2006 Volunteers Honored

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"It is people like Sarah and Sam that make a difference," said Bernie Olivas, executive director of the Sun Bowl Association. "We are known as the ‘Hospitality Bowl' because of Sarah and Sam and all of our volunteers. We have over 500 volunteers that make the Sun Bowl Association work and we could not do any of this without the citizens of El Paso."

In all, 13 individuals were named the most valuable volunteer in their respective categories - Irma Esparza (Soccer), Doug and Barbara Bevins (Parade), Ron Marcum (Parade), Victor Salazar (Basketball), Bill Coon (5K), April Rystad (Provisions), Lauren Stenicka (CBS), Angela Olivas (Media), John Aranda (Big 12), Phillip Graveline (Pac-10), Jerry Amerman (Game Day) and Danny Rios (Fan Fiesta).

An additional five people were honored with special recognition for their outstanding support of the Sun Bowl - Simon Holguin, Paul Berry, Sr., Pete Hensgen, Jack Waite and Laura Rayborn.