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## San Antonio's First Fiesta Royal Court for Individuals with Disabilities

**When:** Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45pm

**Where:** Morgan's Wonderland Event Center (5223 David Edward Drive San Antonio, TX 78233)

**What:** Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> Royal Court Coronation

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45pm, Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> will present San Antonio's first special needs Royal Court for individuals with disabilities.

The Fiesta<sup>®</sup> Commissions' new CEO, John Melleky, will assist in presenting this 14 member court with their sashes and crowns. The royal court participants represent organizations who serve individuals with disabilities in the San Antonio Community.

The Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> Royal Court Coronation will take place at the closure of the Hand-in-Hand Runway event held at Morgan's Wonderland. This partnership has insured a grand audience for the coronation of the Royal Court.

A total of \$22,230.16 in support of programs for individuals with disabilities as these 14 individuals, ages 4-28, secured their "votes" to serve on the Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> Royal Court.

"We're breaking new ground for inclusion in the community... it's a very important step in a wonderful direction." says Melanie Cawthon, lead planning coordinator for the Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> and Director of Marketing and Resource Development for Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc.

Created in 2003 for individuals with disabilities and their families, Fiesta Especial<sup>®</sup> has grown each year to benefit our community. This year, with the addition of the Royal Court and a parade through the City of Windcrest, we're bringing Fiesta to individuals who want a family-friendly, alcohol & tobacco-free, non-downtown environment in which to celebrate with the rest of the city.

Fiesta Especial will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 10pm on the grounds of Rackspace (5000 Walzem) featuring virtual reality and simulated experiences, games, food, crafts and entertainment.

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