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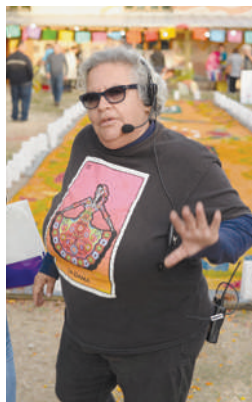
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Amelia at Día de los muertos event.

I wish for Amelia Valdez who recently retired as a staffmember of the Esperanza having joined us in 2015. Amelia, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was raised in and continues to live in the Westside of San Antonio. A great asset, with her intimate knowledge of the Westside, she elevated Esperanza's use of Buena gente volunteers to a new level with many elders participating in and volunteering at Esperanza events. Amelia also took on the role of agent for **Las Tesoros: Rita Vidaurri, Perla Tapatia** (Janet Cortez), **Beatriz Llamas** and **Blanca Rodríguez** setting up their "gigs" at Esperanza events, senior homes, and in schools and cultural centers as far away as Denver, Colorado. Amelia also came to care for them as if they were her own familia, being there for them when they needed her. Inevitably, Amelia, along with the rest of us suffered the passing of two of her dear friends from Las Tesoros, Perla and Rita. Amelia will now focus on her family, her beloved dogs and relax outside her home facing Cassiano Park. She may even start bike riding again! With much love, we wish you the best, Amelia! Rest, travel and relax! ¡Muy merecido! Well deserved!

—Gloria A. Ramirez, editor



Amelia with two of the Tesoros: Beatriz Llamas and Blanquita Rodríguez.



Amelia with her sisters at the Paseo por el Westside.

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