

## **2013 TEEA Winner Youth Category: Oscar Medina IV, Laredo – Oscar’s Clean Up Club**

### **Oscar and Karla Medina, Oscar’s Father and Mother**

He told his mother ‘You know what? I just want to do something to help the environment’.

### **Lynne Nava, Executive Director, Keep Laredo Beautiful**

So we met with his mother and um, talked about what Oscar wanted, and I said ‘Have you ever thought about creating your own group?’, and he goes ‘I like that. I want to have a club that would be neat because I have cousins.

### **Mariana Hernandez & Maytte Hernandez, Oscar’s Clean Up Club Members**

Yeah we’re cousins.

### **Enrique Alvarez, Oscar’s Clean Up Club Member**

Everyone wanted to be in the club. He’s making a difference.

### **Mariana Hernandez & Maytte Hernandez**

He got an award in San Antonio; he’s getting one in Austin; he got two in Washington, DC. He just loves it, doing it. Yes, he loves doing this.

### **Oscar Medina and Karla Medina**

It means really a lot for us. We don’t say much but it does mean a lot. (Spanish Translation: I’m super-proud of our son who was sent to us as a blessing from God.) He’s limited with his right body and he’s legally blind. Even with all those things he doesn’t stop, he just goes and goes. Never gives up.

### **Lynne Nava**

He has challenges that he’s had to overcome and I think those challenges have led him to be a deeper thinker.

### **Jorge Vera, Council Member, City of Laredo**

This young man has not let anything stop what he believes in. I just, what can I say? I love you man.

### **Oscar Medina IV, Founder, Oscar’s Clean Up Club**

Thank you. We’re going to a park now to pick up trash. Any moment now, ok?

### **Jorge Vera**

He has motivated the youth to be more conscious of their environment and how to better protect it.

**Arturo Jimenez, Science Teacher, Washington Middle School**

He's collected thousands of tires that have been illegally thrown around the city. He fundraises to buy trees he can plant in the different parks.

**Oscar Medina and Karla Medina**

We're very proud of him and it gives us an example and an inspiration to go on right?

**Oscar Medina IV**

All I want is I'm glad people are joining my club and they're having fun. And they're helping the environment.