

THE COURAGE TO ACT AWARD~

Jorge Bermudez was born in Managua, Nicaragua and entered the U.S. legally through Brownsville, Texas in 1955 with his mother and brother. He is an immigrant child who grew up loving the opportunity and life that the United States offered his family. He became a proud U.S. citizen in 1987. He learned English at 6 years, but racism was always a part of his life as his older brothers were constantly jumped and beaten frequently in the 50's because they spoke English poorly.

He is a lifetime Percussionist/songwriter in the music business and has performed with many famous artists throughout 50 years in music. His songs have been heard on many TV shows like "Desperate Housewives", "CSI", "Jane the Virgin", "Dexter, and many more.

Jorge Bermudez wrote a song called "Angelitos," that he truly hopes can give the immigrant children and all kids, a strong voice during these very troubled times, as they attempt to cross the United States border. The pain of separation endured by these families seeking asylum, peace, and a new life in the United States is inhumane. He wants to make a difference with music that will touch the "corazoncitos" of young ones.

Jorge's vision and current work is to create songs that would give the kids from the separated families a voice, and to hopefully enlighten more people about this tragedy occurring now.

Money is not important to him as the cause is for the children. He wants the songs used to help organizations who help kids who are presently separated from their parents. He has dedicated much of his life helping immigrant children.

Jorge's hope is to continue to create songs that would give the kids from the separated families, a voice and hopefully enlighten more people about this tragedy occurring now. Music makes a difference as he can attest from doing Musical Therapy with the disabled kids at The Pasadena Rose Aqua Bowl Center. Presently, Jorge spends much of his time producing songs for children and adults about social justice, while undergoing treatment for an aggressive cancer.

