

Project Heart

Activities for the Classroom

Spotlight on on.

Henry Aceves



Henry Aceves grew up in Sinton,
Texas, which is a small town about
30 minutes outside of Corpus Christi.
Science and math were his favorite school
subjects—especially algebra. But, his
most memorable school assignment was
a report he wrote about Dr. Denton A.

Cooley, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, and the

first implantation in

the world

of an

artificial

heart in a

human. It

was at this

moment that Mr. Aceves knew he wanted to go into the medical field. Mr. Aceves kept this report for many years to remind him of when he first discovered his passion for health.

A young Mr. Aceves

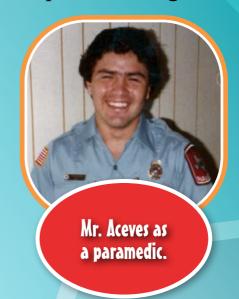
receives a volunteer

award.

At the age of 15,

Mr. Aceves became an Emergency
Medical Technician or EMT. If this sounds
like a very young age to be answering
emergency calls and picking up patients
in ambulances, you would be right! In
fact, he was the youngest EMT in Texas
and has many exciting stories to tell about
those early years. For example, the time his
ambulance slipped on a wet road causing it
to flip over. The gas tank exploded just as
Mr. Aceves was able to squeeze through a

small back window to save a patient that was almost twice his size. It was like a scene from an action movie!



Mr. Aceves' proudest moment

was when he graduated from paramedic school. He took extra classes for a special degree that allowed him to be an instructor. That gave him the opportunity to train other paramedics and EMTs about the career he loved.



Mr. Aceves teaches a student how to correctly perform CPR.

In 1992, Mr. Aceves became one of the first Physician Liaisons for the Heart Information Center (HIC) at the Texas Heart Institute. His job is to answer questions about heart disease for anyone that needs help, from



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sick patients and their family members to doctors and students. Being fluent in both English and Spanish, Mr. Aceves can communicate easily with visitors who come to the HIC. Having been an EMT and paramedic instructor, he can also decide whether people need medical help right away. A favorite part of his job is meeting people from all over the world and sharing his love of medicine with them. If you have a question, Mr. Aceves will find an answer!