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Corpus Christi Refineries COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Letter from Kyle Sharon

Vice President & General Manager, Valero Corpus Christi Refineries



Back in 1980, Valero bought a stake in a small refinery in Corpus Christi. That refinery, Saber Refinery, only had a few units. Over the next few years, Valero would transform the facility into one of the world's most advanced refineries, capable of processing difficult feedstocks into clean burning



fuel. Today, it is known as the Valero Corpus Christi West Refinery. It was the first in Valero's system of 15 refineries, located around the world. In 2001, Valero acquired a 115,000 bpd refinery located less than a mile from the West Refinery. This is now known as the East Refinery.

Over the past 45 years, our focus has been on safe, stable, reliable operations as well as being a strong community partner. We've continued to innovate and grow our workforce to what it is today at over 725 full time employees and several hundred contractors. Our commitment to safety is obvious from the moment you drive up and see the OSHA VPP STAR flag waving proudly. Both refineries have been proud members of the VPP safety program for the past 20 years.

Our commitment to the community remains equally strong. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful organizations that work tirelessly to ensure those who need a helping hand can get basic needs met like housing, food, education, and counseling services. Caring is in our roots after all, and it will remain that way for years to come.

We are excited to welcome in 2025 and look forward to having another strong operational year.

-Kyle

STAY *connected*

Valero works hard to stay connected with the community. We have several ways for you to get information, but most importantly you can always call our main gate at (361) 289-6000 and ask to be connected with our public affairs department.

- **Valero Corpus Christi Refineries is on Facebook!**

Keep up with the latest happenings at Valero Corpus Christi Refineries on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/valerocorpuschristi.

- **Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council**

Valero is one of five business sponsors of the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council which meets monthly at Al Amin Shrine on IH-37. Topics covered in the meetings include information about safety and emergency response, environmental stewardship, pipeline safety, and other valuable topics. The meetings are open to the public and we encourage our neighbors to learn more about this council and attend any of our monthly meetings.



Contact: Maricela Cuevas, CCCAC Facilitator
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- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - ReverseAlert**

Valero has been a long-time supporter of ReverseAlert. This community alert system notifies Nueces County residents by phone, text or e-mail should an incident occur. To sign up, go to www.cclepc.org or text BEREADYCCNC to 888777.



\$1 Million to Local Children's Charities

15 local organizations selected to receive part of the funding

Valero is excited to announce that \$25 million in net proceeds was raised in 2024 for charities through the Valero Texas Open, Champions for Charity, and Valero Benefit for Children events in the U.S., UK and Canada. Here locally we received \$1 MILLION that was provided to 15 carefully chosen organizations.

"This year's charities are positively impacting lives and making a positive difference for children," said Kyle Sharon, Vice President and General Manager, Valero Corpus Christi Refineries. "We appreciate all that these agencies do on a daily basis and feel fortunate they are local. Congratulations to the agencies selected this year!"



The 2024 Valero Benefit for Children local recipients are:

- Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter for Youth
- Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend
- Camp Aranzazu
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Coastal Bend Food Bank
- Communities in Schools
- Corpus Christi ISD Education Foundation
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Driscoll Children's Hospital
- Foster Angels of South Texas
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- myTEAM TRIUMPH: Wings of Texas
- New Life Refuge Ministries
- Rise School of Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M Foundation – Antonio E. Garcia Arts Center

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend (BGCCB) is deeply grateful to Valero's Benefit for Children for their incredible generosity and belief in the potential of the youth we serve. This gift will launch our robotics program, opening new doors for the children in our community to explore STEM education, creativity, and teamwork. By investing in their future, Benefit for Children is helping BGCCB inspire the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders. Together, we are building brighter futures for our kids."

Kim Barrientos

Chief Executive Officer, The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend



Camp Aranzazu – Funding from this year's Benefit for Children grant will help Camp Aranzazu do some much needed work on one of its largest pools to help serve the more than 2,000 campers who visit annually.



Coastal Bend Boys & Girls Club – The Coastal Bend Boys & Girls Club will soon have a Mobile Robotics Academy thanks to funding from this year's Benefit for Children.

\$1.2 Million Generated for the United Way of the Coastal Bend

Valero Corpus Christi employees stepped up big this year pledging generously to help around 60 nonprofit organizations that receive funding from the United Way of the Coastal Bend.

Valero Corpus Christi employees pledged around \$725,000 during our annual pledge campaign! Valero matches the pledge amount at 50%, and on top of that, our workers went even further and raised an additional \$120,000 through outside fundraisers (like our Fishing Tournament below) helping us reach a total of more than **\$1.2+ MILLION!!** We hope these funds will help many worthy organizations continue to provide important services.



"Each year we are so impressed with how Valero employees respond to the needs of the community, and this year is no different. Whether it be those who volunteer for projects, step up to plan special fundraising events, or give generously financially, it shows the heart of those who want to help others. We appreciate Valero's commitment to the community and United Way of the Coastal Bend."

Stephanie Jordan, CEO/President, United Way of the Coastal Bend

14th annual fishing tournament reels in big funding for the United Way of the Coastal Bend

More than 50 fishing teams came out for Valero's annual Reel It In fishing tournament benefiting the United Way of the Coastal Bend. There were several divisions including heaviest slot trout, redfish and trout. The event was once again a great success!



Community Highlights



Making Wishes Come True!

Valero partnered with Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant several local wishes in 2024. Adalaide and Zoe got to go to Walt Disney World, and 6-year old Omar was gifted a room makeover to incorporate items from his favorite NFL football team, the Dallas Cowboys.

"We had so much fun in Florida. Adalaide's favorite was Harry Potter at Universal. The wand choosing was a highlight, as well as riding Hagrid's motorcycle ride and seeing the tower from Rapunzel, her favorite Disney princess! We can't thank you enough for everything!" – Adalaide's Mom

"Thank you. Zoe had a wonderful time! Thank you everyone for all you do to help our baby." – Zoe's Mom

"Everyone did a great job, and Omar just loves his new room." – Omar's Mom



Je'Sani Smith Foundation

Valero provided funding for scholarships for high school seniors to encourage them to be vigilant around water safety.

"The Je'Sani Smith Foundation stands as a beacon of hope and a passionate advocate for lifesaving knowledge, dedicated to transforming our communities through education, awareness, and essential water safety skills in the face of the treacherous realities of beach hazards and rip currents. We are steadfast in our mission to illuminate the path toward water safety and awareness, but we can only achieve this noble goal through the generous support of our community—through donations and corporate sponsorships that fuel our outreach efforts. This is our singular path forward, fueled by dedication, love, and the unwavering determination to save lives in Je'Sani's honor." – Kiwana Denson, Founder and President of Je'Sani Smith Foundation



Beach to Bay Relay Marathon

For the second year, Valero was the presenting sponsor of the annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon. Our teams had fun participating in the annual community event.



Community Highlights

Our Valero Volunteers were busy in 2024, logging more than 13,100 hours of service around the community! Below are a few of our big efforts:

Earth Day-Bay Day

In celebration of Earth Day, Valero partnered with our friends at the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation and Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program to provide around 2,000 free native plants and trees to attendees at this year's Earth Day-Bay Day event at Heritage Park.



Valero & NAACP Fuel Card Giveaway

For the third year, Valero teamed up with the local NAACP chapter to hand out \$50 Valero fuel cards to motorists and attendees at the NAACP's annual meeting.



STEM Day by the Bay

Valero and other community partners helped get kids excited about STEM fields with the first ever STEM Day by the Bay, held at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History. More than 350 guests of all ages got to experience a variety of STEM projects, such as learning about electric currents and making ice cream. This year's event will be held in July.

Navidad de los Niños at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts Center

Valero provided funding for 50 bicycles to be given out at the annual event. Volunteers helped give the new rides to the children.





Back-to-School

Through our partnership with Communities in Schools, Valero volunteers helped students who attend schools near our refineries do some back-to-school shopping. Each child was able to get shoes, socks and clothes to help prepare them for a successful school year. Valero and Communities in Schools also provided 500 clear backpacks with school supplies to students at Gibson Elementary School.



13th Annual Corpus Christi Police Athletic League Dove Hunt

Valero volunteers helped raise \$300,000 for the Corpus Christi Police Athletic League (CC-PAL) during their 13th annual Dove Hunt. CC-PAL provides numerous activities for kids in our community including basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, martial arts and tutoring. Since it's inception, the event has raised more than \$2.4 million for CC-PAL.



Men Who Cook Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House

Our cooking team, which includes members of Valero leadership, put their culinary talents to work for the 11th annual "Men Who Cook" event, benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities South Texas (RMHCSTX). More than a dozen teams came together to help raise funds to support the services provided by RMHCSTX, which include providing families a place to live and dine while they're on their child's healthcare journey.

Community Highlights



Aww Shucks!

Valero volunteers had a great time working alongside 100+ other community volunteers for the Sink Your Shucks Oyster Recycling Program. In all, 10 tons of shells (1,600 bags) were bagged to help create a new oyster reef in Aransas Bay. This program is done through the Harte Research Institute.

Valero Volunteers Help Raise More Than \$16,000 for the Coastal Bend Food Bank's Backpack Program

The funds were raised during Valero's annual car show at the refinery. There were lots of cool rides being showcased as Valero employees, contractors and business partners came together to help ensure area students have food to take home with them over the weekends.



Valero Chili Cook-Off

More than 30 cook teams showed off their chili making skills on a cold February day to help raise \$12,000 for Camp Aranzazu. In all, 200 gallons of chili and more than 22 pans of cornbread were made. Valero has been hosting the chili cook-off for more than 20 years.



Additional Volunteer Activities:

- Read Across America
- Adopt-A-Beach
- Veterans Flag Placement at the Veterans Cemetery
- Dog Food Drive
- CASA Superhero Run



CASA Superhero Run



Dog Food Drive



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Valero employees and contractors collected enough food to put together 175+ boxes for various community partners near our fenceline. The boxes included all the Thanksgiving fixings including mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, stuffing and a gift card to purchase a turkey or ham.

Valero 2024 Summer Interns



Valero Corpus Christi Refineries had 17 engineering interns who joined us this past summer from schools around the country including Texas A&M College Station, the University of Texas in Austin, Oklahoma State University, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M University Kingsville, and more.

The interns work through various capacities of engineering from process, chemical, reliability and environmental, working alongside Valero team members on refinery projects.

Our interns not only got the chance to learn about our operations, but also Valero's commitment to our communities, volunteering at a number of events including at the Coastal Bend Food Bank for our monthly food sorts.



Valero Intern Program

Through summer and ongoing opportunities and co-ops, we extend internships to high-performing college students across various business functions, including engineering, accounting, commercial, marketing, information systems, cybersecurity, legal, communications and human resources.

For more than 25 years, the Valero Intern Program has become the primary recruiting vehicle for our professional workforce.

In addition to providing an avenue for students to gain valuable job experience and to learn about Valero's culture, our intern program allows Valero to attract and retain the company's future talent. Our intern program includes:

- Competitive pay.
- Company-paid medical and dental benefits.
- Company-matched 401(k) and Pension Plan.
- Formal mentorship program.
- Professional and personal development.
- Relocation assistance.
- Exposure to business operations, company leadership and industry experts.
- Social and community involvement.
- Annual all-intern symposium at Valero headquarters.

Managing Air Emissions

In addition to the comprehensive air monitoring programs already deployed at our refineries as required by regulations and/or air permits, we have implemented advanced monitoring systems that go beyond regulations to identify and reduce air emissions. Ambient air readouts allow refineries to monitor the surrounding communities and take early response and mitigation actions even on small emissions sources. We have the following air monitoring programs:

GMAP Vans Equipped with Duvas DV3000

Instruments provide real-time mobile air monitoring and quality screenings. The vehicle mounted DV3000 is a monitoring instrument with a gas analyzer that uses ultraviolet spectroscopy and a meteorological station to identify and quantify up to 14 different gases, including benzene, SO₂ and NO_x, at low part-per-billion levels. With an analyzer response time as short as one second, the DV3000 combines measurements with geographic mapping and gas concentrations, and enables rapid detection and source location of air emissions during monitoring.

Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS)

are placed in the outlet stacks of certain fired equipment (boilers and heaters) as well as process vents like the Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU). CEMS continuously measure the concentration of compounds, such as SO₂ and NO_x, exiting the stack to confirm operations are within permitted limits.

Continuous Flare Monitoring Systems are installed on flares to measure the amount of process gases routed to the flare for destruction and track operational parameters to confirm the flare is operating properly.

Stack Testing is conducted periodically on equipment that does not require continuous emissions monitoring to confirm it is operating properly and within permitted limits.

Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) programs ensure our operating sites comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air quality regulations for reducing fugitive emissions. Inspections are conducted on a routine basis. Leaks identified are fixed and re-monitored to confirm repairs are effective.

Fenceline Benzene Monitors are located around our refineries at designated intervals to collect composite samples. Additionally, stationary analyzers that detect total VOCs or specific compounds, such as benzene, are deployed at certain sites in areas at or inside the fenceline to allow for advanced notification of elevated concentrations.



Valero Corpus Christi Refineries is also actively engaged with the Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership (CBAQP). The CBAQP has been working with the community on a Community Air Action Plan that will be released in 2025. This organization has a mission to protect the Coastal Bend's air quality and inspire all emission sources to strive for performance targets beyond general compliance through research, education and the development and distribution of guidance documents, recommendations, and tools for emission-reducing activities. More information can be found at www.cbairquality.org.

Safety Management Systems

Through the various disciplines within Occupational Safety and Health, we provide one of the most fundamental ways of caring for our employees, contractors and neighboring communities. Valero Corpus Christi Refineries is proud to be an OSHA VPP Star Site.

Examples of safety programs and initiatives include, but are not limited to, the following:

Protecting People & Environment

- Compliance with all relevant health, safety and environmental laws and regulations.
- Occupational health program, including industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance programs, fatigue prevention and other human factor programs.
- Processes to identify, communicate and safely handle chemicals, hazardous materials and wastes.
- Ensuring we are prepared for and respond to all levels of operational emergencies.

Safe, Stable & Reliable Operations

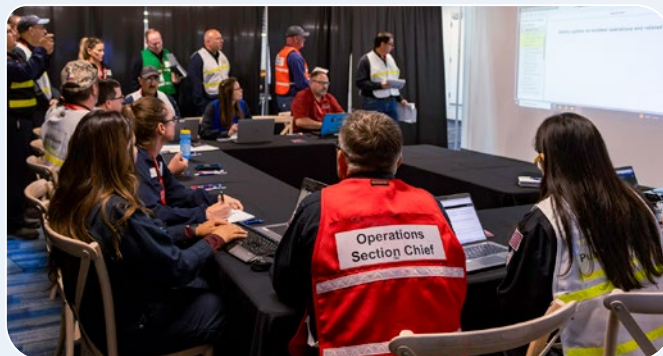
- Operating, maintenance, safe work and inspection programs are in place, rigorously followed, verified and updated.
- Quality assurance programs to ensure materials meet designated specifications.
- Processes to prevent repeat failures.
- Employee participation programs to maintain a positive and open safety culture.

People & Skills Development

- Employees receive appropriate training throughout their employment.
- Processes to review and update training programs.

Technical Excellence & Knowledge

- Incident and significant near-miss reporting and investigation processes to ensure timely sharing of information and closure of corrective actions.



In 2024, Valero Corpus Christi Refineries put two new quick-attack emergency response trucks into service to bolster emergency response capabilities. These vehicles are strategically equipped to deliver a rapid and efficient response to potential emergencies, further enhancing Valero's operations safety protocols and readiness. This investment reflects Valero's proactive approach to emergency preparedness and its commitment to adopting solutions for environmental protection and safety.



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