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Michael Jimenez, second from right, and wife Patty, right, celebrate Mike's retirement with their daughter, Missy Endicott, left, and health science center President James T. Willerson, M.D. Photo by Nancy Hudgins

## Colleagues Celebrate Jimenez

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige joined a crowd of UT Health Science Center faculty and staff to "Celebrate Mike!" at the retirement reception held April 15 for Mike Jimenez, who served as chief human resources officer for the past four years. Jimenez previously worked for the Houston Independent School District (HISD) while Paige was superintendent.

Paige congratulated Jimenez on his service to HISD, as well as his prior 17 years of service in the U.S. Army. Health science center President James T. Willerson, M.D., and Chief Operating Officer Mike McKinney, M.D., also spoke of Jimenez's leadership and his many contributions to the UT Health Science Center.

"I really don't know how we're going to replace you," Willerson said. "You have taught us a lot, and you have brought caring and kindness to everything you do."

Both Willerson and McKinney credited Jimenez with providing the leadership necessary to develop the university's compact with the UT System, which began a process of setting institutional priorities and allocating resources accordingly. McKinney also noted the strides made by Jimenez to encourage communication across the campus and among classified staff, A&P staff and faculty.

"It may take at least four people to replace you, Mike," McKinney said. "You did so much more than run Human Resources."

Jimenez expressed his pride in the Human Resources staff and his excitement with many new initiatives under way to benefit the university as a whole. He also expressed regret that he will not be on the job to watch progress continue at the health science center. "This is a really exciting time," he said, "with so many things coming together and moving forward. I am really proud to have been a part of it."

—Jane Brust

## UT Clinic Volunteers



Volunteer Daisy Kone, left, volunteer coordinator Lynn Cutrer, center, and James Vogel, president of the UTHSC Retirees Organization, visit at a recruitment event for UT Volunteers specializing in Tender Loving Care. Cutrer coordinates the new program, which places volunteers in the clinics of UT Physicians located in the UT Health Science Center Professional Building. Photo by Nancy Hudgins



At the UT Professional Building, UT Tender Loving Care Volunteers Lou Ann McKinney, left, and Melinda Ruman, right, spend part of their volunteer time in the UT Physicians' Pediatric Clinic reading to Rayneisha Jackson and Charles Ray Jackson Jr. Photo by Meredith Raine

## UT Volunteers Appreciation Event



Erica Chapa of Community and Educational Outreach, left front, Patricia A. Dualeh of Remodeling Services, behind Chapa, and Dennie Clemons and Krysti Suarez, both of House Medics, right front and back, respectively, enjoy the UT Volunteers Appreciation event recognizing the contributions of faculty, staff and students beyond their assigned roles. Photo by Nancy Hudgins

## Worth the Wait for Centennial Smiles



Kimberlin Styblo, center, reads to her family as they wait in line for free dental care April 9 at Centennial Smiles II at the UT Dental Branch. The Styblo family, like many others, was willing to wait for the much needed service offered that day by Dental Branch faculty, staff and students and members of the Greater Houston Dental Society.

For more information about Centennial Smiles, visit *The Leader Update*, April 26 edition, online at <http://publicaffairs.uth.tmc.edu/leaderupdate/archive/2005/centennialsmiles.asp>.

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