WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE WEST OSO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JAYDA KING & LUIZ MARQUEZ COMMUNITY GIVE BACK EVENT

DATE OF EVENT:	Saturday, January 27, 2024
LOCATION:	Agnes & Crosstown Intersection
TIME:	1:00 PM

West Oso High School Seniors Jayda King and Luiz Marquez have coordinated a Community Give Back Event scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Agnes and Crosstown Intersection. The students will be passing out free pizza, drinks, and hygiene kits for the homeless community. This event is graciously sponsored by Frost Bank and Ms. Diana Cantu-Guerrero.

This is not the first time these two students have coordinated this event to give back to the community. In August of 2021, Jayda and Luiz were part of the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi's Upward Bound program. At the end of the school year, the students received a financial stipend for completing the program requirements. Jayda and Luiz decided to donate their money to feed and provide essentials to the homeless community.

This initiative will come full circle since Jayda and Luiz will be graduating in May 2024. "Helping the homeless has taught me so much, I learned how fortunate I was to have food on the table and to be able to attend school regularly," said King. "This also gives me an opportunity to interact with the people I want to help and helps me feel more connected to the impact I could have for my community," added Marquez.

West Oso ISD Superintendent Kimberly Moore said "West Oso ISD students have an opportunity to be that bridge between a need and a family or individual. We are extremely proud of how Jayda and Luiz are able to share their humanity by assisting the homeless who are experiencing food insecurity and the need for other daily essentials."

If you would like to attend this event, schedule an interview with the students, or if you have any questions, please contact West Oso High School Teachers Mr. Donato Avila or Ms. Katrina Alejandro at 361~806~5960 ext 5130 or ext 5131 or via email <u>donato.avila@westosoisd.net</u> <u>katrina.alejandro@westosoisd.net</u>.

