization supported by a variety of public and private awards and contributions. Headquartered in New Caney, Texas, MET was incorporated in 1967 and operates on a statewide basis in Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The organization was founded for the purpose of providing academic and vocational training to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, with the objective of furthering economic self-sufficiency for MET clients. In the early 1970s MET added housing for migrant and seasonal farmworkers, including those in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.*

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