

MARGARET CRUZ

Margaret Cruz who is known as the Little Giant has through her 34 years of activity in the community projected an image of a hard working, dedicated and generous woman. Her commitment to the community is only excelled by her commitment to people and their dignity as individuals.

Margaret has through her activities motivated unlimited numbers of people to take advantage of their potential. Because of her efforts in establishing a scholarship program, she has assisted in providing an opportunity for Latin-American students to pursue their destiny as future leaders of America.

In her role as a lecturer throughout the California University system, she has provided an insight into the role of the Mexican-American women in our society.

Forsaking personal monetary gain, Margaret's voluntary contributions have lead her to become the first women president of a predominantly male Mexican organization, and this year was among a distinguished group of Mexican-Americans to be invited to the White House for a meeting with President Ford.

As an active participant on numerous boards and commissions, Margaret has been instrumental in bringing-about the involvement and awareness of many women otherwise ignored by this society.

Her strong religious beliefs and devotion to her family and home are evidenced by her loving husband of 26 years and devoted daughter - who by her own admission are her strength and stabilizing force.

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