COMMENDATION FORM
FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Person(s) to be Commended:

Flo Torres, Center Director

Justification for the Commendation:

We are proud to recognize Flo Torres, recipient of the **2025 Toys for Tots National Mentor of the Year Award**.

Now in its fourth year, the National Mentor of the Year Award was established to honor individuals who go above and beyond to share their knowledge, offer guidance, and help fellow coordinators succeed. With more than 700 Toys for Tots coordinators leading campaigns across the country, the strength of the Toys for Tots organization depends not only on the work of individual coordinators, but also on their willingness to support and learn from one another.

This award is presented in memory of David "Wally" Wallard, who passed away in 2022. Wally served as a Toys for Tots coordinator in Polk County, Florida, for six years. He exemplified the heart and spirit of Toys for Tots and demonstrated what it truly means to be a mentor. His legacy reminds us that one coordinator's willingness to help another can make a lasting impact on the entire organization.

Flo Torres embodies that same spirit of generosity, leadership, and mentorship.

Her contributions have made a tremendous difference throughout North Texas. She helped develop and organize Media Week, a partnership between Fox4 and North Texas Toys for Tots coordinators, and has served as a media liaison, helping coordinators expand their visibility and reach within their communities.

She also created and developed the North Texas Toys for Tots Kickoff Event and Challenge, an initiative that takes place each October and has grown into an annual tradition that began right here in Mansfield ISD.

Beyond these accomplishments, Flo has consistently invested her time and experience in mentoring both new and established coordinators, sharing her knowledge, offering encouragement, and helping others become more successful in their missions.

When experienced coordinators take the time to lift others up, the entire Toys for Tots organization becomes stronger. Flo's dedication to that belief is exactly what this award was created to recognize.

Requested Month of Board Meeting for Commendation: November

Principal, Director, or Supervisor's Approval: Dr. Darwert Johnson **Date:** 11/6/26

Chief Communications Officer Approval: Robyn Harris
Date: 11/6/26